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Dear Pennsylvania Bar Exam Stakeholders:

I write on behalf of the Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners with an update on plans for the July 2026 bar exam.

As you know, the Board began administering the Uniform Bar Exam (UBE) in July 2022. The National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) has been engaged in a multi-year process to develop the next version of the UBE, and announced earlier this year that the new version, known as the NextGen Bar Exam, will be available for the first time in July 2026. NextGen will replace the current version of the UBE, but NCBE has stated that for the first three administrations (July 2026, February 2027, and July 2027), the current version also will remain an option.

The Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners, with the approval of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, is announcing at this time that Pennsylvania will not be administering the NextGen exam when that exam first becomes available in July 2026. The Board and Court will continue to study the NextGen exam as the NCBE continues to release information about the exam itself and the administration process. We understand that you are eager for additional information. As we make decisions about the implementation of NextGen, we will issue further announcements as soon as we are able.

We hope that today's announcement provides guidance for those interested in preparing for the July 2026 administration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence J Moran, Sr.", written in a cursive style.

Lawrence J Moran, Sr.  
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