A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend title 4 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 3-3 and 3-40, by adding a new chapter 3 concerning admission to practice before the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

Section 1. Title 4 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby further amended by the addition of a new section 301 of chapter 3 to read as follows:

"Section 301. Rules for admission to practice. The Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia may adopt rules governing admission to practice before the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia; PROVIDED, however, that such rules must be consistent with this chapter. Any such rules which took effect prior to this chapter becoming law shall, to the extent they are not in conflict with this chapter, remain in full force and effect unless and until amended or repealed by court order or law."

Section 2. Title 4 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby further amended by the addition of a new section 302 of chapter 3 to read as follows:

"Section 302. Law school graduation requirement.

(1) Unless one of the exceptions contained in subsections (2) and (3) of this section are applicable, no person may be admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia unless he has graduated from a law school whose graduates are entitled, upon fulfillment of requirements generally applicable in that jurisdiction for graduates of accredited law schools, to admission as attorneys to practice in the jurisdiction where the law school is located."
(2) Subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to persons seeking to appear only in a particular case.

(3) Subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to any person admitted to practice before the Supreme Court prior to the effective date of this act so long as such person continuously maintains his eligibility to practice before the Supreme Court.

Section 3. This act shall become law upon approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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