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The Florida Board of Bar Examiners, with the approval of the Supreme Court of Florida, plans to proceed with the administration of the General Bar Examination on July 28 and 29, 2020 in accordance with Rule 4-14 of the Rules of the Supreme Court Relating to Admissions to the Bar.

The Board has been working closely with the Florida Department of Health (“FDOH”) and other medical experts to identify and implement protocols that the FDOH requires for the safe administration of the exam for all involved, including applicants, administrators, and proctors. Those protocols will include:

- **Administration in Tampa and Orlando.** The Board will administer the July 2020 General Bar Examination at the Tampa Convention Center and the Orange County Convention Center to create additional space for social distancing. The Board will assign each applicant to either Tampa or Orlando.
- **Screening Questions and Temperature Checks.** FDOH officials will ask screening questions and check the temperature of all applicants, administrators, and proctors before they can enter an exam site. Applicants with a temperature of **100.4° or higher** will not be allowed to sit for the exam. Applicants who leave the exam site will be required to be screened again before re-entry.
- **Social Distancing.** Only one applicant will sit at a table, and tables will be at least six feet apart in all directions. Applicants must remain six feet apart when in line to enter or exit an exam site and during the administration of the exam.
- **Wearing Masks.** All applicants will be required to wear a mask during the exam and when in line to enter or exit an exam site. Applicants will not be allowed to sit for the exam if they do not wear masks. Applicants will be asked to leave the exam if they remove their mask during the exam. Administrators and proctors also must wear masks.
- **Out of State Applicants.** The Governor of the State of Florida has issued Executive Orders [20-82](#) and [20-86](#) relating to persons traveling to Florida from out of state. Based on these or any subsequent Executive Orders, applicants traveling to Florida for the bar exam may be required to quarantine for 14 days or some other time period prior to the start of the examination.

The Board will waive fees for any applicant who postpones to the next administration of the General Bar Examination. For applicants who postpone, examination and laptop fees already paid will apply to the next administration of the exam.

The Board’s plan to proceed with the General Bar Examination in July is based on currently available public health information. As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, that information may change and the Court and the Board may consider other options, including postponing the July exam. Applicants are expected to check the Board’s website regularly for additional announcements about the July 2020 General Bar Examination.