

APPENDIX B

SELECTED TEXT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS WITH REASONS FOR CHANGE

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RULES REGULATING THE FLORIDA BAR

**CHAPTER 21 MILITARY SPOUSE AUTHORIZATION TO
ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW IN FLORIDA**

21-1 PREAMBLE

RULE 21-4.1 ACTIVITIES AND REQUIREMENT

(a) Generally. Except as provided elsewhere in this chapter, lawyers certified to practice law in Florida as military spouses are entitled to all privileges, rights, and benefits and subject to all duties, obligations, and responsibilities of members of ~~the~~The Florida Bar in good standing and eligible to practice law in Florida.

(b) Required Association with Florida Bar Member. [no change]

(c) Temporary Certification. A military spouse who has made application under this rule may be certified by the Supreme Court of Florida to act as a certified legal intern while the application for certification as a military spouse lawyer is pending. A military spouse applicant certified as a legal intern must be employed by or in a mentorship relationship with a member of The Florida Bar who is eligible to practice law in Florida. Certification as a legal intern will terminate on certification of the applicant as a military spouse lawyer or on denial of certification as a military spouse lawyer.

After study of this Court's referral of a request to consider amending chapter 21 to allow an applicant for military spouse certification to obtain temporary certification as a certified legal intern, the bar petitions this Court to amend rule 21-4.1 to add subdivision (c). The subdivision allows for temporary certification of a military spouse applicant while the application is pending. The requirement of employment or mentoring by a member of The Florida Bar in good standing who is eligible to practice law in Florida protects the public by providing for proper supervision of the military spouse applicant. The temporary certification terminates on either certification as a military spouse

	lawyer or denial of certification.
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