

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)	
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FEE FOR APPLICANTS TO PRACTICE)	Administrative Order
LAW IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA)	No. 2000- <u>88</u>
RE: ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL FEE)	(Affecting Administrative
FOR EXAMINATIONS)	Order No. 99-24)
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On April 12, 1999, the Court approved a petition for amendment to the Rules of the Supreme Court concerning the expenses of conducting the examinations and the character and fitness investigations for applicants for admission to the practice of law in the State of Arizona. In order to meet present expenses and adjust fees from time to time as may be necessary, the rules were modified to remove all references to specific amounts of fees and provide that the Supreme Court set fees by administrative order.

Further, on April 12, 1999, the Court approved a specific schedule of fees and on April 14, 1999, these fees were adopted by Administrative Order No. 99-24.

New technology has been developed which permits individuals taking the examination for admission to utilize a personal laptop computer, while safeguarding the integrity of the examination. The Supreme Court Committee on Examinations recommends utilizing this technology, on a pilot basis, for the February 2001 examination. Additional fees are necessary to cover the expenses of contracting with the vendor for the necessary computer software. Applicants for admission will be provided the voluntary option of paying an additional fee to utilize this method of taking the examination.

Now, therefore, pursuant to Rules of the Supreme Court 34(d)(4) and 35(d)(1) and Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that the Supreme Court Committee on Examinations may offer applicants the option of utilizing computer technology to take the February 2001 examination for admission. Applicants will pay a fee of \$125.00, in addition to any other approved fees for the examination, for this option. The Committee will offer this option to the first 70 applicants who indicate they wish to utilize this option and submit the \$125.00 payment.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Supreme Court Committee on Examinations will evaluate the outcome of the utilization of this computer technology at the February 2001 examination and make a recommendation as to whether this practice should be continued at subsequent examinations.

Dated this 28th day of November, 2000.

THOMAS A. ZLAKET
Chief Justice