

**STATE OF VERMONT
VERMONT SUPREME COURT
_____ TERM, 2008**

Order Promulgating Amendments to §7(e)(3) of the Rules for Admission to the Bar of the Vermont Supreme Court

Pursuant to Chapter II, Section 37, of the Vermont Constitution and 12 V.S.A. § 1, it is hereby ordered:

1. That § 7(e)(3) of the Rules for Admission to the Bar of the Vermont Supreme Court is amended to read as follows (new matter underlined, deleted matter overstruck):

§ 7. Requirements for admission – Applicants admitted to the practice of law in another jurisdiction of the United States

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(e)(3) In lieu of the requirements of 7(d) (three months of study in the office and under the supervision of a judge or attorney practicing in this state), an applicant under this section may complete and certify prior to admission that he or she has attended at least fifteen hours of continuing legal education on Vermont practice and procedure within one year immediately preceding the date upon which the motion is filed in courses approved by the Board of Continuing Legal Education and certified by the Board of Bar Examiner as satisfying the requirements of this section. A minimum of six of the fifteen continuing legal education hours must be earned by attendance at live courses.

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Reporter's Notes – 2008 Amendment

The six-hour “live” continuing legal education requirement reflects a policy decision that the Board of Bar Examiners made at the inception of the reciprocal admission process several years ago and has been applied consistently since that time. This is also consistent with the Vermont Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board's requirement of attorneys to attend at least 10 live CLE credits each reporting period out of the 20 which are required to maintain their license.

3. That these rules as amended or added are prescribed and promulgated to become effective on _____. The Reporter's Notes are advisory.

4. That the Chief Justice is authorized to report these amendments to the General Assembly in accordance with the provisions of 12 V.S.A. § 1, as amended.

Dated in Chambers at Montpelier, Vermont, this ____ day of _____, 2008.

Paul L. Reiber, Chief Justice

John A. Dooley, Associate Justice

Denise R. Johnson, Associate Justice

Marilyn S. Skoglund, Associate Justice

Brian L. Burgess, Associate Justice