

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT

SUFFOLK, ss.

OE-144

In Re: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic

SECOND TEMPORARY EMERGENCY ORDER
RE: SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT RULE 3:03

In light of the anticipated limitations on seating for the September 30 - October 1, 2020 administration of the bar examination in Massachusetts because of urgent health concerns due to the COVID 19 virus, the Supreme Judicial Court, pursuant to its rule-making authority, issues the following order regarding S.J.C. Rule 3:03:

With respect to applicants who are denied seating at the September 30-October 1, 2020 administration of the Massachusetts bar examination because of limitations on available seating and who are approved to appear under S.J.C. Rule 3:03, it is ORDERED that Rule 3:03(3) is modified as follows:

Students who are denied seating because of limitations on seating and who are certified under Rule 3:03 shall be allowed to continue to appear under Rule 3:03 until the February 2021 bar examination, and as to a student taking that examination, until the announcement of the results thereof. For any student who passes that examination, the approval shall continue in effect for six months after the date of examination or until the date of his or her admission to the bar, whichever is sooner, unless otherwise ordered by the Supreme Judicial Court.

All other provisions of Rule 3:03 shall apply.

This Order shall be effective on June 11, 2020, and remain in effect until six months after the February 2021 bar examination.

RALPH D. GANTS _____)
) Chief Justice
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BARBARA A. LENK _____)
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FRANK M. GAZIANO _____) Justices
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Entered: June 10, 2020
Effective: June 11, 2020