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THE SUPREME COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO APR 3(c)—APPLICANTS FOR
ADMISSION TO PRACTICE LAW

ORDER

NO. 25700-A-1632

The Washington State Bar Association, having recommended the adoption of the proposed amendments to APR 3(c)—Applicants for Admission to Practice Law, and the Court having published the proposed amendments for comment, and having considered the proposed amendments, and having determined that the proposed amendments will aid in the prompt and orderly administration of justice;

Now, therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED:


- (a) That the proposed amendments as attached hereto are adopted.
- (b) That the proposed amendments will be published in the Washington Reports and will become effective September 1, 2025.

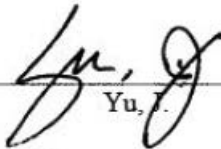
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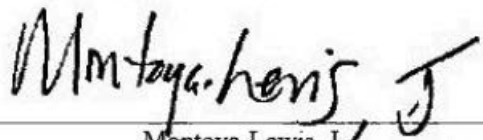
DATED at Olympia, Washington this 5th day of June, 2025.


CHIEF JUSTICE

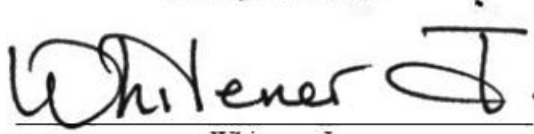

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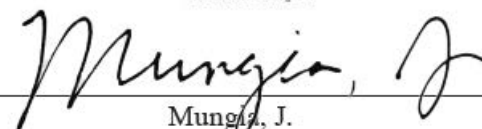

Madsen, J.


Montoya-Lewis, J.


González, J.


Whitener, J.


Gordon McCloud, J.


Mungia, J.

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APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION TO PRACTICE LAW

(a)-(b) [Unchanged.]

(c) Lawyer Admission by Motion.

(1) Lawyers admitted to practice law in other states or territories of the United States or the District of Columbia are not required to sit for the lawyer bar examination if they:

(A) [Unchanged.]

(B) present satisfactory proof of active legal experience for at least ~~three~~ one of the ~~five~~ three years immediately preceding the filing of the application.

(2) *Military Spouse Admission by Motion.* A lawyer admitted to practice law in another state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia who is the spouse of an active duty service member of the United States Uniformed Services, as defined by the United States Department of Defense, is not required to sit for the lawyer bar examination if the applicant meets the following requirements:

(A) the applicant's spouse is stationed in Washington or will be stationed in Washington within six months of filing the application, and the applicant resides or will reside in Washington as the spouse of that member of the United States Uniformed Services within six months of filing the application;

~~(B) the applicant does not qualify for admission by motion under APR 3(c)(1);~~

~~(C) the applicant does not qualify for admission by UBE score transfer under APR 3(d);~~

~~(D)~~ (B) the applicant files a certificate from each jurisdiction in which the applicant is admitted certifying the applicant's admission to practice and the date thereof, and current good standing or the equivalent; and

~~(E)~~ (C) the applicant has no lawyer disciplinary sanctions or pending lawyer disciplinary or incapacity matters in any jurisdiction in which the applicant has been admitted.

(d)-(i) [Unchanged.]