

**TITLE 1: GOVERNMENT**  
**DIVISION 3: JUDICIAL BRANCH**

**§ 3303. Qualifications of Judges and Justices.**

At the time of appointment, a judge or justice of the Commonwealth shall be a citizen or national of the United States and shall possess the following additional qualifications:

(a) Shall have been graduated from an English-speaking accredited law school and have been admitted to practice in the Commonwealth or in the highest appellate court of a state, territory or possession of the United States;

(b) Shall have practiced law for a minimum of five years or served as a judge of a court of record which has jurisdiction comparable to or greater than the civil or criminal jurisdiction of the Commonwealth Superior Court for a minimum of three years;

(c) Shall not have been convicted of a felony in the Commonwealth, or in any other area under the jurisdiction of the United States; and

(d) Shall have attained the age of 35 years.

**Source:** PL 6-25, § 3, ch. 3 (§ 3303).

**Commission Comment:** See N.M.I. Const. art. IV, § 4, concerning appointment and qualifications of Commonwealth jurists.