

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

**FLORIDA BOARD OF BAR EXAMINERS)
RE AMENDMENT TO RULES OF THE)
SUPREME COURT RELATING TO)
ADMISSIONS TO THE BAR)
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Case No. SC15-____

Petition

The Florida Board of Bar Examiners petitions the Court for approval of an amendment to the Rules of the Supreme Court Relating to Admissions to the Bar.

Jurisdiction

The Court has jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to Article V, Section 15 of the Florida Constitution and Rule 1-12 of the Rules of the Supreme Court Relating to Admissions to the Bar.

Summary and Discussion of Proposed Rule Amendments

The board recommends a change to rule 1-21. As presently worded, the rule sets the membership of the board at 15 members, comprised of 12 attorney members and 3 public members. The recommended change allows the board to petition the Court for additional members to serve on the board, as necessitated by fluctuating workload.

The following Appendices are attached and submitted with this petition:
Appendix A (Proposed Rule Amendment in Legislative Format); Appendix B

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(Text of Proposed Rule Amendment with Reasons for Change); and Appendix C (Condensed Version of Proposed Rule Amendment with Reasons for Change for Publication in the The Florida Bar News).

Effective Dates of Proposed Rule Amendment

Should the Court adopt the proposed rule amendment, then the board requests that it be made effective immediately. In addition, the board requests that the Court appoint 2 additional lawyers and 1 additional public member, with terms to begin on November 1, 2015, and such terms to be for the duration specified in rules 1-22.3 and 1-23.3 of the Rules. These additional positions on the board will terminate at the conclusion of these terms unless the board petitions the Court to continue the additional positions beyond these terms.

Dated this 29th day of January, 2015.

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