



IN THE
SUPREME COURT
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS SUPREME COURT RULES:
RULES OF ADMISSION

SUPREME COURT NO. 2013-ADM-0036-RUL

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

¶ 1 On May 27, 2013, the amendments to the *Northern Mariana Islands Supreme Court Rules: Rules of Admission* (“Rules”) became effective. The Rules purport to adopt the Uniform Bar Examination (“UBE”) and according to the Rules, the UBE will be the bar examination administered in this jurisdiction beginning in February 2014. The Rules anticipate reciprocity with other UBE jurisdictions; that is, scores earned in other jurisdictions which administer the UBE will be applicable in the Commonwealth and scores earned in the Commonwealth would be portable to other UBE jurisdictions. However, at this time, the Commonwealth does not recognize UBE scores earned in other UBE jurisdictions. Therefore, scores earned on the Commonwealth UBE are likewise not recognized by other UBE jurisdictions.

¶ 2 All portions of the UBE will still be administered in the Commonwealth in accordance with UBE standards and as described in the Rules. However, until such time that the Commonwealth agrees to reciprocity with other UBE jurisdictions, the National Conference of Bar Examiners will not identify scores earned on the Commonwealth UBE as portable to other jurisdictions.

¶ 3 Therefore, any portion of the Rules which purport to create a portable UBE score are hereby suspended. Further, any portion of the Rules which indicate that the Commonwealth is administering

the UBE to the extent that language represents portable scores and reciprocity, are also suspended.

ORDERED this 19th day of December, 2013.

/s/
ALEXANDRO C. CASTRO
Chief Justice

/s/
JOHN A. MANGLONA
Associate Justice

/s/
PERRY B. INOS
Associate Justice