

# Supreme Court of Texas

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Misc. Docket No. 24-9007

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## Order Amending Rule 23 of the Rules Governing Admission to the Bar of Texas

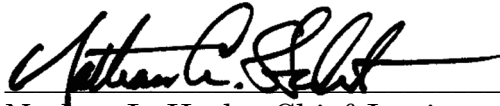
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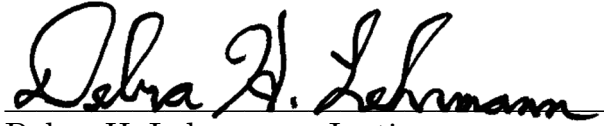
**ORDERED** that:

1. The Court approves the following amendments to Rule 23 of the Rules Governing Admission to the Bar of Texas, effective immediately.
2. The Clerk is directed to:
  - a. file a copy of this Order with the Secretary of State;
  - b. cause a copy of this Order to be mailed to each registered member of the State Bar of Texas by publication in the *Texas Bar Journal*;
  - c. send a copy of this Order to each elected member of the Legislature; and
  - d. submit a copy of this Order for publication in the *Texas Register*.

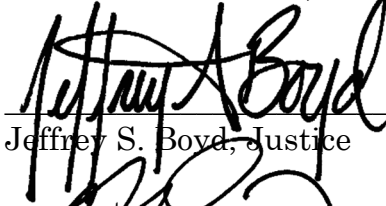
Dated: February 13, 2024.



Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice



Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice



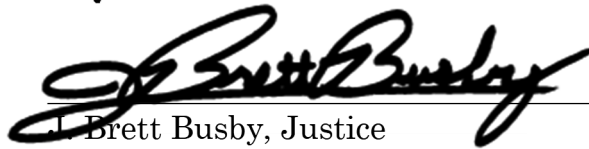
Jeffrey S. Boyd, Justice



John P. Devine, Justice



James D. Blacklock, Justice



Brett Busby, Justice



Jane N. Bland, Justice



Rebeca A. Huddle, Justice



Evan A. Young, Justice

## Rule 23

### Military Spouse Temporary License for Military Service Member or Military Spouse (Redline Version)

#### **§1 Eligibility Definitions**

A spouse (“Military Spouse”) of an

- (a) “Military Service Member” means an active-duty military service member who has been ordered stationed in Texas;
- (b) “Military Spouse” means the spouse of a Military Service Member.

#### **§2 Eligibility**

A Military Service Member or a Military Spouse is eligible for a three-year temporary license to practice law in Texas if the Military Service Member or the Military Spouse:

- (a) is admitted to practice law in another State;
- (b) is in good standing in all jurisdictions where admitted and an active member of the bar in at least one State;
- (c) is not currently subject to discipline or the subject of a pending disciplinary matter in any jurisdiction;
- (d) has never been disbarred or resigned in lieu of discipline in any jurisdiction;
- (e) has never had an application for admission to any jurisdiction denied on character or fitness grounds;
- (f) meets the law study requirements of Rule 3 or is exempted under Rule 13 §§ 3, 4, or 5;
- (g) has satisfactorily completed the Texas Law Component; and
- (h) is residing in Texas.

#### **§2-3 Application**

A Military Service Member or a Military Spouse must submit to the Board:

- (a) an application for temporary licensure on a form prescribed by the Board;
- (b) a copy of the Military service-Service member’s-Member’s military orders;
- (c) certificate of good standing from the entity with final jurisdiction over professional discipline in each jurisdiction of admission; and
- (d) any other evidence demonstrating that the Military Service Member or the Military Spouse satisfies the eligibility requirements of Section 1-2 that the Board may require.

#### **§3-4 Certification to Supreme Court**

If the Board determines that a Military Service Member or a Military Spouse has satisfied the requirements of Sections 1-and-2-3, the Board must recommend to the

Supreme Court the temporary licensure of the Military Service Member or the Military Spouse.

#### **§4-5 Fee Waiver**

A Military Service Member or a Military Spouse is not required to pay:

- (a) the fees required by Rule 18; or
- (b) the licensing fee to the Supreme Court Clerk.

### **Rule 23**

#### **Temporary License for Military Service Member or Military Spouse (Clean Version)**

#### **§1 Definitions**

- (a) “Military Service Member” means an active-duty military service member.
- (b) “Military Spouse” means the spouse of a Military Service Member.

#### **§2 Eligibility**

A Military Service Member or a Military Spouse is eligible for a three-year temporary license to practice law in Texas if the Military Service Member or the Military Spouse:

- (a) is admitted to practice law in another State;
- (b) is in good standing in all jurisdictions where admitted and an active member of the bar in at least one State;
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- (g) has satisfactorily completed the Texas Law Component; and
- (h) is residing in Texas.

#### **§3 Application**

A Military Service Member or a Military Spouse must submit to the Board:

- (a) an application for temporary licensure on a form prescribed by the Board;
- (b) a copy of the Military Service Member’s military orders;
- (c) certificate of good standing from the entity with final jurisdiction over professional discipline in each jurisdiction of admission; and

(d) any other evidence demonstrating that the Military Service Member or the Military Spouse satisfies the eligibility requirements of Section 2 that the Board may require.

#### **§4 Certification to Supreme Court**

If the Board determines that a Military Service Member or a Military Spouse has satisfied the requirements of Sections 1-3, the Board must recommend to the Supreme Court the temporary licensure of the Military Service Member or the Military Spouse.

#### **§5 Fee Waiver**

A Military Service Member or a Military Spouse is not required to pay:

- (a) the fees required by Rule 18; or
- (b) the licensing fee to the Supreme Court Clerk.