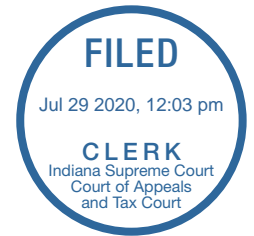


# In the Indiana Supreme Court

In the Matter of the August 2020 Indiana  
Bar Examination.

Supreme Court Case No.  
20S-CB-00300



## Order on Indiana Bar Examination

As a result of the public health emergency relating to the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19), this Court on May 7, 2020, issued an order directing the Indiana State Board of Law Examiners to administer a one-day remote bar examination on Tuesday, July 28, 2020. To protect the integrity of the exam, the vendor used for laptop testing on in-person bar examinations was to modify its software to allow for remote, live-stream monitoring of the exam.

After repeated and unforeseen technical complications with the testing software, the Court postponed the exam until Tuesday, August 4, 2020, to allow additional time to complete promised fixes to the software. Despite these efforts, technical complications persist, preventing even an effective live test of the updated testing software.

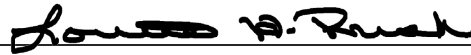
The Court now finds that it is not possible to administer the remote bar exam on August 4 using the format promised by the vendor. Any further effort to test the testing software or to continue the exam a second time would be a disservice to applicants. The Court further finds that the pandemic conditions continue to prevent a large-scale, in-person examination of all applicants currently registered for the exam. There remains, however, an urgent and pressing need for new attorneys to begin practicing to support the State and Hoosiers across the spectrum of the legal profession; but that need must be balanced with this Court's obligation to ensure new attorneys are duly qualified and competent to represent clients.

Being duly advised, the Court ORDERS as follows:

1. The August 4, 2020, exam will be in an open-book format, with no live monitoring or proctoring. Applicants will receive the exam questions by email and submit responses by email, to an address established by the Indiana Board of Law Examiners.
2. Applicants, except those already eligible for non-standard accommodations allowing for additional time, will receive the exam questions and submit responses on the following schedule:
  - a. 8:25 a.m. (EDT): Short answer questions received.
  - b. 11:30 a.m. (EDT): Short answer responses submitted.
  - c. 12:40 p.m. (EDT): Essay examination questions received.
  - d. 4:45 p.m. (EDT): Essay examination responses submitted.

3. Applicants may use outside materials to complete the exam but are prohibited from seeking or accepting assistance from any other individual during the exam.
4. Applicants who violate Paragraph 3 of this order shall fail the exam and will be prohibited from sitting for any future Indiana bar examination for a period of five years, and will be subject to other potential sanctions including, but not limited to, being found in contempt of this Court or facing discipline under Indiana's Rules for Admission to the Bar and the Discipline of Attorneys.
5. Applicants must still complete all other requirements for admission as set forth in the Admission and Discipline Rules, including satisfying character and fitness requirements and passing the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination administered by the National Conference of Bar Examiners.
6. The Indiana Board of Law Examiners is directed to administer the exam in a manner set forth in this order and provide applicants with instructions on receiving questions and submitting responses not later than Friday, July 31, 2020.

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 7/29/2020.



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Loretta H. Rush  
Chief Justice of Indiana

All Justices concur.