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The Supreme Court of South Carolina

RE: Admission of Persons to Practice Law During the Coronavirus Emergency

ORDER

During the coronavirus emergency, no admission ceremonies will be held. Instead, a person eligible for admission shall execute the Lawyer's Oath before a notary and return the completed Lawyer's Oath to the Office of Bar Admissions. Upon receipt of a properly completed Lawyer's Oath, the Office of Bar Admissions shall notify the person, and the person may engage in the practice of law in South Carolina upon receipt of this notification.

This Court is aware that persons eligible for admission may have difficulty appearing before a notary during the current emergency. Accordingly, the following certification may used in place of appearing before a notary:

> I swear or affirm that I will comply with the Lawyer's Oath set forth above.
> I understand that by signing this certification I will be bound by this Lawyer's Oath as if it had been taken and executed before a notary.

In correspondence or other notice to persons eligible for admission, the Clerk of this Court may provide additional guidance regarding the completion and return of the Lawyer's Oath, and payment of any fees.

This order is effective immediately. It shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded by this Court.

s/Donald W. Beatty C.J.
s/John W. Kittredge J.
s/Kaye G. Hearn J.
s/John Cannon Few J.
s/George C. James, Jr. J.

Columbia, South Carolina
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