

## **RULE CHANGE 2011(14)**

COLORADO RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE  
CHAPTER 18 – RULES GOVERNING ADMISSION TO THE BAR  
RULE 201: 201.3, 201.4, 201.5, 201.12, 201.14

### **Rule 201.3 Classification of Applicants**

(1) through (4) [NO CHANGE]

(5) ~~All other applicants are~~ Class B applicants ~~who shall take a written examination.~~ are those applicants who have taken the Uniform Bar Examination (UBE) in another state or territory of the United States or in the District of Columbia within two years preceding application for admission to the Bar of Colorado and earned a score that is passing based upon standards set by the Colorado Supreme Court.

(a) A UBE score that was earned more than two years, but less than three years, preceding application for admission, may be valid if the applicant has actively and substantially maintained a practice of law, as defined by Rule 201.3(2), for at least one year in a state, territory, or district of the United States which allows admission to members of the Colorado bar on motion, without the requirement of taking that jurisdiction's bar examination.

(b) A UBE score that was earned more than two years, but less than four years, preceding application for admission, may be valid if the applicant has been admitted to the Bar of another state, territory, or district of the United States and has actively and substantially maintained a practice of law, as defined by Rule 201.3(2), and for at least two years in a state, territory, or district of the United States which allows admission to members of the Colorado bar on motion, without the requirement of taking that jurisdiction's bar examination.

(c) A UBE score that was earned more than three years, but less than five years, preceding application for admission, may be valid if the applicant has been admitted to the Bar of another state, territory, or district of the United States and has actively and substantially maintained a practice of law, as defined by Rule 201.3(2), for at least three years in a state, territory, or district of the United States which allows admission to members of the Colorado bar on motion, without the requirement of taking that jurisdiction's bar examination.

(6) All other applicants are Class C applicants who shall take a written examination.

#### **Rule 201.4 Applications**

(1) [NO CHANGE]

(2) All Class B-C applications shall be received or postmarked on or before the first day of December preceding the February Bar Examination or on or before the first day of May preceding the July Bar Examination or at such other times as may be designated by the court.

(3) [NO CHANGE]

#### **Rule 201.5 Educational Qualifications**

(1) Every Class A and Class B applicant shall have obtained a first professional law degree from a law school accredited by the American Bar Association.

(2) Class B-C applicants shall meet the following educational requirements:

(a) Every Class B-C applicant shall have received at the time of the examination (i) a first professional law degree from a law school approved by the American Bar Association; or (ii) a first professional law degree from a state accredited law school, provided that such applicant shall have been admitted to the bar of another state, territory, or district of the United States and shall have been actively and substantially engaged in the practice of law, as defined by Rule 201.3(2), for five of the seven years immediately preceding application for admission to the Bar of Colorado; or (iii) a first professional law degree from a law school in a common law, English-speaking nation other than the United States provided that such applicant shall have been admitted to the bar of the nation where he/she received his/her first professional law degree and shall have been actively and substantially engaged in the practice of law, as defined by Rule 201.3(2), for five of the seven years immediately preceding application for admission to the bar of Colorado.

(3) ~~Effective July 1, 1992, both~~ Class A, ~~and~~ Class B, and Class C applicants shall be required to take and pass the Multi-State Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE). A passing score will be valid if it was achieved at an examination taken not more than two years prior to acceptance of application for admission in Colorado. The Supreme Court shall review and approve, in advance, the general standards of performance that must be met in order to pass the MPRE.

#### **Rule 201.12 Reapplication for Admission**

(1) [NO CHANGE]

(2) An applicant for readmission to the Bar after disbarment will be considered a Class B-C applicant under Rule 201.3(5) and shall satisfy all requirements of Rule 251.29(a).

### **Rule 201.14 Oath of Admission**

(1) No applicant shall be admitted to the Bar of this State until such time as he or she has taken the oath of admission prescribed by the Supreme Court. No Class A ~~or Class B~~ applicant shall be permitted to take such oath later than eighteen months subsequent to the date upon which his or her application has been approved. No Class ~~B-C~~ applicant shall be permitted to take such oath later than eighteen months subsequent to the date of the announcement by the Supreme Court that he or she has passed the examination. Nothing herein shall preclude reapplication for admission.

(2) through (3) [NO CHANGE]

(4) Class A, ~~Class B applicants who are admitted on motion pursuant to Rule 201.3~~ and single-client applicants who are ~~admitted~~ ~~certified~~ pursuant to Rule 222 shall have six months following admission to take the required course on professionalism required by Rule 201.14(3).

**Amended by the Court, En Banc, November 1, 2011, effective immediately.**

**By the Court:**

**Nathan B. Coats  
Justice, Colorado Supreme Court**