IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE AT NASHVILLE

MAXIMILIANO GABRIEL GLUZMAN v. TENNESSEE BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS

Appeal from the Tennessee Board of Law Examiners No. 16-P-04

No. M2016-02462-SC-BAR-BLE

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ORDER

On February 9, 2016, the Tennessee Board of Law Examiners ("BLE") denied the petitioner, Maximiliano Gabriel Gluzman, permission to take the February 2016 Tennessee bar examination on the basis that he had not satisfied section 7.01 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 7. Mr. Gluzman filed a petition for review with the BLE, but, after a hearing, the BLE issued an order on October 13, 2016, denying Mr. Gluzman's petition, again citing his failure to satisfy the requirements of Rule 7, section 7.01. Thereafter, Mr. Gluzman timely filed a petition for review in this Court pursuant to Rule 7, section 14.01. We granted Mr. Gluzman's petition on January 26, 2017; thereafter, the BLE filed the administrative record in this Court. After the parties filed their briefs, Mr. Gluzman notified this Court of his wish to waive oral argument and submit the matter for decision on briefs, explaining that he intends to sit for the February 2018 Tennessee bar examination should he prevail in this Court.

Upon consideration of the briefs and the entire record in this cause, and in the exercise of our discretion as the "ultimate authority on the interpretation of the rules governing attorney licensing and admission" and pursuant to our "plenary power to review the actions of the BLE in interpreting and applying those rules," <u>Chong v. Tenn. Bd. of Law Examiners</u>, 481 S.W.3d 609, 610 (Tenn. 2015), we conclude that the requirements of section 7.01 should not be applied to preclude Mr. Gluzman from taking the Tennessee bar examination. As a result, the BLE may not hereafter rely upon section 7.01 of Rule 7 as a basis to deny Mr. Gluzman permission to take the Tennessee bar examination. Costs of this appeal are assessed one-half to Mr. Gluzman and one-half to the BLE. <u>See</u> Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 7, § 14.02.

It is so ORDERED.