

**RESOLUTION OF THE ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE
NAVAJO NATION BAR ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Recommending Changes to the Section III(B) and IV(B) of the NNBA Bylaws

1. The Board of Bar Commissioners (Board) directed the Admissions Committee to review the current wording of Section III(B) of the NNBA Bylaws and make recommendations to the Board on the same. Specifically, the Board wanted recommendations regarding whether it was the intention to place "or" at the end of Section III(B)(2), or if an "and" should have been inserted. The Admissions Committee was also directed to consider the current practice of requiring applicants to pay \$25.00 to receive a bar examination application and the \$75.00 application fee upon submission of the completed application packet.
2. The Admissions Committee met on July 15, 2009, and considered the current wording of Section III(B) of the NNBA Bylaws which states:

**B. QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED OF PERSONS WHO ARE NOT ENROLLED MEMBERS
OF ANY INDIAN TRIBE**

In order to take the Navajo Nation Bar Examination, a person who is not an enrolled member of any Indian tribe must:

1. Reside and be employed full time within the State of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico or Utah; and
 2. Be a member in good standing of the bar of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico or Utah or have taken a bar examination of such state and be awaiting the results of that examination; or
 3. Be a graduate of a law school.
3. The Admissions Committee discussed the above referenced section and concluded that the "or" placed after Section III(B)(2) should have been an "and".
 4. Section IV(B) of the NNBA Bylaws sets the bar examination application fee as follows:

"Any person desiring to take the Bar Examination shall submit a complete application and a non-refundable application fee in the amount of \$75.00, no less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Bar Examination."
 5. The Admissions Committee discussed the NNBA's current practice of requiring individuals to pay a \$25.00 fee to obtain a bar examination application and recommends that rather than requiring individuals to pay a \$25.00 fee to simply obtain a bar

application, that the examination application fee be increased from \$75.00 to \$100.00. The fee would then be submitted at the time the completed application is submitted. In addition, the Committee recommends that the bar examination application be made available for download on the NNBA website.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Admissions Committee hereby recommends that the current wording of Section III(B) of the NNBA Bylaws be amended as follows:

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 3. Be a graduate of a law school.
2. The Admissions Committee hereby recommends that Section IV(B) of the NNBA Bylaws be amended as follows:

"Any person desiring to take the Bar Examination shall submit a complete application and a non-refundable application fee in the amount of \$100.00, no less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Bar Examination."

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Admissions Committee of the Navajo Nation Bar Association, Inc. at a duly called meeting at which a quorum was present and the same was passed by a vote of 11 in favor and 2 opposed, with 0 abstaining, this 29th of August, 2009.


Kristina John, Vice President
Admissions Committee Chairperson
Navajo Nation Bar Association, Inc.