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04/22/2020

EFFECTIVE DATE:

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In light of the postponement of the July 2020 administration of the bar examination in Massachusetts because of urgent health concerns due to the COVID 19 virus, the Supreme Judicial Court, pursuant to its rulemaking authority, issues the following order regarding S.J.C. Rule 3:03 (/supreme-judicial-court-rules/supreme-judicial-court-rule-303-legal-assistance-to-the-commonwealth):

Effective April 22, 2020, the provision of S.J.C. Rule 3:03(9) (/supreme-judicial-court-rules/supreme-judicial-court-rule-303-legal-assistance-to-the-commonwealth#-9-) that restricts the application of Rule 3:03 (/supreme-judicial-court-rules/supreme-judicial-court-rule-303-legal-assistance-to-the-commonwealth) to students whose right to appear commenced at least three months prior to graduation from law school shall not apply to students who graduate from Massachusetts law schools in the spring of 2020. The Massachusetts law school deans are hereby authorized to file at any time before graduation the student practitioner certification request form for spring. 2020 law graduates with the approvals required by Rule 3:03 (/supreme-judicial-court-rules/supreme-judicial-court-rule-303-legal-assistance-to-the-commonwealth). All other provisions of Rule 3:03 shall apply.

This Order shall be effective on April 22, 2020, and remain in effect until further order of the court.

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