

### **Rule 3**

#### **Law Study Requirement**

- (a) The law study requirement for eligibility of an Applicant to take the Texas Bar Examination, unless otherwise provided by these Rules, is met by:
- (1) graduation with a J.D. degree or its equivalent from an approved law school;
  - (2) satisfaction of all requirements for graduation from an approved law school with a J.D. degree or its equivalent; or
  - (3) study of law in an approved law school or schools by satisfying all requirements for graduation with a J.D. degree or its equivalent, except for not more than four semester hours or its equivalent in quarter hours; provided, however, that no person shall be licensed to practice law until graduation or satisfaction of all requirements for graduation, unless specifically excepted hereunder. If an Applicant under this subsection has not graduated with a J.D. degree or satisfied all requirements for graduation within two years from the date that all parts of the bar examination are satisfactorily completed, the Applicant's examination scores shall be void.
- (b) If a law school was an approved law school when the Applicant enrolled, the law school is deemed to be an approved law school as to that Applicant for four years thereafter, regardless of its status when the Applicant graduated. If a law school was an approved law school when the Applicant graduated, the Applicant is deemed to be a graduate of an approved law school, regardless of the status of the school when the Applicant enrolled.
- (c) If an Applicant graduated from a law school that was not an approved law school when the Applicant enrolled and was not an approved law school when the Applicant graduated, the Applicant is not a graduate of an approved law school even if the law school later became or becomes an approved law school.