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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GUAM

RE:	}	SUPREME COURT CASE NO. PRM06-007
ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED RULES	}	
GOVERNING ADMISSION TO THE	}	PROMULGATION ORDER
PRACTICE OF LAW	}	NO. 06-007-13

The Supreme Court of Guam has revisited the Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law and has proposed that amendments be made to Rule 3.01(e) relative to increasing the fee for temporary admission applications from \$500.00 to \$600.00. This increase is due to the fee increase of the National Conference of Bar Examiners character and fitness investigation fees, which went into effect in July 2022.

Pursuant to the authority to “govern ...the practice of law in Guam, including admission to practice law,” 48 U.S.C. § 1424-1(a)(7), the Supreme Court amends and restates Rule 3.01(e) to read as follows (amendments underlined):

Rule 3.01. Application for Admission by Examination.

...

(e) Guam has no admission by comity or reciprocity. Everyone must take the entire two-day examination unless eligible to take the Attorneys Exam under Rule 4. As a limited exception to this policy, and upon payment of an administrative fee to the Board of \$600.00, a person admitted as an attorney of the highest court of any state, district, commonwealth, territory or possession of the United States, and who is in good standing in such other jurisdiction may practice law in Guam as a temporary active member of the Guam bar under order of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam for five (5) years which shall run continuously and uninterrupted from the day of the order, with such temporary practice of law limited to full time employment with the Government of Guam, its agencies, offices, authorities, public corporations, branches, and instrumentalities, the Guam Legal Services Corporation, and the Guam office of the Micronesian Legal

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1 Services Corporation. Any person who was a temporary member of the Guam
2 Bar and did not take the bar examination before the effective date of this rule may
3 be admitted under order of the Chief Justice for an additional period of three (3)
4 years which shall run continuously and uninterrupted from the day of the latter
5 order by the Chief Justice admitting said person as a temporary active member of
6 the Guam Bar. Any person who was a temporary member of the Guam Bar and
7 took the bar examination before the effective date of this rule may be admitted
8 under order of the Chief Justice for an additional period of two (2) years which
9 shall run continuously and uninterrupted from the day of the latter order by the
10 Chief Justice admitting said person as a temporary active member of the Guam
11 Bar. Such person(s) must seek an order from the Chief Justice requesting the
12 additional period of admission as a temporary active member of the Guam Bar,
13 and must pay the administrative fee of \$600.00. However, for any person
14 applying for temporary admission under this rule and who has had a Character &
15 Fitness Report prepared by the NCBE within twelve (12) months of seeking
16 temporary admission, the administrative fee paid to the Board shall be \$75.00.

17 Under no circumstances may any person practice under temporary admission for
18 more than a cumulative, maximum total of five (5) years.

19 The Board shall inquire into the character and fitness of every person seeking
20 admission under this rule and any orders of temporary admission shall be
21 conditioned upon the Board's subsequent certification of the person's character
22 and fitness to practice law. Any motion for temporary admission under this rule
23 must be accompanied by the Standard-07 Application which is the Character &
24 Fitness Request prepared by the NCBE. Any previous order by the Chief Justice
25 admitting a person as a temporary active member of the Guam Bar shall remain in
26 full force and effect.

27 **SO ORDERED**, this 28th day of July, 2022.

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