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Dear Pennsylvania Bar Exam Stakeholders:

I write on behalf of the Board of Law Examiners with the hope that you, your families and your communities are well in these difficult and worrisome times. We know that there is great concern about how the COVID-19 pandemic will affect bar admission in Pennsylvania, and I wanted to write to share some information.

We've heard a great many perspectives—from students, law school deans, bar leaders, practicing lawyers and others—and we're grateful. We confront unprecedented issues, and we know these insights will help us make better informed decisions. We are reading, listening and considering what you are saying to us about all options.

Please know that the Board is committed to the health and safety of all those involved in the bar-admission process, to the interests of the members of the public who count on Pennsylvania's lawyers to provide wise and necessary counsel and to the students and other applicants who have worked so hard to prepare for the practice of law and are now eager to be licensed.

We can report on one issue we know is important to many applicants. As many have noted, April 15, 2020, is the deadline for the "timely" application fee for the July 2020 exam. The Board has extended the "timely" fee—the lowest offered—through the May 30, 2020, application deadline.

We will provide updates as soon as we are able, and we ask that you monitor the Board's website (www.pabarexam.org). We wish you the best for good health.

Very truly yours,



David R. Fine
Chair