

THE SUPREME COURT OF THE
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

GENERAL COURT ORDER)
)
Trial and Appellate Divisions)

No. 2016-001

AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES FOR ADMISSION TO PRACTICE BEFORE THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

In recognition of the need to encourage both citizens and nationals of the Federated States of Micronesia to sit for the FSM bar exam, to adequately prepare graduates of the College of Micronesia Trial Counselor's Certificate Program for the practice of law in the FSM, and to allow former state judges, who have a wealth of legal knowledge and experience, to also sit for the exam, relevant sections of the Rules for Admission to Practice before the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia need to be amended.

THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority granted to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in Article XI, Section 9 of the Constitution and Section 117 of Title 4 of the Judiciary Act of the FSM Code, the Rules of Admission to Practice Before the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia are hereby amended. The amendments are under sections II (A), II (A) (4), II (A) (6), and II (C), and are as follows:

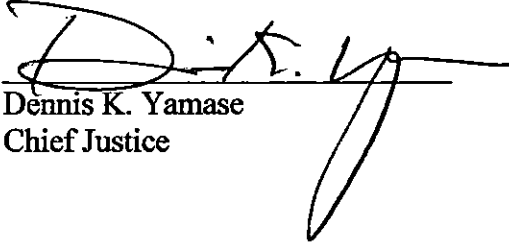
II. (A). Experience or Educational Requirement Each noncitizen of the Federated States of Micronesia seeking the opportunity to take the FSM Written Examination must demonstrate compliance with standard 1 below. Applicants who are citizens or nationals of the Federated States of Micronesia may demonstrate compliance with any of the five following standards. (Note: Amendment to include "nationals" adopted pursuant to General Court Order No. 2016-001).

II. (A) (4) 4. College of Micronesia Trial Counselor Certificate Program Standard The applicant shall submit to the Court satisfactory proof of graduation from the College of Micronesia's Trial Counselor Certificate Program. (Note: Adopted pursuant to General Court Order No. 2001-1, dated January 15, 2001). The applicant is also required to complete a one-year period of internship, under terms and conditions approved by this Court, prior to applying for permission to take the examination. (Note: Adopted pursuant to General Court Order No. 2016-001).

II. (A) (6). Former State Court Judge – A former State Court judge, who is no longer serving on the bench, with at least 8 years of experience as a State Court judge, shall submit proof of appointment, confirmation and resignation as a State Court judge. (Note: Adopted pursuant to General Court Order No. 2016-001).

II. (C). Residence or Citizenship Requirement Each applicant shall be a resident or domiciliary of the Federated States of Micronesia, or a Federated States of Micronesia citizen or national. Applicants relying upon fulfillment of the law school graduation standard (Paragraph II.A.2) or the experience and competency standard (Paragraph II.A.3) must be a citizen or national of the Federated states of Micronesia.

SO ORDERED this 1st day of July, 2016.


Dennis K. Yamase
Chief Justice

ENTERED this 1st day of July, 2016.


Clerk of the FSM Supreme Court