

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**

At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on the 6th day of September, 2013, the following order was made and entered:

**RE: REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO the Rules for Admission to the Practice of Law TO REQUIRE BOARD MEMBER RESIDENCY**

On a former day, August 27, 2013, the Court considered proposing amendments to the Rules for Admission to the Practice of Law, to require that members of the Board of Law Examiners be residents of the State of West Virginia. The Court is of opinion to and does hereby approve a period of public comment on the proposed change to require residency membership of the Board of Law Examiners. **Comments may be filed, in writing, with the Clerk of the Court on or before October 7, 2013.** The proposed insertions are indicated by underscoring, deletions by strikethrough, as follows:

**"West Virginia Rules for Admission to the Practice of Law**

**Rule 1.0. Board of Law Examiners.**

- (a) *Membership.*-The Board of Law Examiners shall consist of seven (7) members of the West Virginia State Bar who shall each be residents of the State of West Virginia and shall be appointed by the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia. The term of all members shall be seven years, except that the original appointments to the new seven-member Board shall be for terms of one, two, three, four, five, six and seven years, respectively. Term of office shall begin on the first day of January of the appropriate year and end on the thirty-first day of December of the appropriate year. Any vacancy on the Board shall be filled by the Supreme Court of Appeals by appointment for the unexpired term.
- (b) *Removal.*-No member may be removed from office except for official misconduct, incompetence, neglect of duty or immorality, provided, however, that the expiration or revocation of the professional license of a member of the Board or a change to residency outside West Virginia shall be cause for his or her removal.

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Attest:



Deputy Clerk, Supreme Court of Appeals