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Senior Judicial Officers Can Step Across State Borders Without the 3-Year Bar Practice Rule

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The country's highest court has sketched a sharp boundary in the ongoing debate over eligibility norms for judicial appointments. Those who entered the judicial ranks before the major ruling of May 20, 2025—when the three-year bar practice requirement was resurrected—are not trapped by that rule if they wish to shift to another State's judicial service.

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