

# The Supreme Court of Ohio

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## ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

May 1, 2020

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### **In re Imposition of the May 10, 2020 Late Deadline for the Filing of a Registered Applicant’s Application to Take the July 2020 Ohio Bar Examination**

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of Ohio issued Executive Order 2020-01D and declared a state of emergency in Ohio in response to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization publicly characterized COVID-19 as a global “pandemic” requiring “urgent and aggressive action” to control the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency;

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, this Court issued the order entitled “Tolling of Time Requirements Imposed by Rules Promulgated by the Supreme Court and Use of Technology,” which immediately tolled all time requirements imposed by rules promulgated by the Court set to expire between March 9, 2020, and the expiration of Executive Order 2020-01D or July 30, 2020, whichever is sooner;

WHEREAS, Gov.Bar R. I(3)(A) dictates that a timely Application to Take the Bar Examination for a July administration “shall be filed by the first day of April immediately preceding the examination”;

WHEREAS, for purposes of the July 2020 Bar Examination during the current COVID-19 public health crisis, the Court extended the April 1, 2020 timely deadline for a registered applicant to file an Application to Take the July 2020 Bar Examination to April 15, 2020, and then to May 1, 2020;

WHEREAS, Gov.Bar R. I(3)(B)(6)(b) dictates that May 10 immediately preceding the administration of a July Bar Examination is the late deadline for a registered applicant to file an Application to Take the Bar Examination;

NOW THEREFORE, the Court hereby orders the following:

(A) For vital logistical and planning considerations concerning administration of the July 2020 Ohio Bar Examination, the May 10, 2020 late deadline for a registered applicant's Application to Take the July 2020 Ohio Bar Examination shall be imposed as normal and the March 27, 2020 tolling order shall not apply to that May 10, 2020 deadline mandated by Gov.Bar R. I(3)(B)(6)(b).

(B) The \$430 late filing fee established by Gov.Bar R. I(3)(B)(6)(b) shall be waived to the extent that it exceeds the fee for a timely application; as a result, the filing fee shall be \$330.