

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS**

Misc. Docket No. 04- 9002

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**ORDER AMENDING RULE I**  
***RULES GOVERNING ADMISSION TO THE BAR OF TEXAS***

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IT IS ORDERED that the *Rules Governing Admission to the Bar of Texas*, are amended in the following manner:

**Amend Rule I to read as follows:**

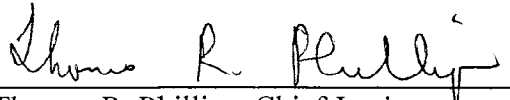
- (a) Frequently used terms are defined as follows:
- (1) "Applicant" shall mean a person who files with the Board any Application or Re-application to take the Texas Bar Examination, to be admitted without examination, or for Certification as a Foreign Legal Consultant.
  - (2) "Application" shall mean an Application or Re-application to take the Texas Bar Examination, to be admitted without examination to the Texas Bar, or for Certification as a Foreign Legal Consultant.
  - (3) "Approved law school" shall mean a law school approved by the American Bar Association.
  - (4) "Board" shall mean the Board of Law Examiners.
  - (5) "Chemical dependency" shall mean substance abuse or dependency as defined by the American Psychiatric Association in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual DSM-IV-TR and any subsequent revisions thereof.
  - (6) "Controlled substance" shall have the meaning assigned by Section 462.001, Health and Safety Code.
  - (7) "Declarant" shall mean a person who files with the Board a Declaration of Intention to Study Law.
  - (8) "Declaration" shall mean a Declaration of Intention to Study Law.
  - (9) "State" shall mean any state or territory of the United States, as well as the District of Columbia.
  - (10) "Supreme Court" shall mean the Supreme Court of Texas.
  - (11) "Texas Bar Examination" shall mean the full bar examination.
  - (12) "Treatment" shall have the meaning assigned by Section 462.001, Texas Health and Safety Code.
  - (13) "Treatment facility" shall have the meaning assigned by Section 462.001, Texas Health and Safety Code.
  - (14) "Valid law license" shall mean, unless otherwise specified in written policy adopted by the Board, an active law license under which the licensee, at all times during the

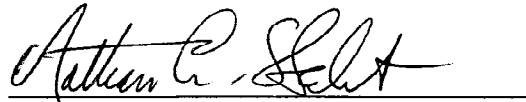
period of practice for which credit is sought and at the time of filing a Texas application, has been entitled to engage lawfully in the practice of law in the jurisdiction which issued the license.


- (b) The terms “admitted,” “admitted to the Bar,” “admitted to the Texas Bar,” “licensed,” and “licensed to practice law in Texas” are used interchangeably in these Rules.
- (c) If any completed document required to be filed hereunder is placed, along with all required fees, in a postpaid envelope properly addressed to the Board and then deposited in a post office or official depository under the care and custody of the United States Postal Service, such document shall be deemed timely filed if the envelope bears a legible U.S. Postal Service postmark which is dated on or before the applicable deadline date.
- (d) The Board shall not disclose to any third party any information obtained with respect to the character or fitness of any Applicant, Declarant, or probationary licensee, except:
  - (1) upon written authority of such Applicant or Declarant, or probationary licensee;
  - (2) in response to a valid subpoena from a court of competent jurisdiction; or
  - (3) to the Office of the General Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the State Bar of Texas or to the Texas Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee.

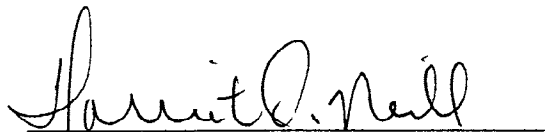
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT this order shall be effective immediately.

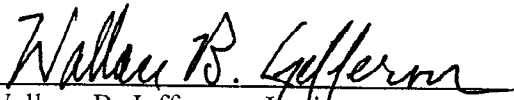
SIGNED AND ENTERED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2004.

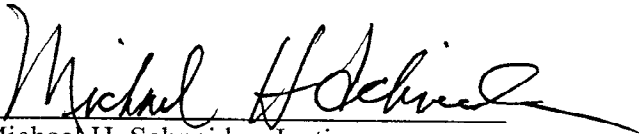
  
Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice

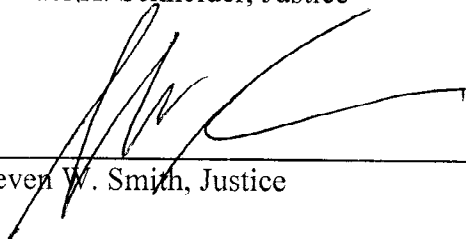
  
Nathan L. Hecht, Justice

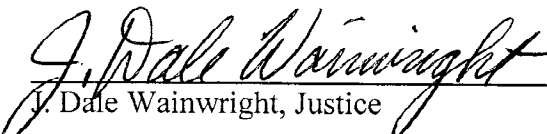
  
Priscilla R. Owen, Justice

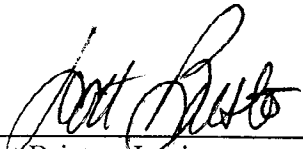
  
Harriet O'Neill, Justice

  
Wallace B. Jefferson, Justice

  
Michael H. Schneider, Justice

  
Steven W. Smith, Justice

  
J. Dale Wainwright, Justice

  
Scott Brister, Justice