IN THE SUPREME COURT

OF THE

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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IN THE MATTER OF THE AMENDMENT OF REGULATION 3 OF THE REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF BAR EXAMINERS (APPENDIX TO SDCL 16-16)

RULE 98-11

A hearing having been held on February 20, 1998, at Pierre, South Dakota, relating to the amendment of Regulation 3 of the Regulations of the Board of Bar Examiners (Appendix to SDCL 16-16), and the Court having considered the proposed amendment, the correspondence and oral presentations relating thereto, if any, and being fully advised in the premises, now, therefore, it is

ORDERED that said regulation (Appendix to SDCL 16-16) be and it is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

3. Bar Examination; Subjects.

All applicants are required to take the bar examination which consists of the Multistate Essay Examination (MEE), the Multistate Performance Test (MPT), the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE), and the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE).

The MEE is a three-hour examination consisting of six 30-minute essay questions which will test six subject areas:

Business Organizations Commercial Transactions Civil Procedure Conflicts of Law Family Law Wills, Trusts & Future Interests

The MEE will test both general and South Dakota principles of law.

The MPT consists of two ninety-minute questions which test the fundamental skills of problem solving, legal analysis and reasoning, factual analysis, communication, organization and management of a legal task, and recognizing and resolving ethical dilemmas. Each question shall contain all of the resource material necessary to complete the performance examination. The MPT will test both general and South Dakota principles of law.

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The MBE is an objective six-hour examination containing 200 multiple-choice test questions covering the subjects:

Constitutional Law Criminal Law Real Property

Contracts Evidence Torts

The MPRE consists of 50 multiple-choice test questions and measures an applicant's knowledge of the ethical standards of the legal profession.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this rule shall become effective July 1, 1998.

DATED at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10th day of March,

BY THE COURT:

Robert A. Miller, Chief Justice

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Supreme Court
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