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**In the Iowa Supreme Court**

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| **In the Matter of the February 2021 Iowa Bar Examination** | ) | **Order** |

In light of the continued presence of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Iowa Supreme Court is ordering the following in relation to the February 2021 Iowa Bar Examination in order to protect the health and safety of examinees and staff.

The February 2021 Iowa Bar Examination will be limited to 200 total applicants. Those applicants who demonstrate a bona fide intent to be admitted to practice law in Iowa will be given first priority for registering for the exam. If there is additional room for applicants seeking courtesy seating for the exam who do not intend to be admitted in Iowa, those additional applicants will be permitted to register for the exam based on the order their applications were received by the Office of Professional Regulation until the 200-registrant capacity has been reached. Applicants who are not permitted to register based upon the seating capacity being reached will not be charged for submitting their applications and will be notified as soon as practicable by the Office of Professional Regulation that they will not be registered to sit for the February 2021 exam.

Iowa Court Rule 31.6 was previously modified to give those applicants who registered for the July 2020 Iowa Bar Examination the option to defer their fees to the February 2021 administration of the exam. Iowa Court Rule 31.6 is temporarily modified to permit those applicants who registered for the July 2020 Iowa Bar Examination and who chose to defer their fees to the February 2021 administration of the exam to further defer their fees to the July 2021 Iowa Bar Examination. That rule is additionally temporarily modified to allow applicants who successfully register for the February 2021 Iowa Bar Examination the option to defer their fees to the July 2021 Iowa Bar Examination if they withdraw their applications prior to the February 2021 examination. In the event an applicant has his or her July 2020 or February 2021 application fee deferred to the July

2021 exam, a new, complete application must be filed with the Office of Professional Regulation in accordance with the deadline set forth in Iowa Court Rule 31.5(2). The portion of Iowa Court Rule 31.6 providing that bar application fees are nonrefundable remains in effect.

Iowa Court Rule 31.3(1)(*a*) is temporarily modified to allow the mandatory orientation session to be held remotely at the discretion of the Iowa Board of Law Examiners. The remainder of the examination will be administered in-person as previously scheduled.

Dated this __9th___ day of October, 2020.

**The Iowa Supreme Court**

By _____
Susan Larson Christensen, Chief Justice

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