

## *In re Purisima* and the Competence and Character Requirement of Membership in the Bar

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The Supreme Court, as the body constitutionally responsible for determining the fitness of candidates for admission to the Bar, have observably set down a spectrum by which individual cases are decided. This Comment examines the case of *In re Purisima* where Mark Purisima's petition for admission for the bar sets down the path which the Court has forged in its continuing mandate. In analyzing the case, the Authors discuss the rules governing the character and competency requirement and surveys existing jurisprudence on the requirements of competence and character. Thereafter, an analysis of the case vis-à-vis the statutory requirements and previous jurisprudence is given. In its conclusion, the Authors advocate that the competence and character requirement be examined and proffer that decisions must not only be based on the facts and circumstances attendant to every individual case but that they must be based on principles and policies that imbue the law with a purpose.