

March 19, 2020

The Honorable Mary Ellen Barbera,
Chief Judge

The Honorable Robert N. McDonald

The Honorable Shirley M. Watts

The Honorable Michele D. Hotten

The Honorable Joseph M. Getty

The Honorable Brynja M. Booth

The Honorable Jonathan Biran,
Judges

The Court of Appeals of Maryland
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Your Honors:

The Rules Committee submits this Supplement to its Two Hundred and Third Report that was transmitted to the Court on February 28, 2020 and recommends that the Court adopt the amendments to Rule 19-207 (b) transmitted with this Supplement.

The amendment was recommended by the State Board of Law Examiners to clarify that, if an applicant applies to transfer a Maryland-qualifying UBE score from another State to Maryland, the transcript showing the date that the applicant was awarded a qualifying law degree must be received by the Board prior to or contemporaneously with the Notice of Intent to Transfer the UBE score. The current Rule, as had been requested by the Board, requires that the transcript be **sent**, rather than **received**, before or with the Notice. The Board indicated that, for administrative purposes, it needs to actually have the transcript with or before the Notice. Absent the transcript, the application is incomplete.

This problem was brought to the Committee's attention after the 203rd Report was filed and was considered by the Committee at its March 13, 2020 meeting. No date has yet been set for the Court's hearing on the 203rd Report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair

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MARYLAND RULES OF PROCEDURE

TITLE 19 - ATTORNEYS

CHAPTER 200 - ADMISSION TO THE BAR

AMEND Rule 19-207 by requiring that a certain transcript be received by the Board prior to or contemporaneously with the filing of a Notice of Intent to Transfer a Qualifying UBE Score and by making stylistic changes, as follows:

Rule 19-207. NOTICE OF INTENT TO TRANSFER A QUALIFYING UBE SCORE

(a) Filing

Beginning on July 1, 2019, an applicant may file a Notice of Intent to Transfer a Qualifying UBE Score if the applicant:

(1) meets the pre-legal education requirements of Rule 19-201 (a) (1) to become admitted to the Maryland Bar,

(2) unless the requirements of Rule 19-201 (a) (2) have been waived pursuant to Rule 19-201 (b), meets the legal education requirements of Rule 19-201 (a) (2),

(3) contemporaneously files or has previously filed a completed character questionnaire pursuant to Rule 19-205 that has not been withdrawn pursuant to Rule 19-202 (b) or denied pursuant to Rule 19-204, and

(4) has achieved a qualifying UBE score in another UBE State.

The Notice of Intent shall be under oath, filed on the form prescribed by the Board, and accompanied by the prescribed fee.

(b) Verification of Legal Education

~~Prior to or contemporaneously with filing the Notice of Intent to Transfer a Qualifying UBE Score, the~~ The applicant shall cause ~~to be sent to~~ the Board to receive an official transcript that reflects the date of the award to the applicant of a qualifying law degree under Rule 19-201 (a) prior to or contemporaneously with filing the Notice of Intent to Transfer a Qualifying UBE Score, unless the official transcript already is on file with the Board or the applicant has received a waiver under Rule 19-201 (b).

Source: This Rule is new.

REPORTER'S NOTE

At the request of the State Board of Law Examiners, Rule 19-207 is proposed to be amended to require that an official transcript that reflects the date of the award of a qualifying law degree be *received* by the Board prior to or contemporaneously with the filing of the applicant's Notice of Intent to Transfer a Qualifying UBE Score. The Rule currently requires that the transcript be *sent* to the Board by that date.

A stylistic change to section (b) also is proposed.