

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)
_____)

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 1-22.2. As presently worded, the rule requires The Florida Bar Board of Governors to submit recommendations to the Supreme Court for appointees to fill attorney vacancies on the board. The recommended change allows for a joint committee of members from both the board and the Board of Governors to make the recommendations for appointees. This change would allow the joint committee to take advantage of current board member experience during the interview and selection process and would also

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align the lawyer member vacancy appointment process with the public member vacancy appointment process, which presently uses a joint committee to provide appointee recommendations.

The following Appendices are attached and submitted with this petition: Appendix A (Proposed Rule Amendment in Legislative Format); Appendix B (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, for the joint committee to participate in the current search to fill attorney vacancies that will occur on November 1, 2015.

Dated this 30th day of March, 2015.

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