

IN THE SUPREME COURT
OF THE
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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Shirley A. Johnson
Clerk

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION) RULE 15-12
OF A NEW RULE RELATING TO THE)
REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF BAR)
EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF SOUTH)
DAKOTA)

A hearing was held on January 13, 2015, at Pierre, South Dakota, relating to the adoption of a new rule relating to the Regulations of the Board of Bar Examiners of the State of South Dakota and the Court having considered the proposed adoption and being fully advised in the premises, now, therefore, it is

ORDERED that the Regulations of the Board of Bar Examiners of the State of South Dakota and be and they are hereby amended to include the following:

APPENDIX TO CHAPTER 16-16
REGULATIONS OF BOARD OF BAR EXAMINERS OF
THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Law Student Registration. Applicants to law school and first-or second-year law students who intend to take the South Dakota bar examination following graduation may register with the Board of Bar Examiners on forms prescribed by the Board. The registration must be accompanied by the \$50 South Dakota registration fee as well as the fee required by the National Conference of Bar Examiners' law student registrant program for an initial character report. Registration under the rule is not deemed an application for permission to take the bar examination.

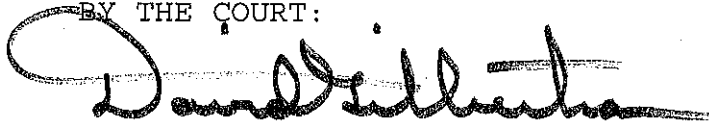
The Board of Bar Examiners shall review the registration and character report to identify character and fitness issues that may hinder or preclude later admission. The Board will report its findings to the registrant. The Board's findings are both preliminary and non-binding in nature. Additionally, the findings will not constitute permission to take the bar examination or a waiver of the consideration of facts or conduct that are either later discovered or occur after the Board's review under this rule.

Rule 15-12

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this rule shall become effective July 1, 2015.

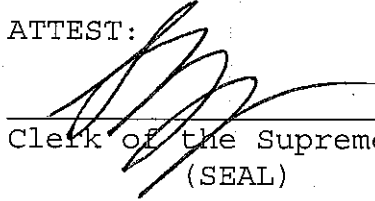
DATED at Pierre, South Dakota, this 12th day of March, 2015.

BY THE COURT:

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David Gilbertson, Chief Justice

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Supreme Court
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