

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

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IN RE: ELIMINATION OF ATTORNEY
ADMISSIONS EXAMINATION

Rule 1 of the Southern District of Florida's Special Rules Governing The Admission and Practice of Attorneys establishes as a prerequisite that attorneys take and pass an examination prior to admission to this Court's bar. This District is only one of approximately four federal district courts nationwide that requires an admission examination. At a regularly scheduled meeting of the Judges of this District held on February 23, 2012, the Judges have determined that requiring a local examination to a large degree duplicates matters found on the Florida Bar exam and no longer accomplishes the purposes it was intended to serve. A substantial majority of Judges of this Court have voted to eliminate Rule 1's examination requirement. Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the examination requirement stated in Rule 1 of the Southern District of Florida's Special Rules Governing The Admission and Practice of Attorneys is hereby suspended, effective immediately. Attorneys who satisfy all other requirements for admission to this Court's bar, and who have paid all required admission fees, shall be admitted to the bar of this Court without the necessity of passing an examination; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of Court is directed to provide notice of this Administrative Order through the CM/ECF noticing system and other appropriate means such as publication, and to post revised procedures for admission to the Court's bar on the Southern District's website www.flsd.uscourts.gov as soon as reasonably practicable.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Florida this 20th day of February, 2012.



FEDERICO A. MORENO
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Copies provided to:

Honorable Joel F. Dubina, Chief Judge, Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals

All Southern District Judges and Magistrate Judges

All Southern District Bankruptcy Judges

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