

Proposal 24-17

Offered by the Illinois Supreme Court Board of Admissions to the Bar

**Illinois Supreme Court Rule 704A. Admission by Transferred Uniform Bar Examination Score**

An applicant who has taken the Uniform Bar Examination in a jurisdiction other than Illinois and earned or exceeded the scaled total score deemed passing by the Board may be admitted to the practice of law in this state on the following conditions:

**(a)** The scaled total score was achieved by taking all portions of the Uniform Bar Examination in the same jurisdiction and in the same exam administration and was attained within the four years immediately preceding the date the application for admission in this state is properly submitted. The date on which a score on the Uniform Bar Examination was attained is the Wednesday of the week during which the Uniform Bar Examination in question was administered.

**(b)** The applicant:

(i) meets the educational requirements of Rule 703; or

(ii) meets all requirements under Rule 715 as of the date of the properly submitted application for admission under this Rule, and as of that date would have been qualified pursuant to Rule 715 to sit for admission to the bar upon academic qualification examination.

**(c)** In the event the Board of Admissions to the Bar shall find that an applicant has achieved a passing Uniform Bar Examination score as determined by the Board through transfer from another jurisdiction, a required minimum score on professional responsibility examinations as required, meets the requirements of these rules, and has received from the Committee on Character and Fitness its certification of good moral character and general fitness to practice law, the Board shall certify to the Court that these requirements have been met; the Board may also transmit to the Court any additional information or recommendation it deems appropriate.

**(d)** The applicant is in good disciplinary standing before the highest court of every jurisdiction in which ever admitted.

**(e)** ~~A person applying for admission under this Rule shall not be eligible for admission prior to November 7, 2019.~~

~~**(f)**~~ For all persons transferring a Uniform Bar Examination score, the transferred score is valid for four years from the date of the properly submitted application for admission with a transferred Uniform Bar Examination score. An applicant for admission under this Rule who

is not admitted to practice in Illinois within four years of that date must either: i) repeat and pass the Illinois bar examination after filing the requisite character and fitness and bar examination applications, and paying the fees therefor, in accordance with Rule 706, or ii) submit a transferred Uniform Bar Examination score attained after the expiration of the previously submitted score and satisfy all other requirements of this Rule.