

Supreme Court of Kentucky

2020-50

AMENDED ORDER

IN RE: ADMINISTRATION OF 2020 BAR EXAMINATIONS

This Order replaces in its entirety Administrative Order 2020-35. Because of ongoing concerns with the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and to protect the health and safety of bar applicants, employees, and volunteers, and under Section 116 of the Constitution and Supreme Court Rule 2.000, et seq., the Supreme Court hereby ORDERS the following measures to be implemented with respect to administration of the upcoming 2020 bar examinations:

1. The in-person bar examinations scheduled for July 28-29 and September 30-October 1 are cancelled.
2. The Kentucky Office of Bar Admissions (“KYOBA”) will administer a remote bar examination offered by the National Conference of Bar Examiners on October 5-6. In addition, the KYOBA will develop interactive instructional videos on significant aspects of Kentucky law, which each applicant will be required to complete successfully in order to receive a certificate to practice law.
3. All applicants currently registered for either in-person exam will automatically be registered for the remote exam.
4. As soon as reasonably possible, the KYOBA will notify all applicants of the security, technology, and procedural requirements for the remote bar examination.
5. All applicants for the bar examination are eligible for Supervised Practice of Law Pending Admission under Supreme Court Administrative Order 2020-51.

6. Except as expressly set forth in this Order, existing Rules of the Kentucky Supreme Court and bar examination rules and protocols of the National Conference of Bar Examiners and the KYOBA remain in full force and effect.

This Order shall be effective upon entry and until further Order of this Court.

Entered this 9th day of July 2020.


CHIEF JUSTICE

All sitting; all concur.