

NOTICE

On June 20, 2011, the judges of the Superior Court adopted revisions to the Practice Book, including those found below. These revisions were published in the Connecticut Law Journal on July 5, 2011 and **become effective on January 1, 2012**. Additions are signified by underlining; deletions are signified by brackets.

Sec. 2-13. ATTORNEYS OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS; QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

(a) Any member of the bar of another state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia, who, after satisfying the state bar examining committee that his or her educational qualifications are such as would entitle him or her to take the examination in Connecticut or would have entitled him or her to take the examination in Connecticut at the time of his or her admission to the bar of which he or she is a member, and that at least one jurisdiction in which he or she is a member of the bar is reciprocal to Connecticut in that it would admit a member of the bar of Connecticut to its bar without examination under provisions similar to those set out in this section, shall satisfy the [appropriate standing committee on recommendations for admission] state bar examining committee that he or she:

(1) is of good moral character, is fit to practice law, and has either passed an examination in professional responsibility administered under the auspices of the bar examining committee or has completed a course in professional responsibility in accordance with the regulations of the bar examining committee;

(2) has been duly licensed to practice law before the highest court of a reciprocal state or territory of the United States or in the District of Columbia if reciprocal to Connecticut and (A) has lawfully engaged in the practice of law as the applicant's principal means of livelihood in [such] reciprocal jurisdictions for at least five of the [seven] ten years immediately preceding the date of the application and is in good standing, or (B) if the applicant has taken the bar examinations of Connecticut and failed to pass them, the applicant has lawfully engaged in the practice of law as his or her principal means of livelihood in such reciprocal jurisdiction for at least five of the [seven] ten years immediately preceding the date of the application and is in good standing, provided that such five years of practice shall have occurred subsequent to the applicant's last failed Connecticut examination;

(3) is a citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully residing in the United States;

(4) intends, upon a continuing basis, to practice law actively in Connecticut [and to devote the major portion of his or her working time to the practice of law in Connecticut,] and/or to supervise law students within a clinical law program at

an accredited Connecticut law school while a member of the faculty of such school may be admitted by the court as an attorney without examination upon written application and the payment of such fee as the examining committee shall from time to time determine, upon compliance with the following requirements: Such application, duly verified, shall be filed with the administrative director of the bar examining committee and shall set forth his or her qualifications as hereinbefore provided. There shall be filed with such application the following [certificates or] affidavits: Affidavits from two attorneys who personally know the applicant certifying to his or her good moral character and fitness to practice law and supporting, to the satisfaction of the [standing committee on recommendations for admission to the bar] state bar examining committee, his or her practice of law as defined under (2) of this section; where applicable, an affidavit from the dean of the accredited Connecticut law school at which the applicant has accepted employment attesting to the employment relationship and term; affidavits from two members of the bar of Connecticut of at least five years standing certifying that the applicant is of good moral character and is fit to practice law[, and a certificate from the state bar examining committee that his or her educational qualifications are such as would entitle the applicant to take the examination in Connecticut or would have entitled the applicant to take the examination in Connecticut at the time of his or her admission to the bar of which the applicant is a member]; and an affidavit from the applicant certifying whether such applicant has a grievance pending against him or her, has ever been reprimanded, suspended, placed on inactive status, disbarred, or has ever resigned from the practice of law, and, if so, setting forth the circumstances concerning such action. Such an affidavit is not required if it has been furnished as part of the application form prescribed by the state bar examining committee.

(b) For the purpose of this rule, the “practice of law” shall include the following activities, if performed in a reciprocal jurisdiction after the date of the applicant’s admission to that jurisdiction:

(1) representation of one or more clients in the practice of law;

(2) service as a lawyer with a state, federal, or territorial agency, including military services; however, such service for a federal agency, including military service, need not be performed in a reciprocal jurisdiction;

(3) teaching law at an accredited law school, including supervision of law students within a clinical program;

(4) service as a judge in a state, federal, or territorial court of record;

(5) service as a judicial law clerk; or

(6) any combination of the above.

[(b)] (c) An attorney who, within the [7] ten years immediately preceding the date of application, was engaged in the supervision of law students within a clinical

law program of one or more accredited law schools in another jurisdiction or jurisdictions while a member of the faculty of such school or schools, whether or not any such jurisdiction is a reciprocal jurisdiction, may apply such time toward the satisfaction of the requirement of subdivision (a) (2) (A) of this section. If such time is so applied, the attorney shall file with his or her application an affidavit from the dean of the law school or schools of each such other jurisdiction attesting to the employment relationship and the period of time the applicant engaged in the supervision of law students within a clinical program at such school. [An attorney so engaged for 5 of the 7 years immediately preceding the date of application will be deemed to satisfy the threshold requirement of subdivision (a) (2) of this section if such attorney is duly licensed to practice law before the highest court of any state or territory of the United States or in the District of Columbia whether or not such jurisdiction is reciprocal to Connecticut.]

[Sec. 2-14. ACTION BY BAR; TEMPORARY LICENSE

Upon the filing of such application, certificates and affidavits, the administrative director of the bar examining committee shall send a copy thereof to the chairman of the standing committee on recommendations for admission to the bar. When said committee shall have acted upon the application it shall notify the clerk of the superior court for the county in which the applicant seeks admission who shall give notice to every member of the bar of the county of a meeting of the bar of the county at which the report of the standing committee on recommendations upon the application will be presented. After said application is acted upon at such bar meetings, the standing committee on recommendations for admission shall file with the clerk a copy of its report, with the action of the meeting endorsed thereon. The application for admission may then be claimed for the short calendar, of which claim the clerk shall give notice to every member of the bar of the county. Such admission shall, however, be upon a temporary license for a period of one year.]

[Sec. 2-15. PERMANENT LICENSE

(a) Not less than thirty nor more than sixty days before the expiration of such temporary license the applicant may file a motion that such license be made permanent with the clerk, who shall forthwith give notice thereof to the standing committee on recommendations for admission. Said committee shall claim the motion for the short calendar as soon as it is prepared to make recommendations thereon to the court. If it shall appear to the court at a hearing thereon that said applicant has, since admission, devoted the major portion of his or her working time to the practice of the law in the state of Connecticut and intends to continue so to practice, and that the applicant's good moral character and fitness to practice law remain satisfactory, such license shall be made permanent; but if the applicant shall fail to make such motion or if the court shall upon the hearing thereon refuse to make such finding, then said temporary license shall terminate upon its expiration, but the court may for good cause shown continue said

hearing and extend said license for a period of not more than three months from the original date of its expiration.

(b) Provided, however, that whenever, during the period for which such temporary license may have been issued, such licensee has entered the military or naval service of the United States and by reason thereof has been unable to continue in practice in Connecticut, the period between such entrance and final discharge from such service, or other termination thereof, shall not be included in computing the term of such temporary license; and upon satisfactory proof to the court hearing said motion for a permanent license of such entrance and discharge or other termination and of compliance with the other requirements of this rule, the court may make such license permanent.]