

M.R. 3140

**IN THE
SUPREME COURT
OF
THE STATE OF ILLINOIS**

Order entered April 1, 2026.

(Deleted material is struck through, and new material is underscored.)

Effective immediately, Illinois Supreme Court Rule 703 is amended, as follows.

Amended Rule 703

Rule 703. Legal Educational Requirements

Every applicant seeking admission to the bar on examination shall have pursued a course of law studies and fulfilled the requirements for and received a first professional degree in law (J.D. or L.L.B.) from a law school approved by the American Bar Association. Each applicant shall make proof that the applicant ~~he~~ has completed such law study and received a degree, in such manner as the Board of Admissions to the Bar shall require. A Master of Laws (L.L.M.), Doctorate in Law (S.J.D.), or a degree equivalent to either of these is not a first professional degree in law.

Amended September 28, 1977, effective October 15, 1977; amended September 14, 1984, effective September 14, 1984; amended June 12, 1992, effective July 1, 1992; amended May 29, 2025, eff. immediately; amended Apr. 1, 2026, eff. immediately.

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