

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
SUPREME COURT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Upon consideration of the public health concerns arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, and given the recent cancellation of the September 2020 in-person bar examination by the highest courts of several states throughout the nation, including Massachusetts, Vermont, and New York, and after consultation with the Chair of the New Hampshire Board of Bar Examiners, the Supreme Court adopts the recommendation of the General Counsel to the Office of Bar Admissions and orders the cancellation of the New Hampshire bar examination previously scheduled for September 9 and 10, 2020.

The Board of Bar Examiners is hereby authorized to administer a remotely proctored examination on October 5 and 6, 2020, using questions prepared by the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE), which shall be deemed to satisfy the examination requirement of Rule 42, IV(a)(3)(A). The remote examination shall test the same legal topics as the Uniform Bar Examination (UBE).

Applicants who previously applied for the September 2020 in-person bar examination shall be registered automatically for the remote examination. Applicants may opt out of the remote examination within the deadline established by the Office of Bar Admissions and either: (1) withdraw their application and receive a full refund of the application fee; or (2) defer taking the bar examination until its next administration in February 2021. For the

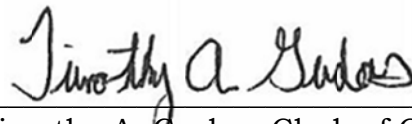
purposes of Rule 36 eligibility, applicants who opt out of the remote examination and defer taking the bar examination until February 2021 are considered to be “preparing to take the next bar examination in this State.”

The Board of Bar Examiners is authorized to enter into memoranda of understanding with other states offering the NCBE’s remote examination on October 5 and 6, 2020, to provide for portability of scores earned on that examination, wherever possible.

As soon as practicable, the Office of Bar Admissions will provide information to applicants concerning the remote examination, including information for applicants who wish to opt out of the remote examination.

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Timothy A. Gudas, Clerk of Court  
Supreme Court of New Hampshire