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Re: Request to Reconsider August 6, 2026 Court Order No. 25700-B-753

Dear President Adewale and Members of the WSBA Board of Governors:

Thank you for your outreach on behalf of applicants urging reconsideration of the Court's August 6, 2026 order regarding the July 2026 administration of the NextGen Uniform Bar Exam. I am writing to advise you that the Court's order stands and will not be modified. In issuing that order, the Court recognized its resolution was neither perfect nor individually tailored to each applicants' circumstances. That kind of tailoring was not possible, and the Court had to balance many competing values in arriving at a decision that allows applicants, employers, law schools, the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) and National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE), and the broader community to move forward.

The Court will continue to work diligently with WSBA to implement the resolution provided for in the order. WSBA is updating information to help applicants navigate the options available to them under the Court's order as well as further remedies that may be available to them based on their individual circumstances. Please know that in responding to communications sent to the Supreme Court or individual justices, the Court will continue to direct individuals seeking further relief to contact WSBA. Please also be aware that communications sent to the court are not part of any admissions file and are regarded as public administrative records under General Rule 31.1.

Thank you again for your outreach to the Washington State Supreme Court.

Sincerely,

Debra L. Stephens
Chief Justice