

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

ORDER

Acting in accordance with Article V, Sections 1 and 5 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, and the inherent power of this Court, and considering the need to amend Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XVII regarding Admission to the Bar of the State of Louisiana,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

1. Rule XVII, Section 6(B) is hereby deleted in its entirety and amended to read as follows:

In addition, the applicant shall bear the burden of proving that the applicant has successfully completed a minimum of 14 semester hours of credit, in professional law subjects in any of the following categories from an American law school that is accredited by the American Bar Association: Constitutional Law, Contracts, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Corporations or Business Organizations, Evidence, Federal Jurisdiction, Federal Civil Procedure, Intellectual Property, Legal Research and Writing, Louisiana Civil Procedure, Louisiana Family Law, Louisiana Obligations Law, Louisiana Successions, Donations and Trusts, Professional Responsibility, Property, Sale and Lease, Security Rights, Taxation, and Torts, provided that no more than 4 credit hours in any one subject shall be counted toward this requirement.

2. Rule XVII, Section 10(B) is hereby deleted in its entirety and amended to read as follows:

(B) Powers and Duties. The members of the committee shall select one of their number to serve as chair, who shall serve as principal liaison to the Committee on Bar Admissions. The Bar Admissions Advisory Committee shall advise and assist the Committee on Bar Admissions. Within one week following the administration of the written bar examination, the Committee on Bar Admissions shall mail or email the examination to the members of the Bar Admissions Advisory Committee. Members of the Bar Admissions Advisory Committee shall solicit written critiques of each examination from their faculty colleagues and shall provide such critiques to the Committee on Bar Admissions within twenty-one (21) days after the mailing of the examination. The Bar Admissions Advisory Committee shall attend the regular meetings of the Testing Panel of the Committee on Bar Admissions and shall perform such other duties as may be requested by the Committee on Bar Admissions or directed by the Court.

These rule changes shall become effective upon signing, and shall remain in full force and effect thereafter, until amended or changed through future Orders of this Court.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this _____ day of January, 2018

FOR THE COURT:

Bernette Joshua Johnson, Chief Justice