

NOTICE TO MILITARY SPOUSES SEEKING ADMISSION
TO THE NEW HAMPSHIRE BAR

Attorneys who are spouses of active military service personnel assigned to New Hampshire and wish to be licensed in New Hampshire while their spouses are stationed here may seek waiver of strict compliance with the duration of practice and reciprocity requirements of court rules governing admission by motion. Specifically, the court will consider requests for waiver of the duration of practice requirement in the rules governing admission by motion without examination, N.H. Supreme Court Rule 42(XI)(a)(1)(B) and (C)(ii), Rule 42(XI)(b)(2) and Rule 42(X)(c)(2), and the duration of practice requirements in the rules governing admission by transferred UBE score, Rule 42(X)(a)(2)(B). Applicants may also seek waiver of the reciprocity requirements contained in the rule governing admission by motion without examination, Rule 42(XI)(a)(1)(C)(i) or (ii). The New Hampshire Supreme Court and the New Hampshire Board of Bar Examiners are committed to working with these applicants to accommodate their unique circumstances and to expedite the bar application process to the extent possible when their spouses' service brings them to New Hampshire.

The court will consider requests for waiver on a case-by-case basis, depending on the individual circumstances of the applicant. Military spouses are encouraged to contact the general counsel for the office of bar admissions, Sherry Hieber, at 603-224-8806 or shieber@nhoba.org, for more information about the waiver process. Spouses of active military personnel assigned to New Hampshire who wish to take the New Hampshire bar examination but have missed a deadline to apply for the exam, should also contact Attorney Hieber for assistance.