

In the Indiana Supreme Court

In the Matter of the Indiana Bar
Examination

Supreme Court Case No.
20S-MS-653



Order on February 2021 Bar Examination and Adoption of UBE

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 surge, it is uncertain whether the State Board of Law Examiners will be able to safely administer a two-day, in-person Indiana bar examination on February 23-24, 2021, as presently scheduled.

The Supreme Court therefore **ORDERS** that the Indiana State Board of Law Examiners conduct a remote two-day bar examination on February 23-24, 2021, using ExamSoft's Exemplify software. The National Conference of Bar Examiners used this software successfully to administer an October 2020 bar examination, and many states have committed to using Exemplify again for February 2021 exams.

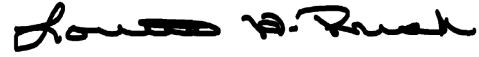
The February 2021 online bar examination shall consist of the Indiana Essay Examination, the Multistate Performance Test, and the Multistate Bar Examination. The Board of Law Examiners is directed to provide any additional necessary information to applicants, law schools, bar review courses, and other interested parties as soon as possible.

The Court has also reviewed the findings and recommendations detailed in the [Report of the Study Commission on the Future of the Indiana Bar Examination](#). The Study Commission was created by [order of the Court](#) on December 4, 2018; and over the course of 2019, the Commission conducted a deliberate review of state and national trends to consider possible changes to Indiana's bar examination format and content. The Court sincerely thanks the members of the Study Commission for their efforts. Following its review of the Study Commission report, the Court further **ORDERS** that Indiana shall adopt the Uniform Bar Examination, beginning with the July 2021 exam.

The UBE is a two-day test developed by the National Conference of Bar Examiners and administered by states, providing a score that is transferable to other UBE jurisdictions. The UBE consists of the Multistate Essay Examination, the Multistate Performance Test, and the Multistate Bar Examination. Applicants for admission to the Indiana bar based on the UBE, whether administered in Indiana or in another jurisdiction, shall also be required to complete a jurisdiction-specific component on Indiana law and practice within six months after admission to the Indiana bar.

Additional details on implementation of the UBE and the required Indiana component will be made available as they are developed.

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 11/24/2020.



Loretta H. Rush
Chief Justice of Indiana

All Justices concur.