

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2026-07-15-01

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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Deputy

**ORDER ON THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA'S REQUEST THAT THE
SUPREME COURT APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGES TO
CALIFORNIA BAR EXAMINATION TO BE ADMINISTERED STARTING IN
JULY 2028**

The Court is in receipt of the State Bar's Request that the Supreme Court Approve Recommendations for Changes to California Bar Examination to be Administered Starting in July 2028, filed on June 5, 2026. The Court, having considered the request, approves the recommendation to replace the current General Bar Examination with the nine-hour NextGen Uniform Bar Exam developed by the National Conference of Bar Examiners beginning with the July 2028 administration of the General Bar Examination.

Pursuant to rule 9.6(a) of the California Rules of Court, the Court directs the Committee of Bar Examiners to develop and submit to the Court a recommendation, by February 26, 2027, for a California-specific test component to be administered in connection with the NextGen exam beginning in July 2029 and thereafter. This component will also constitute the Attorneys' Examination for qualifying attorney applicants. The component shall test areas of California law and may include the subjects currently tested on the General Bar Examination as well as California employment law and California family law. The committee shall determine how this component should be scored, including its relationship to the scoring of the NextGen exam and the passing score for the General Bar Examination overall.

The General Bar Examination will continue to be administered commencing on the last Tuesday in February and the last Tuesday in July of each calendar year.

The length of each session, the order of testing, and the overall length of the examination may be modified for applicants granted certain testing accommodations.

The passing score for the General Bar Examination shall be set in a manner that is equivalent to the current total scaled passing score of 1390 or better out of 2000 points.

This order supersedes the Court's October 10, 2024, order insofar as it ordered changes to the General Bar Examination requiring that it be entirely developed in California and specifying the examination's scope in the topics and skills to be tested.

The Court will revise or supersede this order, as necessary, regarding this and future administrations of the General Bar Examination.

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Chief Justice

CORRIGAN, J.

Associate Justice

LIU, J.

Associate Justice

ARUGER, J.

Associate Justice

GROBAN, J.

Associate Justice

EVANS, J.

Associate Justice