Chapter 84A.

Foreign Legal Consultants.

§ 84A-1. License to practice as a foreign legal consultant.

(a) The North Carolina Supreme Court may issue a license to practice in the form of a certificate of registration as a foreign legal consultant to any applicant who satisfies all of the following requirements:

(1) Has been admitted to practice as an attorney, or the equivalent thereof, in a foreign country for at least five years as of the date of application for a certificate of registration;

(2) Possesses the character, ethical, and moral qualifications required of a member of the North Carolina State Bar;

(3) Intends to practice in the State as a foreign legal consultant and intends to maintain an office in the State for this practice;

(4) Is at least 21 years of age;

(5) Has been actively and substantially engaged in the practice of law or a profession or occupation that requires admission to the practice of law, or the equivalent thereof, in the foreign country in which the applicant holds a license for at least five of the seven years immediately preceding the date of application for a certificate of registration and is in good standing as an attorney, or the equivalent thereof, in that country; and

(6) Obtains a certificate of registration as a foreign legal consultant pursuant to G.S. 84A-3.

(b) An applicant is not required to take an examination to be licensed under this Chapter.

(c) As used in this section, "foreign country" means any country other than the United States of America. "Foreign country" includes Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and the possessions of the United States. (1995, c. 427, s. 1.)