

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

It is ORDERED that the attached amendments to the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey are adopted to be effective September 1, 2014; except that the amendments to Rules 1:13-2, 1:21-3, 1:21-10, 1:27-2, and 4:25-4, the amendments to RPC 1.8, and new Rules 1:21-11 and 1:21-12 shall be effective January 1, 2015.

For the Court,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stuart Rosen", written in a cursive style.

Chief Justice

Dated: July 22, 2014

1:27-4. Temporary Admission of a Military Spouse During Military Assignment in New Jersey [new]

(a) Qualifications. An applicant who is the spouse of an active member of the United States Uniformed Services (“servicemember”), assigned to serve in the State of New Jersey, may be temporarily admitted as an attorney of this State, without examination, provided that the applicant:

(1) has been admitted, after examination, as an attorney of another state, commonwealth, or territory of the United States with educational qualifications for admission to the bar equivalent to those of this State; and

(2) possesses the moral character and fitness required of all applicants for admission in this State; and

(3) has not failed the New Jersey bar examination; and

(4) resides in New Jersey due to the servicemember’s military orders; and

(5) is at the time of application an active member of the bar in good standing in at least one jurisdiction of the United States; and

(6) is a member of the bar in good standing in every jurisdiction to which the applicant has been admitted to practice, or has resigned or been administratively revoked while in good standing from every jurisdiction without any pending or later disciplinary actions.

(b) Application for Temporary Admission. An application for temporary admission shall be made to the Board of Bar Examiners, in accordance with its rules, and the Board shall

expeditiously present the application to the Clerk of the Supreme Court for appropriate disposition. In addition to the completed application, the applicant must submit:

(1) the application fee as established by the Board of Bar Examiners and approved by the Supreme Court;

(2) the character questionnaire;

(3) a copy of the Applicant's Military Spouse Dependent Identification;

(4) documentation evidencing a spousal relationship with the servicemember; and

(5) a copy of the servicemember's military orders to a military installation in New Jersey authorizing dependents to accompany the servicemember to New Jersey;

(6) Certificate(s) of Good Standing and Disciplinary History(ies) to demonstrate satisfaction of the requirements of (a)(6) of this rule;

(7) all other documentation as required in the character application process.

(c) Duration and Renewal.

(1) A temporary license to practice law issued under this rule will expire on the end date of the servicemember's orders assigning him or her to New Jersey.

(2) The license may be extended if the servicemember receives orders extending the assignment to New Jersey or if the servicemember receives unaccompanied orders for a permanent change of station outside of New Jersey, provided that the total length of temporary licensure shall

not exceed five years. An application for an extension must be submitted with the appropriate fee as established by the Board of Bar Examiners and approved by the Supreme Court, a copy of the servicemember's new military orders, and all other documentation required by the Board.

(d) Practice Requirements. The temporary attorney shall comply with the registration requirements and payment of annual assessments as required of all New Jersey licensed attorneys during the duration of the temporary license, and shall also:

(1) be employed by a New Jersey licensed attorney who is in good standing and actively practicing in this State or by a law firm comprised of at least one attorney who is in good standing and actively practicing in this State; or

(2) be employed by the federal government, the State of New Jersey, or a subdivision of the State of New Jersey; or

(3) have been engaged in the practice of law in another state, commonwealth, or territory of the United States for a cumulative total of five out of the last eight years.

(e) Termination. The temporary license shall expire:

(1) upon the temporary attorney's failure to meet any licensing requirements applicable to all active attorneys possessing plenary license to practice law in this state; or

(2) upon the request of the temporary attorney; or

(3) upon the issuance to the temporary attorney of a New Jersey plenary license; or

(4) upon receipt by the temporary attorney of a failing score on the New Jersey bar examination; or

(5) upon the permanent relocation of the servicemember outside of New Jersey, except when such relocation is due to unaccompanied orders for a permanent change of station outside of New Jersey; or

(6) upon the termination of the temporary attorney's spousal relationship to the servicemember; or

(7) six months following the date of the servicemembers's death, separation or retirement from the United States Uniformed Services; or

(8) one year following the date of the servicemember's death, separation or retirement from the United States Uniformed Services provided the temporary attorney applies during the first six months of that year to sit for the New Jersey bar examination.

Note: Adopted July 22, 2014 to be effective September 1, 2014.