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2 **IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA**

3 General Court Order) No. 2012-01
4)
5 Trial and Appellate Divisions)
6)

7 **Amendments to the Rules for Admission**
8 **to Practice Before the Supreme Court of the**
9 **Federated States of Micronesia**

10 Pursuant to the authority granted to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in
11 Article XI, Section 9 of the Constitution and Section 117 of Title 4 of the Judiciary Act
12 of the FSM Code, the Rules for Admission to Practice Before the Supreme Court of the
13 Federated States of Micronesia, are hereby amended. The full text of the amended
14 sections are included below.

15 Section II(A) is amended by the addition of subsection 5. Subsection II(A) is
16 amended to reflect the inclusion of a new subsection applicable only to FSM Citizens.
17 The inclusion of additional language is underlined.

18 **Section II(A) Experience or Education Requirement**

19 Each non-citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia seeking the
20 opportunity to take the FSM Written Examination must demonstrate
21 compliance with standard 1 below. Applicants who are citizens of the
Federated States of Micronesia may demonstrate compliance with any of
the five following standards.

22 **Section II(A)(5) State Court Judge**

23 **The applicant shall submit to the Court proof of appointment and**
confirmation as a judge of a State Court of the FSM and of current good
standing in that position.

24 Section II(D) is amended to replace in its entirety the first paragraph of the rule.

25 **Section II(D) The Written Examination**

1 All applications for written examination or reexamination shall be filed,
2 with supporting documents and non refundable application fee of twenty
3 five (\$25.00) dollars, in the offices of the FSM Supreme Court in
4 Pohnpei at least 60 days prior the date scheduled for the written
5 examination. Upon showing of good cause the Court may permit filing of
6 applications up to 21 days prior to the date of the written examination.
7 After the 21-day deadline no further applications will be received or
8 considered.

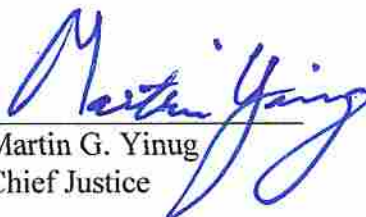
9 The Rules for admission have been amended to include a Section X.

10 **Section X Updated Contact and Service of Process Information.**

11 All persons authorized to practice before the FSM National Courts shall
12 be required to provide the FSM Bar with an active mailing address and
13 contact information annually, prior to December 01 each year. This
14 information shall identify two persons and their contact information,
15 upon whom service of process may be rendered for the person authorized
16 to practice before the FSM National Courts. Absent a showing of
17 excusable neglect, persons who fail to comply with this rule shall be
18 removed from the list of active members and shall no longer be authorized
19 to practice before this FSM Supreme Court.

20 These amendments shall take effect on the date of this order. These amendments
21 shall be included in all subsequent publications printings or references to the rules for
22 admission. They shall further be mailed to each attorney for which the Court maintains a
23 mailing address.

24 SO ORDERED this 14th day of June 2012.

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Martin G. Yinug
Chief Justice