IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:	)	
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AUTHORIZING A MODIFICATION	)	Administrative Order
OF COURT RULES DURING A	)	No. 2020 - 51
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY	)	
	)	

Due to concern for the spread of COVID-19 in the general population, the Governor of the State of Arizona has declared a statewide emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303 and in accordance with A.R.S. §26-301(15). Cooperation by the Judicial Branch of government being essential to reducing the risks associated with this public health emergency, now, therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Sections 3 and 5, of the Arizona Constitution,

The Arizona Judicial Branch remains open to serve the public. Nevertheless, given the current emergency, and in the interest of protecting the public, certain limitations and changes in the rules regarding the Admission to Practice of Law are necessary.

Therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3 and 5, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that Rule 32(e)(2), Rules of the Supreme Court, requiring members of the Committee on Character and Fitness to attend the informal inquiry in person are modified to permit telephonic or other electronic attendance;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that members of the Committee on Character and Fitness who are serving as panel members for hearings held pursuant to Rule 32(f), Rules of the Supreme Court may attend such hearings telephonically or by other electronic attendance;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the time period in Rule 34(n)(1)(A) and (B) requiring the completion of the Professionalism Course within one year is modified to reflect that for those whose compliance date is between March 20, 2020 and August 31, 2020, the time for completion is extended to December 31, 2020.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the chair of the Committee on Character and Fitness may be permitted to amend terms of conditional admission to address circumstances and meet concerns caused by the Corona virus for the duration of the health emergency.

Dated this 20th day of March, 2020.

ROBERT BRUTINEL
Chief Justice