

IN THE SUPREME COURT
OF THE
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION) RULE 16-05
OF A NEW RULE IN RE: ESSENTIAL)
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT FOR)
ADMISSION TO BE DESIGNATED)
IMMEDIATELY BEFORE SDCL 16-16-2.3)

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A hearing was held on January 13, 2016, at Pierre, South Dakota, relating to the adoption of a new rule relating to the essential eligibility requirement for admission to be designated immediately before SDCL 16-16-2.3 and the Court having considered the proposed rule thereto and being fully advised in the premises, now, therefore, it is

ORDERED that the adoption of a new rule relating to the essential eligibility requirement be and it is hereby adopted to read in its entirety as follows:

Essential Eligibility Requirements for Admission.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate the following essential eligibility requirements for the practice of law:

- (1) The ability to be honest and candid with clients, lawyers, courts, the board, and others;
- (2) The ability to reason, recall complex factual information, and integrate that information with complex legal theories;
- (3) The ability to communicate with clients, lawyers, courts, and others with a high degree of organization and clarity;
- (4) The ability to use good judgment on behalf of clients and in conducting one's professional business;
- (5) The ability to conduct oneself with respect for and in accordance with the law;
- (6) The ability to avoid acts that exhibit disregard for the rights or welfare of others;
- (7) The ability to comply with the requirements of the Rules of Professional Conduct, applicable state, local, tribal, and federal laws, regulations, statutes, and any applicable order of a court or tribunal;

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(8) The ability to act diligently and reliably in fulfilling one's obligations to clients, lawyers, courts, and others;

(9) The ability to use honesty and good judgment in financial dealings on behalf of oneself, clients, and others; and

(10) The ability to comply with deadlines and time constraints.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this rule shall become effective July 1, 2016.

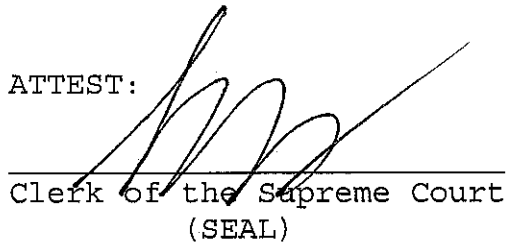
DATED at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17th day of March, 2016.

BY THE COURT:



David Gilbertson, Chief Justice

ATTEST:



Clerk of the Supreme Court
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