

SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of the Application ) Arizona Supreme Court  
Of ) No. SB-10-0033-PR  
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PARIS DRYDEN, )  
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) **O R D E R**  
Applicant. )  
\_\_\_\_\_ ) **FILED 05/20/2010**

The Court has received from Applicant Paris Dryden a letter of "application under 36(g) of the Rules of the Supreme Court for admission" to the State Bar of Arizona. The letter is supported by an affidavit and other documents. Mr. Dryden seeks, at a minimum, waiver of the application requirement in Arizona Supreme Court Rule 34(b)(1) that applicants for admission to the Arizona Bar have graduated with a juris doctor degree from a law school accredited by the American Bar Association (ABA).<sup>1</sup>

This Court may waive the requirements of its rules, but must be satisfied that an applicant who has attended a foreign law school has received a legal education that is the substantial equivalent of the education one would receive at a law school approved by the ABA. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide convincing evidence of the substantial equivalence of the legal education he received. Based on the documentation provided by Applicant, he has failed to meet his burden. Accordingly,

**IT IS ORDERED** that Applicant's request for review of the denial of his application in its present form is denied without prejudice; Applicant may reapply for admission by supplementing or superseding his original application.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that in the event Applicant elects to reapply for admission to the practice of law in the State of Arizona under Rule 34, such application must be in the form supplied by the Committee on Character and Fitness.

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<sup>1</sup> From his letter, the court cannot discern whether Mr. Dryden desires to sit for the Arizona Bar Examination or whether he seeks full admission without complying with the requirements of Rule 38(h), admission on motion.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that in any reapplication, the Application shall document whether he has been awarded an undergraduate degree independent of and prior to entering University of Birmingham, Birmingham Law School; identify all coursework Applicant completed for his LLB for Graduates at Birmingham Law School and for his LLM in International Commercial Law at the University of Westminster, including grades or evaluations for all such courses; and demonstrate whether the coursework during his three years of legal studies at Birmingham Law School and University of Westminster provides a legal education that is the equivalent of a juris doctor degree awarded by a law school approved by the ABA.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that if Applicant elects to reapply for admission and supplies the necessary documentation in the appropriate form, the Committee on Character and Fitness shall make specific findings to support its decision on his application.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2010.

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REBECCA WHITE BERCH  
Chief Justice

TO:  
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Paris Dryden

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