

RULE CHANGE 2019(10)
RULES GOVERNING ADMISSION TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW IN COLORADO

Rule 206. Petitions to the Supreme Court for Waiver of Admissions Requirements

(1) Applicability. This rule applies only to petitions for waiver of specific attorney admissions eligibility requirements or restrictions set forth in C.R.C.P. 203 through C.R.C.P. 205.7 and C.R.C.P. 211.3. Nothing herein is deemed a limitation on the Supreme Court’s plenary jurisdiction set forth in C.R.C.P. 202.1 and C.R.C.P. 212.

(2) Requirements for and Content of Petition. The petitioner must file a petition setting forth the relief sought, the specific admissions eligibility requirements or restrictions at issue with citations to applicable rules, and the grounds for relief. The petitioner has the burden of showing that the Supreme Court should grant the relief requested. The petition also must include: a statement that petitioner has conferred with the Office of Attorney Admissions; a recital of the position of the Office of Attorney Admissions as to the relief sought; and a certificate of service.

(3) Docketing of Petition, Caption and Fees. Petitions under this rule must be filed with the Supreme Court. Upon the filing of the petition, petitioner must pay to the clerk of the Supreme Court the docket fee as set by the Court. The petition caption must include the phrase “Original Proceeding in Attorney Admissions pursuant to C.R.C.P. 206” and the matter shall be docketed by the Clerk of the Supreme Court as:

SUPREME COURT, STATE OF COLORADO

Case No.

ORIGINAL PROCEEDING IN ATTORNEY ADMISSIONS

IN THE MATTER OF (name of Applicant), APPLICANT

(4) Service. The petition and all attachments must be served on the Office of Attorney Admissions. Such service must be accomplished by hand-delivery, express delivery, or first-class mail unless the Office of Attorney Admissions has consented to an alternative form of service.

(5) Petitions for Relief Relating to Underlying Character and Fitness Investigations. Any petition seeking relief relating to an eligibility requirement that is implicated by an underlying character and fitness investigation, including a request to extend the expiration time for bar exam scores under C.R.C.P. 211.3, is confidential and must be filed as a non-public document. This subsection does not apply to exceptions filed by an applicant under C.R.C.P. 209.5.

(6) Request for Protection of Other Confidential Information. A petition filed under this rule is not deemed an application for a license to practice law and is not confidential under C.R.C.P. 203.1. Instead, such a petition is presumed to be publicly available unless it is a petition filed under subsection (5) of this rule. A petitioner may request protection of confidential information contained in supporting documentation by filing a motion requesting that specific exhibits to the petition that contain confidential information not be made publicly available.

(7) **Response by Office of Attorney Admissions.** The Office of Attorney Admissions may respond to a petition under this rule pursuant to an order by the Supreme Court or at the discretion of the Office of Attorney Admissions. Any response must be filed within seven days of the date the petition was served on the Office of Attorney Admissions.

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Amended and Adopted by the Court, En Banc, May 30, 2019, effective immediately.

By the Court:

**Monica M. Márquez
Justice, Colorado Supreme Court**