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Dear 2020 Graduates:

I have received the announcement of the Louisiana Supreme Court cancelling the in-person July 27 bar examination. I would like to meet with anyone who is available today and wishes to talk about this—**I will meet with you starting at 4:15 p.m. today.** I will send a follow-up message to all of you soon about all of the bar exam changes soon—I know not all of you are taking the Louisiana bar exam, and there are rapid developments in other states. (Those of you in Texas already know I'm following what is happening there, as best I can.)

[Zoom meeting information redacted]

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ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE JULY 27, 2020 BAR EXAMINATION

After consultation, evaluation and advice from the Louisiana Supreme Court Committee on Bar Admissions and the Deans of the Louisiana Law Schools, it has been determined that administering the Louisiana State Bar Examination on July 27 would be imprudent for health and safety reasons related to the COVID-19 virus.

When the decision was made to administer this year's version of the bar examination, the infection rate had fallen and restrictions were being lifted. Substantial time, effort and energy were expended to change the examination format and to ensure the safety of both those taking the examination and those administering the examination. Unfortunately the rate of infection has increased substantially, with each of the test sites chosen being in areas which have seen some of the highest rates of infection.

The Supreme Court will meet soon to determine the next steps regarding the bar examination and will advise everyone as soon as possible. To protect the integrity of the examination, both the remote and in-person administrations of the July 27 examination will not be administered.

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