

**TESTIMONY ON SCR 22
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON RULES
MAY 13, 2021**

**PRESENTED BY: ERIN M. PETTIGREW, ACCESS TO JUSTICE COUNSEL FOR
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS
OREGON JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

Chair Wagner, Vice Chair Girod, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Erin M. Pettigrew, Access to Justice Counsel for Legislative Affairs at the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD). I write regarding SCR 22 on behalf of the Oregon Judicial Department. The Oregon Supreme Court issued an order on May 6, 2021, regarding Mr. Robert Parker's admission. A copy of that order is included as attached. In summary, the order grants Mr. Parker's request to waive RFA 4.10 and FRA 8.10, and allows Mr. Parker's 1990 passing scores on the Oregon Bar Examination and the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination to satisfy the requirements imposed by RFA 8.10.

The matter now rests with the Board of Bar Examiners with a possible further recommendation to the court. Because Mr. Parker's request could come back to the Court following the character and fitness examination by the Board of Bar Examiners, we are not in a position to participate in today's hearing. If you have procedural questions, please let me know and I would be glad to assist.

Thank you for your time.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of the Petition for Waiver of an Oregon State Bar Rule.

ROBERT ROOSEVELT PARKER, JR.,
Applicant.

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Upon consideration of the court.

Applicant submitted a petition under Rules for Admission (RFA) 4.20, seeking waiver of RFA 4.10 and RFA 8.10 and admission to the Bar. The Board of Bar Examiners forwarded applicant's petition to the court and recommended appointing a special master to investigate applicant's allegations that his 1990 Bar application was mishandled.

The court denies the Board's recommendation to appoint a special master.

Considering the unique circumstances presented in the Board's consideration of applicant's 1990 Bar application, the court grants applicant's request to waive RFA 4.10 and RFA 8.10. The court therefore directs that applicant shall not be required to pay the fees imposed by RFA 4.10 and that applicant's 1990 passing scores on the Oregon Bar Examination and the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination shall satisfy the examination requirements imposed by RFA 8.10.

The court takes no action on applicant's request to be admitted to the Bar at this time. The court directs the Board to assess applicant's current character and fitness to practice law under the normal rules for such assessment. If applicant establishes the required character and fitness, the Board shall recommend terms of conditional admission needed to ensure applicant's competence to practice law.



MARTHA L. WALTERS
CHIEF JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT
5/6/2021 8:39 AM

c: Stephen M Scott
Oregon State Board of Bar Examiners

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