

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS

In re:)
)
Temporary Waiver of Strict Compliance) M.R.032405
with Supreme Court Rule 715(b))

ORDER

This matter coming before the Court on the recommendation of the Board of Admissions to the Bar (IBAB) for the implementation of a temporary waiver of strict compliance with Supreme Court Rule 715(b) for certain bar examination applications, and the Court being fully advised in the premises;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, effective immediately, the request for temporary waiver of strict compliance with Supreme Court Rule 715(b) for certain bar examination applications is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the temporary waiver of Rule 715(b) shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The temporary waiver shall apply only to applicants who were deemed eligible under Rule 715 and sat for one or more administrations of the Illinois bar examination between February 2022 and July 2024. Such applicants are referred to hereafter as "Eligible Applicants."
2. The temporary waiver shall apply only for the purpose of determining an Eligible Applicant's eligibility under Rule 715 to sit for one, but not both, administrations of the Illinois bar examination in 2025; provided that an Eligible Applicant who is deemed eligible to sit for the February 2025 Illinois bar examination but who does not actually sit in February 2025 may receive the benefit of the temporary waiver in connection with the July 2025 exam administration.
3. In applying the temporary waiver of Rule 715(b) to an Eligible Applicant, IBAB will not require the Eligible Applicant to reestablish compliance with the requirements of Rule 715(b) as of the date of application for the administration of the Illinois bar examination for which the Eligible Applicant is presently applying. Instead, the Eligible Applicant may rely on IBAB's previous

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determination of compliance with the requirements of Rule 715(b) in connection with an application for a prior administration of the Illinois bar examination.

4. For all other applicants under Rule 715, including Eligible Applicants for which the temporary waiver of Rule 715(b) is no longer available because the applicant sat for the February 2025 Illinois bar examination, the applicant's compliance with the requirements of Rule 715(b) will be determined as of the date of application for the administration of the Illinois bar examination for which the applicant is presently applying.
5. Except as provided in this order, an Eligible Applicant is required to comply with all requirements of Rule 715 and any other applicable Supreme Court Rule to be eligible to sit for the Illinois bar examination, including but not limited to the payment of all applicable fees.

Order entered by the Court.