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THE SUPREME COURT OF WASHINGTON

ORDER AUTHORIZING REMOTE LICENSING EXAMINATIONS AND AMENDING APR 4 TO REDUCE PASSING SCORE FOR UNIFORM BAR EXAMINATION IN FEBRUARY 2021	)	**ORDER** NO. 25700-B-651

WHEREAS, the Court recognizes the extraordinary barriers applicants for the February 2021 legal licensing examinations are facing due to the continued COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Court recognizes the challenges of administering an in-person examination to a large group of examinees while complying with health and safety protocols to alleviate risks to the applicants and WSBA staff associated during a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Court recognizes that APR 4(a) authorizes the WSBA to conduct examinations and that those examinations have traditionally been administered in-person;

Now, therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED:

1. The WSBA is authorized to conduct the February 2021 administration of legal licensing examinations for admission using remote testing software.
2. The WSBA has the discretion to require an applicant to take an in-person examination in the unusual and rare circumstances that remote testing would be impractical or unreasonable.

3. Any applicant for a February 2021 examination may request to transfer the application to the Summer 2021 administration of that examination without the need to pay additional application fees. The WSBA has the discretion to determine the timeline for applicants to request the transfer of their application to the Summer 2021 administration.
4. The WSBA will provide reasonable and necessary accommodations for applicants taking the examinations in February 2021 in accordance with the Admissions Policies of the Washington State Bar Association, and will provide applicants in Washington who do not have a reliable internet connection or a suitable place for taking an exam with location assistance as needed to take an examination using remote testing software. The WSBA has the discretion to determine the timeline for applicants to request location assistance.
5. APR 4(d)(1) is temporarily modified for the lawyer bar examination to be administered in Washington State in February 2021, to allow for a UBE minimum passing score of 266; the UBE minimum passing score of 266 also applies to applicants transferring a February 2021 UBE score from another jurisdiction.

This order applies to all lawyer, LLLT and LPO applicants who have already timely submitted an application for Washington admission by examination for the February 2021 administration.

DATED at Olympia, Washington this 3rd day of December, 2020.

Stgnec, C. J.
CHIEF JUSTICE