

**STATE OF MAINE  
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT**

**Docket No. SJC-60**

**AMENDMENTS TO MAINE BAR ADMISSION RULES  
Effective July 1, 2007**

All of the Justices concurring therein, the following amendments to the Maine Bar Admission Rules is hereby adopted, prescribed, and promulgated to be effective on July 1, 2007.

1. Maine Bar Admission Rule 6(d) is amended to read as follows:

**RULE 6. FEES**

(d) Fees Nonrefundable. All fees paid to the Board, including application fees, forms and materials fees, and late fees are nonrefundable. If an applicant does not take the examination for which application is initially made, the Board shall credit the application fee paid toward any one of the next 4 four administrations of the examination for which application may be made and shall ~~make~~ assess such additional charges as may be necessary to update the information in the applicant's file. If an applicant for reciprocal admission under M. Bar Admission R. 11A withdraws that application, the Board shall credit the application fee paid toward any one of the next four administrations of the examination from the date of the withdrawal of the application and shall assess such additional charges as may be necessary to update the information in the applicant's file.

2. Maine Bar Admission Rule 8 is amended to read as follows:

**RULE 8. CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION**

The Board shall issue a certificate of qualification stating that the applicant is a person of good moral character and possesses sufficient learning in the law to practice as an attorney in this State to each applicant who:

(1) produces satisfactory evidence of good moral character as provided in Rule 9; ~~and~~

(2) attains a passing grades on the ~~bar examination and~~ Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination as provided in Rules ~~10 and 11~~; and

(3) (a) attains a passing grade on the bar examination as provided in Rule 10; or

(b) completes the requirements for reciprocal admission as provided in Rule 11A.

Dated: May 17, 2007

/s/  
Leigh I. Saufley, Chief Justice

/s/  
Robert W. Clifford, Associate Justice

/s/  
Donald G. Alexander, Associate Justice

/s/  
Susan Calkins, Associate Justice

/s/  
Jon D. Levy, Associate Justice

/s/  
Warren M. Silver, Associate Justice

/s/  
Andrew M. Mead, Associate Justice

### **DRAFTER'S NOTES**

This proposed amendment to Rule 6(d) allows the Board to credit application fees for applicants who have withdrawn reciprocal applications toward application fees in order to sit for the bar examination within two years of the date of withdrawing their reciprocal application. Minor grammatical changes are also incorporated.

This proposed amendment to Rule 8 allows the Board to issue a certificate of qualification to applicants who meet the requirements of reciprocal admission under Maine Bar Admission Rule 11A, in addition to those who pass the bar examination as previously allowed.