

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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IN RE: APPLICATION OF JUSTIN RAY)
JACKSON FOR ADMISSION TO THE) SCBD #5985
OKLAHOMA BAR ASSOCIATION)

MICHAEL S. RICHIE
CLERK

ORDER

The Court having reviewed the applicant's, Justin Ray Jackson, application for admission to practice law in the State of Oklahoma pursuant to Rule Two of the Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law in Oklahoma, 5 O.S. 2011, Ch. 1, App. 5, determines:

- 1) The parties have stipulated, and this Court agrees, that the applicant's character, respect for the law, and fitness to practice law are not at issue in this cause.
- 2) The applicant received his law degree in 2005 from the University of New Mexico Law School and was admitted to the practice of law in that non-reciprocal state in September of 2005. He has practiced law continuously since admission to the New Mexico Bar Association.
- 3) The applicant was admitted to the United States patent bar in May of 2007 and has primarily practiced in the area of intellectual property law, copyright, patent, and trademark filings. Much of this work occurred in the reciprocal jurisdiction of the District of Columbia.
- 4) The applicant grew up in Oklahoma and continues to have connections in this state. In either 2009 or 2010, the applicant contacted an employee of the Oklahoma Board of Bar Examiners inquiring as to how he might be admitted to the

Oklahoma Bar Association pursuant to Rule 2, Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law in Oklahoma, 5 O.S. 2011, Ch. 1, App. 5, without completing a bar examination.

- 5) The applicant was advised that he could seek admission by motion by becoming a member of the bar in the reciprocal jurisdiction of Washington, D.C. Relying on that information, the applicant: a) sought admission to the Washington, D.C. bar; b) sold personal property; c) entered into a one-year lease for a rental home in Jenks, Oklahoma; d) rented his New Mexico home at a loss; e) incurred moving expenses; and f) moved to Jenks, Oklahoma in March of 2011.
- 6) The applicant submitted his bar application to the Board of Bar Examiners on December 20, 2012. The application was subsequently denied.
- 7) In two recent causes, we have determined that practicing law for five of the last seven years in a nonreciprocal state was insufficient to enter into the practice of law in Oklahoma without taking the bar examination. Neither of those causes contained the unique facts presented here.
- 8) Where much of the practice occurred in the reciprocal state of Washington, D.C. and in the federal arena, and where the applicant received advice which caused him to make substantial life decisions based on a belief that he would be allowed to practice law in Oklahoma without completing a bar examination, we determine that the applicant should be allowed to enter into the practice of law pursuant to Rule 2, Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law in Oklahoma, 5 O.S. 2011, Ch. 1, App. 5.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the application of Justin Ray Jackson to be admitted to the practice of law in the State

of Oklahoma under Rule Two is hereby granted based upon the unusual and unique facts presented by this cause.

DONE BY ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT IN CONFERENCE THIS
17th DAY OF JUNE, 2013.



CHIEF JUSTICE

COLBERT, C.J., REIF, V.C.J., WATT, EDMONDSON, COMBS, JJ. – CONCUR
KAUGER, WINCHESTER, TAYLOR, GURICH, JJ. – CONCUR IN RESULT