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In the Iowa Supreme Court

In the Matter of the Administration of the July 2020 Iowa Bar Examination	)))	**Order**

The Iowa Supreme Court recognizes the unprecedented situation applicants for the July 2020 Iowa Bar Examination face due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to alleviate some of the applicants' concerns, the court is ordering the following in relation to the July 2020 administration of the bar exam in Iowa.

At present, the July 2020 Iowa Bar will be administered as scheduled on July 28–29, 2020, with a mandatory orientation on July 27. The court is committed to having the July 2020 bar examination administered as scheduled to avoid delays in licensing if at all possible. The court will continue to monitor the situation to ensure the exam can be administered in compliance with public-health directives and recommendations to protect the health and safety of examinees and staff.

In the event the July 2020 Iowa Bar Examination is postponed, the examination will be held September 9–10, 2020, with a mandatory orientation on September 8. Applicable Iowa Court Rules will be temporarily amended as needed upon postponement of the July examination.

If the bar examination is not administered in July 2020, applicants who have made timely application under Iowa Court Rule 31.5 for that examination will be given the option to transfer the July 2020 application and fee to either the postponed examination in the fall of 2020 or to the February 2021 Iowa Bar Examination on or before a deadline set by the Board of Law Examiners (board).

If the July 2020 examination cannot be administered and the postponed fall examination also cannot be administered, applications and fees paid to the board will be transferred to the February 2021 examination automatically unless the applicant requests a refund of the fee paid to the board on or before a deadline to be set by the board.

The latest updates regarding the administration of the July 2020 bar examination can be found at the following announcement page: https://www.iowacourts.gov/opr/attorneys/admissions. If applicants have any questions related to the exam after reviewing the announcement page, they should send an email to bar.admissions@iowacourts.gov.

Dated this _6th____ day of May, 2020.

The Iowa Supreme Court

By

Susan Larson Christensen, Chief Justice

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