



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA

May 14, 2026

ORDER

WHEREAS Rule VI(B)A.(1) of the Rules Governing Admission to the Alabama State Bar provides that the Academic Bar Examination shall consist of the Uniform Bar Examination ("the UBE"), which is prepared by the National Conference of Bar Examiners ("the NCBE"); and

WHEREAS Rule VI(B)C.(1) of the Rules Governing Admission to the Alabama State Bar provides that "[a]n examinee who achieves a total UBE score of 260 or above passes the Academic Bar Examination"; and

WHEREAS, under Rule VI(B)C.(6) of the Rules Governing Admission to the Alabama State Bar, "[a]n applicant who has taken the entire UBE in a single administration in another jurisdiction and earned a total UBE scaled score of 260 or above may transfer his or her UBE score and be excused from taking the UBE in Alabama, provided that the applicant otherwise satisfies the requirements of these Rules applicable to applicants seeking admission by examination"; and

WHEREAS the NCBE is replacing the UBE with the NextGen Bar Examination, which some jurisdictions will begin to administer as early as July 2026; and

WHEREAS the NextGen Bar Examination will utilize a 750-point scale, as compared to the UBE's 400-point scale; and

WHEREAS this Court will set the score required to pass the NextGen Bar Examination in Alabama in advance of the exam's first administration in Alabama in July 2028;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, until this Court sets the score required to pass the NextGen Bar Examination in Alabama, any applicant who has taken the entire NextGen Bar Examination in a single administration in another jurisdiction and earned a total scaled score



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entitling the applicant to admission in that jurisdiction may transfer his or her score and be excused from taking the UBE in Alabama, provided that the applicant otherwise satisfies the requirements of Rule VI(B)C.(6) for applicants seeking to transfer a UBE Score and all other provisions of these Rules that are applicable to applicants seeking admission by examination.

Stewart, C.J., and Shaw, Wise, Bryan, Sellers, Mendheim, Cook, McCool, and Parker, JJ., concur.

Witness my hand and seal this 14th day of May, 2026.

Megan B. Rhodeseck

**Clerk of Court,
Supreme Court of Alabama**

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