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THE SUPREME COURT OF WASHINGTON

ORDER AUTHORIZING REMOTE EXAMINATIONS FOR THE JULY 2021 LEGAL LICENSING EXAMINATIONS	**ORDER** NO. 25700-B-661

WHEREAS, the Court recognizes the extraordinary barriers applicants for the July 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 Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) staff during a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the WSBA has requested that the Court make a determination whether the July 2021 examinations will be held remotely so that applicants for the July exams have an opportunity to know the examination conditions prior to registering for the exams, and so that the WSBA can begin preparations for the examinations; 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, the Court unanimously voted to enter the following order:

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The WSBA is authorized to conduct the July 2021 administration of legal licensing exams for admission using remote testing software. Because the examinations are being administered remotely, examinees will not be permitted to handwrite the exam except in cases where handwriting is granted as a reasonable accommodation due to a disability.
2. The WSBA has the discretion to require an applicant to take an in-person exam in the unusual and rare circumstances that remote testing would be impractical or unreasonable.
3. Any applicant for a July 2021 examination may request to transfer their application to the Winter 2022 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 Winter 2022 administration of the examination.
4. The WSBA will provide reasonable and necessary accommodations for applicants taking the examinations in July 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 July 2021, to allow for a UBE minimum passing score of 266; the UBE minimum passing score of 266 also applies to applicants transferring a July 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 July 2021

administration, or who submit a subsequent timely application, or an application under the late filing rules.

DATED at Olympia, Washington this 5th day of March, 2021.

González C.J.
CHIEF JUSTICE