



Supreme Court of Illinois

February 24, 2025

SUPREME COURT RULES COMMITTEE TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON APRIL 23

The Illinois Supreme Court Rules Committee will hear comments on six proposals on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at a public hearing beginning at 10 a.m. at the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, 222 N. LaSalle Street, 13th Floor, in Chicago. All proposals must be approved by the Illinois Supreme Court before they can take effect.

The hearing will be livestreamed [here](#).

The Supreme Court Rules Committee invites public comments on the proposals. Written comments should be submitted no later than **Wednesday, April 16**, to RulesCommittee@illinoiscourts.gov or via mail to: Committee Secretary, Supreme Court Rules Committee, 222 N. LaSalle Street, 13th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60601. All written comments submitted will also be published and accessible on the Supreme Court's website.

To be scheduled to testify at the public hearing, please register by sending an e-mail to the Rules Committee Secretary, as noted above, no later than **Wednesday, April 16**.

More information is available at the Rules Committee Public Hearing page of the Supreme Court's website [here](#).

James A. Hansen of Schmiedeskamp Robertson Neu & Mitchell, LLP, serves as chair of the Rules Committee.

The following are the proposals which the Rules Committee seeks comment on:

Proposal 24-15, which would amend Supreme Court Rule 703 by deleting subsection (a) pertaining to an applicant's preliminary and college work requirements; and clarifying that "first professional degree" in law requirement is not satisfied by an L.L.M. or S.J.D. or equivalent degree.

Proposal 24-16, which would amend Supreme Court Rule 704 by deleting reference to a specific bar exam (the Uniform Bar Examination) and replacing with general "bar exam" language in subsection (d); adding the abbreviation for National Conference of Bar Examiners in subsection (c); and removing outdated language in subsection (f).

Proposal 24-17, which would amend Supreme Court Rule 704A by clarifying the date upon which a Uniform Bar Examination score is attained under subsection (a); allowing graduates of foreign law schools to transfer UBE scores from another jurisdiction; and deleting subsection (e) as it is no longer necessary and renaming subsection (f) to (e) with technical changes for clarity.

Proposal 24-18, which would amend Supreme Court Rules 706 and 716 by creating a bifurcated fee structure for applications for admission on motion under Rule 705; modifying fees and allowing credit card service fees and other miscellaneous fees; codifying the process for newly employed house counsel applicants seeking waiver of the 90-day deadline and the settling of related late fees on a sliding scale.

Proposal 25-01, which would amend Supreme Court Rules 13 and 606 by amending Rule 13 to state that the period of counsel's representation continues until the time for filing an appeal expires unless an exception applies; adding an explanatory comment to Rule 606(a) to clarify that where a defendant is represented by counsel, it is counsel's responsibility to file the notice of appeal; and amending Rule 606(d) for clarity.

Proposal 25-02, which would amend Supreme Court Rule 23 by eliminating the requirement that attorneys attach copies of cited Rule 23 orders to filings.

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