

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

ORDER

Acting under the authority of Article V, Section 1 of Constitution of 1974, and the inherent power of this Court, and considering the continuing need to modify the administration of the bar examination in light of the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19),

WHEREAS, the Committee on Bar Admissions has advised that the pandemic conditions continue to prevent a large-scale in-person examination and recommends that the Court administer a one-day, remote bar examination;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Part I of the written examination required by Section 7 of Supreme Court Rule XVII is modified for the July 2021 administration as follows:

The multi-part written examination (Part I) shall consist of separate examinations in the following subjects:

1. Civil Code I
2. Civil Code II
3. Civil Code III
4. Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure
5. Torts
6. Criminal Law, Procedure and Evidence
7. Federal Jurisdiction and Procedure

The Committee shall publish the scope of each examination and provide such information to each applicant.

Each subject examination will be weighted equally and shall have a maximum score of 100 points. The total score required for passing is 500 out of a possible 700 points. All total scores are rounded to the nearest whole number.

An applicant shall sit for all subject examinations and make a good faith effort to pass each subject examination. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

2. Applicants must complete all other requirements for admission as set forth in Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XVII, including satisfying character and fitness requirements and passing the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination.
3. The July 2021 remote bar examination will be in open-book format, with no live monitoring or proctoring. The exam will be administered utilizing the services of a third-party software vendor. Applicants will download the software onto their personal computer to facilitate viewing and responding to examination questions. The Louisiana Supreme Court Committee on Bar Admissions will publish information regarding the third-party software vendor no later than May 1, 2021.
4. Applicants may use outside materials to complete the exam but are prohibited from seeking or accepting assistance from any other individual during the exam.
5. Applicants who violate Paragraph 4 of this Order shall fail the exam and will be prohibited from sitting for any future Louisiana 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 Louisiana's Rules for Lawyer Disciplinary Enforcement.

Given under our hands and seal this 7th day of April A. D., 2021, New Orleans, Louisiana.

FOR THE COURT:



Chief Justice John L. Weimer