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Kansas Supreme Court accepting public comment on proposed amendments to Rule 712

Amendments will allow attorneys with restricted licenses who work for a single employer to provide specified pro bono services.

TOPEKA—The Kansas Supreme Court is accepting public comment on [proposed changes to Rule 712](#) that will allow an attorney who performs legal services for a single employer to provide pro bono legal services through an organization the Supreme Court has approved for that purpose.

The court will accept comment until 5 p.m. Thursday, July 19. Comment may be made by email to rulenotice@kscourts.org with "Rule 712" in the subject line.

Rule 712 currently allows an attorney who has passed another state's bar exam to work for a single employer under a restricted license without taking a Kansas examination.

If adopted, proposed amendments to this rule will allow attorneys with Rule 712 licenses to perform pro bono services through either a not-for-profit civil legal services provider, or an accredited law school clinic, as long as the provider or clinic has been approved by the Supreme Court for that purpose.

Pro bono services are professional services provided by lawyers without payment.

The proposed amended rule is available for review on the Kansas Supreme Court website at www.kscourts.org under the heading *What's New*.

The Supreme Court regulates the practice of law in Kansas through its authority to admit persons to practice as attorneys in the courts of Kansas, to prescribe rules to supervise attorney conduct, and to discipline attorneys. It also approves rules of procedure and practice used throughout state courts in Kansas.

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