**Supreme Court**

In re Article II of the Supreme Court Rules :
(Response to COVID-19) :

**O R D E R**

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the extraordinary circumstances that have arisen as a result, the Court orders as follows:

The requirement in Article II, Rule 8 that persons admitted to the Rhode Island Bar shall take the attorney's oath before a Justice of the Supreme Court is suspended. Until further order of the Court, every person who is admitted as an attorney shall execute the attorney's oath on the form prescribed by the Clerk and shall file the executed form on the Rhode Island Supreme Court Attorney Portal (RISCAP) as an Amendment to Petition for Admission to the Rhode Island Bar.

The requirement in Article II that petitions for admission and supporting documentation must be notarized is suspended. Until further order of the Court, persons applying for admission to the Rhode Island Bar may submit documentation that is part of the petition for admission without executing the notary clause contained thereon. Documents so filed will be deemed to satisfy the requirement in Article II that petitions for admission be filed under oath. Applicants may be required to execute further documentation to verify the accuracy of information at a later date.

At this time applicants may be unable to obtain documentation required in support of admission to the Rhode Island Bar. The Clerk, the Board of Bar Examiners, the Committee on Character and Fitness, and bar admissions staff shall make reasonable allowances, as the case may be, to assist applicants in their pursuit of admission under these circumstances.

Entered as an Order of this Court this ***18th*** day of ***March 2020***.

/s/
Suttell, C. J.

/s/
Goldberg, J.

/s/
Flaherty, J.

/s/
Robinson, J.

/s/
Indeglia, J.