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Delaware Supreme Court adopts limited practice privilege for 2020 Bar Applicants

Court's order will allow many law school graduates who were unable to take the Bar Exam due to the pandemic to begin their legal careers in Delaware while waiting to sit for the 2021 Bar Exam

The Delaware Supreme Court today adopted a limited practice privilege order that will allow many of the applicants for the 2020 Delaware Bar Exam to start their legal careers pending the administration of the 2021 Delaware Bar Exam. This extraordinary measure is designed to ameliorate the hardships that candidates for admission to the Delaware Bar face after the cancellation of the 2020 Bar Exam. Under the Order, eligible applicants may engage in a variety of legal activities, including court appearances, under the supervision of an experienced Delaware lawyer until the 2021 Delaware Bar Exam is administered.

Eligible applicants may apply to the Board of Bar Examiners for a Certificate of Limited Practice. To qualify, applicants must not have failed the Delaware Bar Exam on two or more occasions and must pass a character and fitness investigation. Additional details on eligibility and the terms of the limited practice are included in the Order.

"The Court expresses its appreciation to the Board of Bar Examiners for developing the interim practice privilege. It is our hope that many Delaware Bar applicants can take advantage of this opportunity and get started with their legal careers while we continue to deal with the COVID 19 pandemic," said Chief Justice Collins J. Seitz, Jr.

Details of the limited practice rule have been provided directly to the 2020 Delaware Bar Applicants and the rule has been posted on the Delaware Courts website at https://courts.delaware.gov/rules/pdf/OrderCertifiedLimitedPracticePrivilege2020.pdf.