

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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IN RE POSTPONEMENT OF THE
JULY 2020 BAR EXAMINATION

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ELIZABETH A. BROWN
CLERK OF SUPREME COURT
BY 
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

ORDER POSTPONING JULY 2020 BAR EXAMINATION

The Nevada bar examination, originally scheduled for July 28 and 29, 2020, is hereby postponed until August 11 and 12, 2020. As the attached memorandum from the Chair of the Nevada Board of Bar Examiners explains, the postponement is due to unforeseen complications following an update to the test software by the vendor, ILG Technologies. Applicants who cannot take the bar exam on the rescheduled dates may reschedule the exam until February 2021 or apply to the Nevada State Bar for a refund of their test fee no later than August 7, 2020.

It is so ORDERED.


_____, C.J.
Pickering


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Gibbons


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Hardesty


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Stiglich


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cc: Richard M. Trachok II, Chair, Board of Bar Examiners
Kimberly K. Farmer, Exec. Director, State Bar of Nevada
Brian Kunzi, Admissions Director, State Bar of Nevada

Dear Chief Justice Pickering,

On behalf of the Nevada Board of Bar Examiners I would respectfully request that the Court postpone the administration of the Nevada Bar Exam for a period of two weeks. The exam is currently scheduled for next Tuesday and Wednesday, July 28th and 29th. The reason for this request is that the software used by our vendors, ILG Technologies, proved to have some defects during the live beta test today in Indiana. Nevada has been working closely with Indiana and ILG over the last couple of months. This is how we learned about the defect late this morning. The Indiana Supreme Court issued a notice this afternoon that based on the defect and the assurances that it will be remedied this weekend has postponed the administration of the exam for one week. I recommend that we use Indiana as our beta test site for the exam software and administer our exam a week later.

Just for your information this is the same company that many states offering an online exam will use later this fall. The Court's IT expert, Rick Stefani, and the ILG technology team members just completed a meeting outlining the software issue and the proposed fix. Rick Stefani thinks the explanation of the software issue and the proposed fix make sense. This will entail rewriting some code this weekend which should address the issue. I understand that Rick thinks ILG are doing the right things. I have copied Rick who can add anything that I may have omitted.

Brian Kunzi will be involved in the beta test on Monday to make sure that the code rewrite addresses the problem. We will also use our server in the Indiana beta test on Monday using the Indiana proctors and examinees to make certain our hardware is up to the task. The best beta test for Nevada will be to observe how it works in Indiana and administer our test the following week.

I apologize for the last minute nature of this request but in these unprecedented times we all need to be flexible. The most important thing is for our examinees to have the certainty that there will be a bar exam and that the test can be taken safely. For those who cannot take the exam in two weeks time they will receive a full refund or can apply it to the next administration of the exam.

Thank you for your support.

Best

Richard Trachok