

State of New York Court of Appeals

*At a session of the Court, held at Court of Appeals
Hall in the City of Albany, on the 29th
day of July, 2020.*

Present, HON. JANET DiFIORE, Chief Judge presiding.

Temporary Waiver of Strict Compliance with certain provisions of Sections 520.8 and 520.12 of the Rules for the Admission of Attorneys and Counselors at Law (22 NYCRR 520.8 and 520.12).

ORDER

WHEREAS, the Court of Appeals recognizes that ongoing public health and safety concerns resulting from the coronavirus health emergency preclude the in-person administration of the New York State Bar Examination originally scheduled for July 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Court of Appeals seeks to provide an expeditious pathway to licensure for law graduates while ensuring public protection and preserving the integrity of the legal profession, it is

ORDERED, that strict compliance with the requirements of section 520.8 and 520.12 of the Rules for the Admission of Attorneys and Counselors at Law (22 NYCRR 520.8 and 520.12) is hereby waived to the extent that the New York State Board of Law Examiners shall be permitted to replace the Uniform Bar Examination with the Emergency Remote Testing Option to be offered by the National Conference of Bar Examiners on October 5-6, 2020; and it is further

ORDERED, that the Time to File Admission Application requirements of section 520.12 are hereby waived to the extent that an applicant who passes the Emergency Remote Testing Option must file a complete application for admission within one year from the date when such applicant sits for the second day of the Emergency Remote Testing Option; and it is further

ORDERED, that upon satisfying the Rules of this Court in all other respects, failure to comply with the above referenced provisions shall not bar any such applicant from being admitted to the New York bar.