

**In the Iowa Supreme Court****In the Matter of the July 2021  
Iowa Bar Examination**)  
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)**Order**

The court has continued to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and has determined the July 2021 Iowa Bar Examination should be delivered remotely.

The court therefore orders the following:

1. Iowa Court Rule 31.3(1)(a) is temporarily modified to permit the July 2021 Iowa Bar Examination to be administered remotely. The remainder of Rule 31.3 remains in effect, which provides in part that the Iowa Bar Examination will be the Uniform Bar Examination.
2. Iowa Court Rule 31.6 was previously modified to give those applicants who registered for the July 2020 or the February 2021 Iowa Bar Examination the option to defer their fees to the July 2021 administration of the exam. Iowa Court Rule 31.6 is temporarily modified to permit those applicants who deferred their fees to the July 2021 administration of the exam to further defer their fees to the February 2022 Iowa Bar Examination if they wish. In the event of such a deferral, applicants must file a new, complete application with the Office of Professional Regulation in accordance with the deadline set forth in Iowa Court Rule 31.5(2).
3. Applicants who have already registered for the July 2021 Iowa Bar Examination may withdraw their applications and either defer their application fees to the February 2022 Iowa Bar Examination or receive a refund of their Rule 31.6 July 2021 bar application fee. In the event of a deferral of the fee to the February 2022 exam, a new, complete application must be filed with the Office of Professional Regulation in accordance with the deadline set forth in Iowa Court Rule 31.5(2). In the event of a refund request, any future application to take the Iowa bar examination will require a new, complete application and a new Rule 31.6 fee. In order to take advantage of the deferral or refund option, applicants must provide a written request to the Office of Professional Regulation to either defer the fee or receive a refund by

April 9, 2021. After that date, applicants may withdraw their applications, but no deferral or refund is available.

Dated this 11th day of March, 2021.

**The Iowa Supreme Court**

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

Susan Larson Christensen, Chief Justice

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