

COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEM

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DATE: June 20, 2013

TO: Subcommittee on Educational Standards

FROM: Greg Shin, Director, Operations and Management

SUBJECT: **Proposed Guidelines for Implementation of Policy Regarding Eligibility of Foreign-Educated Attorneys for Registration as Attorney Applicants**

BACKGROUND

During the Committee's May 2013 meeting, the Committee adopted a Policy Regarding the Eligibility of Foreign-Educated Attorneys for Registration as Attorney Applicants as follows:

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that foreign-educated attorney applicants be required to have legal education and be admitted by the professional bar admissions regulation/licensing authorities in their admitting jurisdictions in order to register as attorney applicants and that staff be directed to prepare draft guidelines for interpretation of this policy for review by the Committee at a future meeting.

The next step in the process requires that the Committee approve guidelines for implementation of the new policy.

DISCUSSION

Staff proposes that the following guidelines be considered for approval:

Guidelines for Implementation of the Policy Regarding Eligibility of Foreign-Educated Attorneys for Registration as Attorney Applicants

- 1.1 Foreign-educated attorney applicants must submit a Certificate of Admission or Certificate of Good Standing from the primary/highest professional bar admissions regulation/attorney licensing authority in their jurisdiction.

- 1.2 The appropriate professional bar admission regulation/attorney licensing authority is determined by the Office of Admissions based on its research; however, if there is a disagreement, the applicant may petition the Committee by submitting appropriate documentation for consideration at least 6 months prior to the filing deadline for the bar examination the applicant wishes to take.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Subcommittee recommend to the full Committee that proposed guidelines be approved.

PROPOSED MOTION

Should the Subcommittee on Educational Standards agree with the above recommendation, the following motion would be appropriate:

Move that the Guidelines for Implementation of the Policy Regarding the Eligibility of Foreign-Educated Attorneys for Registration as Attorney Applicants as attached hereto be approved.