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- 1 (2) service as a lawyer with a local, state,
2 territorial or federal agency including military
3 service,
4 (3) teaching full time at an American Bar Association
5 accredited law school,
6 (4) service as a judge in a federal, state,
7 territorial or local court of record,
8 (5) service as a judicial clerk,
9 (6) service as corporate counsel, or
10 (7) any combination of the above.

11 b. "Practice of law" shall not include work that, as
12 undertaken, would constitute the unauthorized practice
13 of law in the jurisdiction in which it was performed
14 or in which the clients receiving the unauthorized
15 services were located.

16 c. "Practice of law" shall not be required to occur
17 outside of Oklahoma, providing that any practice of
18 law within this state did not include work that, as
19 undertaken, would constitute the unauthorized practice
20 of law; and

21 2. "Reciprocal state" means a state which grants judges and
22 lawyers licensed in Oklahoma the right of admission on motion,
23 without the requirement of taking an examination and whose
24 requirements for admission are similar to admission on motion in

1 Oklahoma without examination requirements. Reciprocal state
2 includes other states, the District of Columbia and the territories,
3 districts, commonwealths or possessions of the United States.

4 B. An applicant may, upon motion, be admitted to the practice
5 of law in this state if the applicant:

6 1. Is a graduate of a law school approved by the American Bar
7 Association;

8 2. Has been admitted to practice law in another state,
9 territory or the District of Columbia;

10 3. Is a member in good standing on active status in a
11 reciprocal state;

12 4. Establishes that the applicant is not currently subject to
13 lawyer discipline or the subject of a pending disciplinary matter in
14 any jurisdiction;

15 5. Has been engaged in the practice of law for a period of five
16 (5) of the seven (7) years immediately preceding the date upon which
17 the application is filed; and

18 6. Establishes that the applicant possesses the character and
19 fitness to practice law in this state.

20 C. An applicant who has failed a bar examination administered
21 in this state within five (5) years of the date of filing an
22 application under this section shall not be eligible for admission
23 on motion.

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1 D. The applicant shall pay such application fees and costs as
2 may be established by the Supreme Court of Oklahoma.

3 E. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, if a
4 reciprocal state imposes more stringent and exacting limitations on
5 the ability of Oklahoma practitioners to obtain admission by motion,
6 or if the fees required to be paid are higher, the admission of the
7 applicant shall be governed by the same rules and the applicant
8 shall pay the same fees that would apply to an applicant from this
9 state seeking admission to the bar in the state or territory from
10 which the applicant is claiming reciprocity.

11 F. Any applicant that has been denied Admission by Motion -
12 Reciprocity by the Oklahoma Board of Bar Examiners under the Rules
13 Governing Admission to the Practice of Law in the State of Oklahoma
14 in effect as of January 1, 2021, within two (2) years of the date of
15 the effective date of this act shall not be required to pay a fee
16 for reapplication under this section.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

18 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
19 March 30, 2021 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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