

STATE OF MAINE
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
AMENDMENT TO
MAINE RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

2020 Me. Rules 02

Effective: May 15, 2020

All of the Justices concurring therein, the following amendment to the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure is adopted to be effective on the date indicated above. The specific amendment is stated below. To aid in the understanding of the amendment, an Advisory Note appears after the text of the amendment. The Advisory Note states the reason for recommending the amendment, but the Advisory Note is not part of the amendment adopted by the Court.

1. Rule 90(b) of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure is amended to read as follows:

(b) Requirements and Limitations. In order to be an eligible law student under this rule, the student must:

(1) Be duly enrolled in a law school approved by the American Bar Association.

(2) Have completed legal studies amounting to at least ~~four~~ three (3) semesters.

(3) Be certified by the dean of the student's law school as being of good character and competent legal ability, as being adequately trained to perform as a legal intern and as having met the other requirements of this subdivision (b).

(4) Neither ask for nor receive any compensation or remuneration of any kind for services from the person on whose behalf such services are rendered, but this shall not prevent a legal aid bureau, law school, or the State from paying compensation to the eligible law student, nor shall it prevent any

agency from making such charges for its services as it may otherwise properly require.

(5) Certify in writing that the student has read and is familiar with the Maine Bar Rules, the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, the Maine Rules of Criminal Procedure, the Maine Rules of Appellate Procedure, and the Maine Rules of Evidence.

Advisory Note – May 2020

Rule 90(b)(2), which establishes the requirements and limitations for a law student to provide legal assistance through an approved organization, is amended to require the completion of legal studies amounting to at least-three, rather than four, semesters.

Dated: May 15, 2020

FOR THE COURT,*

_____/s/_____
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* This Rule Amendment Order was approved after conference of the Court, all Justices concurring therein.