

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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NOEL K. DESSAINT  
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In the Matter of: )  
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ADMINISTRATION OF COMMITTEE ON ) Administrative Order  
CHARACTER AND FITNESS AND ) No. 99- 27  
COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATIONS )  
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The Supreme Court has inherent power over members of the legal profession as officers of the court. Accordingly, the Court has established the Committee on Character and Fitness and the Committee on Examinations through adoption of Rule 33(a), Rules of the Supreme Court. These committees are charged with implementing the Court's rules concerning application for admission to the practice of law and examinations. These committees, whose members are uncompensated for their services, require staff to administer committee functions.

Now, therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Sections 3 and 7 of the Arizona Constitution, and Rule 31(k) and (l), Arizona Rules of the Supreme Court,

IT IS ORDERED that the Administrative Director employ staff to provide administrative support to the Committee on Examinations and the Committee on Character and Fitness.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the staff employed by the State Bar of Arizona to provide these services be permitted to transfer to the employ of the Supreme Court on the effective date of this order, with full credit for annual and sick leave accrued in the employ of the State Bar of Arizona. Employees who transfer to the employ of the Supreme Court shall accrue additional leave and use accrued leave according to the policies of the Supreme Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the State Bar of Arizona shall pay to the Administrative Office of the Courts the agreed-upon balance of all fees for application for admission to the practice of law, for examinations, and for the admissions ceremony collected prior to the date of this order. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall deposit these fees in an appropriate operating account in the state treasury.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order is effective as of March 31, 1999.

Dated this 14th day of April, 1999.

Thomas A. Zlaket )  
Chief Justice