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Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners Announces that July 2021 Bar Exam Will Be Remote and that Pennsylvania Will Adopt the UBE in 2022

Harrisburg – The Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners has announced plans for the July 2021 bar exam and for a change in the bar exam effective with the July 2022 bar exam.

First, due to the ongoing global pandemic, the Board recommended and the Supreme Court has approved administering the July 2021 bar exam remotely. The Board most recently held a remote exam in October 2020 and will do so again February 22-24, 2021. Registration for the July 2021 exam will open on February 15, 2021. More information about the July 2021 exam is available on the Board's website (link is https://www.pabarexam.org/bar_exam_information/721ExamInfo.htm).

In addition, the Board has recommended and the Supreme Court has approved Pennsylvania's adoption effective with the July 2022 exam of the Uniform Bar Exam (UBE) provided by the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE).

"Because the UBE is uniformly administered, applicants earn a portable score they can transfer from one UBE jurisdiction to another," said Board Chair David R. Fine. "That portability is helpful to applicants who can then more readily seek employment in more than one jurisdiction."

Under the supervision of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, the Board of Law Examiners recommends individuals who have demonstrated the competency and requisite character necessary to become a member of the Pennsylvania Bar.

Through its work, the Board helps to preserve the integrity of the legal system, and protects all individuals seeking legal representation from unethical or incompetent lawyers. The Board emphasizes the importance of professional responsibility and character in the legal profession, and evaluates the likelihood of an aspiring lawyer's ability to uphold, and commit to, the standards of the profession.

More information about the Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners and the Pennsylvania bar exam is available on the Board website.

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