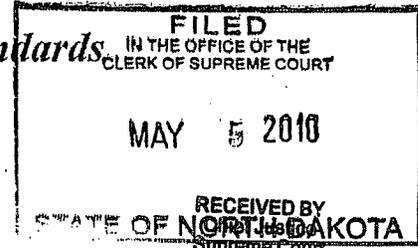


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Honorable Gerald W. Vandewalle
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Re: Proposed Amendments to the Admission to Practice Rules - Uniform Bar Examination

Dear Chief Justice Vandewalle:

The Joint Committee on Attorney Standards has reviewed proposed amendments to the Admission to Practice Rules prepared by the Board of Law Examiners and subsequently referred to the Joint Committee by the Supreme Court. At its March meeting, the Joint Committee considered the proposed amendments, assisted by a review of the amendments by Penny Miller, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Law Examiners. The proposed amendments would enable the Uniform Bar Examination (UBE) to be administered in North Dakota beginning in 2011. Ms. Miller explained the benefits associated with using the UBE, which are also described in the letter of explanation from Mark Stenehjem, President of the Board of Law Examiners, which accompanied the proposed amendments. The letter and amendments are attached.

Following discussion and consideration of the proposed amendments, the Joint Committee approved the amendments for submission to the Supreme Court pending review and comment by the SBAND Board of Governors. At its April meeting, the Board of Governors reviewed the proposed amendments and voted to support adoption of the amendments. I am pleased, therefore, to submit the proposed amendments to the Admission to Practice Rules to the Supreme Court for its consideration.

If you should have any questions concerning the Joint Committee's recommendation, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Michael G. Sturdevant, Chair
Joint Committee on Attorney Standards

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cc: Penny Miller, Clerk of the Supreme Court
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