

# SUPREME COURT OF WISCONSIN

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In the matter of amendment of Supreme Court  
Rules 40.01 and 40.14 relating to application  
for bar admission

**FILED**

**SEP 22, 2011**

A. John Voelker  
Acting Clerk of  
Supreme Court  
Madison, WI

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On April 5, 2011, the Board of Bar Examiners (BBE) filed a petition seeking amendment of Supreme Court Rules (SCRs) 40.01 and 40.14. The petition proposes creating definitions for an "electronic application system" and for an "electronic signature." The petition also proposes that an electronic signature will be required for all those seeking to file an online application with the BBE.

The court solicited comments from interested parties and decided not to hold a public hearing. At open administrative conference on September 15, 2011, the court considered the proposal and voted to adopt the petition.

IT IS ORDERED that, effective the date of this order, the supreme court rules are amended as follows:

**SECTION 1.** 40.01 (1) (c) and (d) of the supreme court rules are created to read:

40.01 (1) (c) "Electronic application system" means a web-based system established by the board of bar examiners through which individuals may electronically file an original or amended application under this chapter.

(d) "Electronic signature" means an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or logically associated with an electronically-filed application that can be executed or adopted by the applicant with the intent to sign the application under oath or affirmation.

**SECTION 2.** 40.14 (2) (d) and (e) of the supreme court rules are created to read:

40.14 (2) (d) The application, together with the applicable fees, is submitted through the electronic application system to the board within the time specified for filing. Applications filed electronically must include the applicant's electronic signature, by which the applicant avers under oath or affirmation that the information contained in the application is true and correct.

(e) The application is submitted through the electronic application system to the board. Applications filed electronically must include the applicant's electronic signature, by which the applicant avers under oath or affirmation that the information contained in the application is true and correct. Both the submission of an application through the electronic application system and the payment of the applicable fees shall be within the time specified for filing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice of the amendment of SCRs 40.01 and 40.14 be given by a single publication of a copy of this order in

the official state newspaper and in an official publication of the State Bar of Wisconsin.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 22nd day of September, 2011.

BY THE COURT:

A. John Voelker  
Acting Clerk of Supreme Court

