

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA

19-20/118

In re: July 2020 Alabama Bar Examination

ORDER

The Court having considered the COVID-19 pandemic, and its potential impact on applicants for the July 2020 administration of the Alabama Bar Exam,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Alabama State Bar comply with any public health restrictions in place on the dates of administration of the July 2020 Alabama Bar Examination ("the July examination"), and take any other necessary precautions during administration of the exam;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Alabama State Bar shall administer an alternate Alabama Bar Examination, beginning on September 30, 2020 ("the September examination"). An administrative schedule and deadlines associated with the September examination shall be announced by the Alabama State Bar;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any individual who has applied for the July 2020 Alabama Bar Examination in accordance with Rule II.C or Rule II.E of the Rules Governing Admission to the Alabama State Bar (hereafter "applicant" or "applicants") shall file a declaration of the examination (July or September) for which the applicant is seeking admission ("the declared examination"). Such declaration shall be on a form prescribed by the Alabama State Bar and filed with the Alabama State Bar on or before July 21, 2020. Any applicant who fails to file said declaration by the deadline provided herein shall be considered for admission to the July examination only.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicants shall be eligible for the following temporary exceptions to the Rules Governing Admission to the Alabama State Bar:

1. Applicants shall have the opportunity to postpone their application from the declared examination to the February 2021 Alabama Bar Examination. Any such postponement must be made in accordance with the

- provisions of Rule II.G of the Rules Governing Admission to the Alabama State Bar, provided that no postponement fee is required and applicants who postponed an application from the February 2020 Alabama Bar Examination are eligible for an additional postponement;
2. An applicant who has earned an acceptable transfer or carry over score in accordance with Rules VI(B).C(2)-(4) of the Rules Governing Admission to the Alabama State Bar, may elect to use the score for either the declared examination or the February 2021 Alabama Bar Examination, provided that the score is not outdated prior to the July 2020 Alabama Bar Examination. Any transferred or carried over score that is used for the declared examination and becomes outdated prior to the February 2021 Alabama Bar Examination shall be deemed unacceptable for the February 2021 Alabama Bar Examination;
 3. An applicant who has earned an acceptable Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) score in accordance with Rule VI(B).E of the Rules Governing Admission to the Alabama State Bar, shall be permitted to use the score for either the declared examination or the February 2021 Alabama Bar Examination, provided that the score is not outdated prior to the July 2020 Alabama Bar Examination. Any MPRE score that is used for the declared examination and becomes outdated prior to the February 2021 Alabama Bar Examination shall be deemed unacceptable for the February 2021 Alabama Bar Examination;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicants who fail to achieve a passing score on the July examination shall not be considered for admission to the September examination, but said applicants shall be given the opportunity to re-apply for the February 2021 Alabama Bar Examination in accordance with the provisions of Rule II.F of the Rules Governing Admission to the Alabama State Bar;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicants shall be eligible to participate as student interns, as defined by the Alabama

Rule for Legal Internship by Law Students, by satisfying all requirements of said rule, with the following temporary exceptions:

1. Applicants shall not be required to satisfy the law student registration requirement of Rule I.A of the Rules Governing Admission to the Alabama State Bar;
2. An applicant shall be permitted to participate as a student intern until the earlier of: (1) the applicant's date of admission to the Alabama State Bar; or (2) the date of release of results of the February 2021 bar exam.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the provisions contained herein shall supersede the provisions of Order 19-20/094, as entered by this Court on May 8, 2020.

Parker, C.J., and Bolin, Shaw, Wise, Bryan, Sellers, Mendheim, Stewart, and Mitchell, JJ., concur.

Witness my hand this 12th day of July, 2020.



Clerk, Supreme Court of Alabama

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