

Guidelines for Requesting Evaluation of Foreign Education

Pursuant to Gov. Bar R. I, Section 2(C), the Supreme Court will review and determine whether an applicant's foreign education is equivalent to the education required of applicants educated in the United States. **In order to determine whether you are eligible to request review by the Court**, you should read **Rule I of the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar, Section 1, (B) and (C), and Section 2, (C)**. Please also refer to the following guidelines in completing a request for review.

1. In accordance with Gov. Bar R. I, Section 2(C), the Court has approved World Education Services and Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. as providers of course-by-course education evaluations. You will need to request a course-by-course evaluation of all your post-secondary education received outside of the United States.

Information regarding fees and required submissions for World Education Services and Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. can be found at www.wes.org and www.ece.org, respectively. Please note that only education received from an educational institution accredited in the country in which the educational institution is located is eligible to be found equivalent to education received from accredited institutions in the United States.

2. If you are requesting review and a determination of legal education equivalence, twenty of your required thirty hours of courses taken at an ABA-approved law school must be chosen from the following list of courses:

Legal Research/Writing; Business Associations; Conflict of Laws; Constitutional Law; Contracts; Criminal Law/Criminal Procedure; Wills, Trusts and Estates; Evidence; Family Law; Civil Procedure; Federal Income Taxes; Professional Responsibility/Legal Ethics; Property (Real & Personal); Torts; Uniform Commercial Code (Articles II, III & IX).

Credits received through an online degree program will not be accepted for evaluation.

Upon receipt of a complete registration application and a complete request for review of foreign education, your request for review will be submitted to the Court for a determination of educational equivalence. For applicants requesting a determination of undergraduate equivalence only, your registration application shall be processed and filed contingent upon the Court's approval of your foreign undergraduate education. Pursuant to Gov. Bar. R. I, Section 2(C)(2), if your legal education was not received in the United States, your registration application shall not be processed until your legal education is approved by the Court.

If you have any questions regarding foreign education evaluation, contact the **Office of Bar Admissions** of the Supreme Court of Ohio at 614.387.9340. Registration applications and requests for evaluation of foreign education should be mailed to the following address:

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