

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

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**VIOLAINE PANASCI v. TENNESSEE BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS**

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**No. M2022-00609-SC-WR-CV**

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**ORDER**

On March 10, 2022, the Tennessee Board of Law Examiners (“BLE”) denied Violaine Panasci’s application for admission to the Tennessee bar by transferred UBE score after concluding that she did not meet the requirements for foreign-educated applicants. Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 7, § 7.01(a). On May 6, 2022, Ms. Panasci filed a petition for certiorari seeking relief from “the strict operation of section 7.01(a).” On June 6, 2022, the State filed a response asserting the BLE properly denied admission, and acknowledging that this Court may waive the requirements of section 7.01(a).

On July 7, 2022, this Court ordered the Clerk of the Appellate Courts to issue fiat for the filing of the record. The record reveals that Ms. Panasci received her initial legal education in Canada, later received an LL.M. from Pace University, and was admitted to the New York bar in 2021. Ms. Panasci’s score on the UBE exceeds the score required in Tennessee for admission.

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,” *Chong v. Tenn. Bd. of Law Examiners*, 481 S.W.3d 609, 610 (Tenn. 2015), we conclude that based on Ms. Panasci’s legal education and UBE score, the requirements of section 7.01(a) should not preclude her admission to practice law in Tennessee by transferred UBE score. As a result, Ms. Panasci’s application for admission should not be denied based on the requirements of section 7.01 of Rule 7. Costs of this appeal are assessed to the BLE. *See* Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 7, § 14.02.

PER CURIAM