

RE: Proposal to Amend Rule 1.16(a) of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Hawai'i

*PROVIDING ALTERNATE METHODS FOR ESTABLISHING
PROOF OF GOOD CHARACTER AND FITNESS.*

The Supreme Court of Hawai'i seeks public comment regarding a proposed amendment to Rule 1.16(a) of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Hawai'i (RSCH) to allow applicants under that Rule to establish proof of good character and fitness to practice law, as required by RSCH Rule 1.3(c), by providing proof of licensure in another U.S. jurisdiction and proof of good standing in that other U.S. jurisdiction.

Comments about the proposed amendment should be submitted, in writing, **no later than Friday June 24, 2022**, to the Judiciary Communications & Community Relations Office, by mail to 417 South King Street, Honolulu, HI 96813, by facsimile to 539-4801, or via the [Judiciary's website](#).

Attachment

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE
RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAII**
(New material is underlined)

Rule 1. ADMISSION TO THE BAR.

1.16. Limited Admission of Attorneys Employed by Non-profit Organizations Providing Civil Legal Services to Economically Disadvantaged Persons.

(a) Employees. An attorney employed by a civil legal service provider recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (“Legal Service Provider”) that is eligible to receive funds from the Indigent Legal Assistance Fund, who has been admitted to practice by the highest court of another state, the District of Columbia, or a territory of the United States, and whose license to practice in that jurisdiction is active and who is a graduate of a law school approved by the American Bar Association Council on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar may apply for limited admission and be accorded limited admission without examination. In all other respects the application shall be made, adjudged, and conditioned as provided by Rules 1.3(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (h), (i), 1.4 and 1.5 of this Rule 1, except that good character and fitness may be established under Rule 1.3(c) of these Rules by submission of proof of licensure in another U.S. jurisdiction and proof of good standing from the relevant disciplinary authority in that jurisdiction.
