

**IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU**

IN RE: AMENDMENT TO THE RULES
OF ADMISSION

ORDER

Pursuant to Article X, Section 14 of the Constitution, Rule 2(c) of the Rules of Admission for Attorneys and Trial Counselors, dated October 11, 2018 (as amended), is hereby amended as follows:

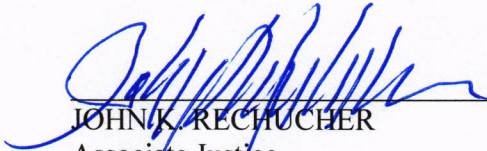
Rule 2(c): “Has earned a J.D. degree from an ABA- or State- accredited law school in the United States, its territories or possessions, or is a practicing member in good standing of the Bar of one or more of the States, territories or possessions of the United States. An individual not meeting this requirement may not take the bar examination without obtaining a waiver. An individual may request a waiver by submitting a petition demonstrating a legal education preparing her or him to pass the bar examination described in Rule 6. Any such request for waiver must be submitted at least thirty (30) days prior to the application deadline for taking the bar examination. The Chief Justice or designee shall have discretionary authority to approve or deny the waiver petition; and”

The amendment is intended to allow licensed practicing attorneys in the United States, its territories or possessions to sit for the Palau Bar Examination without first obtaining a waiver, despite not having a J.D. degree.


SO ORDERED this 30th day of June, 2023.



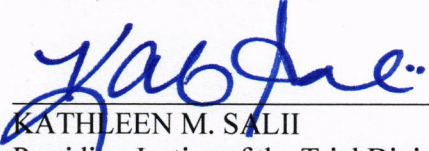
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