

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

FLORIDA BOARD OF BAR EXAMINERS)	
RE AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF THE)	
SUPREME COURT RELATING TO)	
ADMISSIONS TO THE BAR)	Case No. SC16-___
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Appendix C

**Condensed Version of Proposed Rule Amendments with Reasons for Change
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Proposed Rule	Reasons for Change
3-14.1	Amended to allow the bar application to be filed without sworn notarization, which will allow the board to accept these documents electronically, with an E-Signature PIN in lieu of notarization.
3-14.1(f)	Amended to remove the requirement that an applicant file an affidavit attesting to having read Chapter 4, Rules of Professional Conduct, and Chapter 5, Rules Regulating Trust Accounts, of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar. Instead, the applicant would file an online acknowledgment with an E-signature PIN acknowledging that he or she has read the rule.
3-14.2	Amended to allow the registration application to be filed without sworn notarization, which will allow the board to accept these documents electronically, with an E-Signature PIN in lieu of notarization.
3-14.3	Amended to align this rule with the proposed changes in rule 3-14.1 and 3-14.2, to eliminate the need for an applicant or registrant to have the application sworn before a notary.
3-23	Amended to allow service of the Answer to the Specifications on the board by e-service, through the portal, without having to mail the original to the board, with a deadline of 25 days from service of the Specifications, rather than 20 days from receipt of the Specifications.

Proposed Rule	Reasons for Change
4-13.4(a)(1)	Amended to ensure that requests from applicants for consideration of alternative method of educational qualification (work product) who have practiced in federal courts are not limited to those who practiced in Article 3 Courts. Additionally, amended to prohibit an applicant who has been suspended or disbarred from the practice of law within the past 10 years from work product consideration.
4-23.1	Amended to allow applicants to transfer MBE scores to Florida if they achieve the required scaled score under Florida rules and take and pass the examination in the timeframe required under rule 4-18.1 (within 25 months of the date of the administration of any part of the examination that is passed), in light of improved examination security nationwide in the decades since Florida stopped accepting transferred MBE scores.