

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND

R U L E S O R D E R

WHEREAS, this Court having accepted the recommendation of the Advisory Committee to Explore the Feasibility of Maryland's Adoption of the Uniform Bar Examination ("UBE"); and

WHEREAS, rules and procedures are being developed to implement the recommendation in 2019; and

WHEREAS, this Court has received a request from the Office of the Public Defender that Rule 19-215 be amended to permit an extension of the two-year period of time during which an attorney who receives compensation for the practice of law is permitted to practice under that Rule so that attorneys currently practicing under the Rule may continue to practice under the Rule prior to applying for admission to the Maryland Bar under the Rules implementing the UBE; and

WHEREAS, the Court has been made aware that a similar request will be made on behalf of attorneys affiliated with

other legal services programs; and

WHEREAS, this Court having considered the request at an open meeting, notice of which was posted as prescribed by law, and finding that an emergency exists with reference to certain attorneys authorized to practice under Rule 19-215 and that it is in the interests of justice to permit them to continue to practice under that Rule pending implementation of the UBE, it is this 23rd day of August, 2018,

ORDERED, by the Court of Appeals of Maryland, that an amendment to Rule 19-215 be, and it is hereby, adopted in the form attached to this Order; and it is further

ORDERED, that the amendment to Rule 19-215 hereby adopted by this Court shall take effect September 1, 2018; and it is further

ORDERED, that the text of the amendment to Rule 19-215 hereby adopted shall be deleted from Rule 19-215 automatically on December 31, 2019 without further Order of the Court; and it is further

ORDERED that a copy of this Order be posted promptly on the website of the Maryland Judiciary.

/s/ Mary Ellen Barbera

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/s/ Clayton Greene, Jr.

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Sally D. Adkins

/s/ Robert N. McDonald

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/s/ Shirley M. Watts

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/s/ Michele D. Hotten

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/s/ Joseph M. Getty

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* Adkins, J., abstained from signing the Rules Order

Filed: August 23, 2018

/s/ Bessie M. Decker

Clerk
Court of Appeals of Maryland

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Bessie Decker, Clerk
April 20, 2018

MARYLAND RULES OF PROCEDURE

TITLE 19 - ATTORNEYS

CHAPTER 200 - ADMISSION TO THE BAR

AMEND Rule 19-215 (d) to permit the Court to extend a certain expiration date for good cause shown, as follows:

Rule 19-215. SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION FOR OUT-OF-STATE ATTORNEYS
AFFILIATED WITH PROGRAMS PROVIDING LEGAL SERVICES TO LOW-INCOME
INDIVIDUALS

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(d) Certificate of Authorization to Practice

Upon the filing of the proof of eligibility required by this Rule, the Clerk of the Court of Appeals shall issue a certificate under the seal of the Court certifying that the attorney is authorized to practice under this Rule, subject to the automatic termination provision of section (e) of this Rule. The certificate shall state (1) the effective date, (2) whether the attorney (A) is authorized to receive compensation for the practice of law under this Rule or (B) is authorized to practice exclusively as a pro bono attorney pursuant to Rule 19-504, and (3) any expiration date of the special authorization to practice. If the attorney is receiving compensation for the practice of law under this Rule, the expiration date shall be no

later than two years after the effective date, unless the court extends that date for good cause shown. If the attorney is receiving no compensation other than reimbursement of reasonable and necessary expenses, no expiration date shall be stated.

Cross reference: An attorney who intends to practice law in Maryland for compensation for more than two years should apply for admission to the Maryland Bar.

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