

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

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Misc. Docket No. 20-9076
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**ORDER AMENDING RULE 11(d) OF
THE RULES GOVERNING ADMISSION TO THE BAR OF TEXAS**
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ORDERED that:

1. On April 29, 2020, in Misc. Dkt. No. 20-9060, in light of uncertainty regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Court determined that the Board of Law Examiners (“Board”) should administer the Texas bar examination in both July 2020 and September 2020.

2. The Board, in consultation with public health authorities regarding best practices for administering the July and September 2020 bar examinations safely, now recommends shortening and reweighting the examination, and the Court approves the Board’s recommendations.

3. Accordingly, the Court approves the following amendments to Rule 11(d) of the Rules Governing Admission to the Bar of Texas, which take effect immediately.

4. The Board will administer the Texas bar examination on July 28-29, 2020, and on September 9-10, 2020.

5. The Clerk of the Supreme Court is directed to:

- a. post a copy of this Order on www.txcourts.gov;
- b. file a copy of this Order with the Secretary of State; and
- c. send a copy of this Order to the Governor, the Attorney General, and each member of the Legislature.

6. The State Bar of Texas is directed to take all reasonable steps to notify members of the Texas bar of this Order. The Texas law school deans are requested to take all reasonable steps to notify their affected students of this Order.

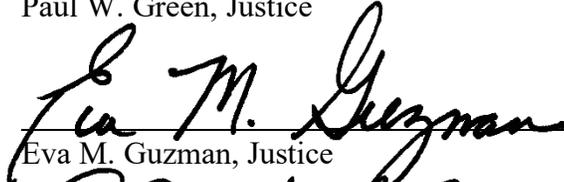
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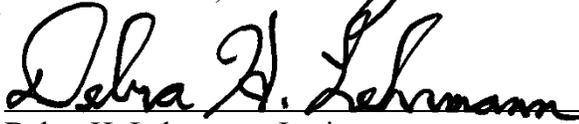
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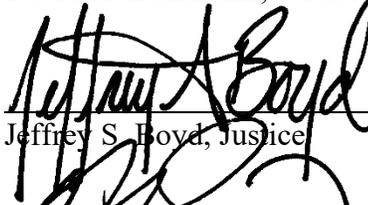
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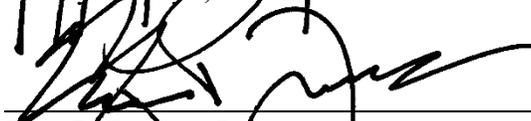
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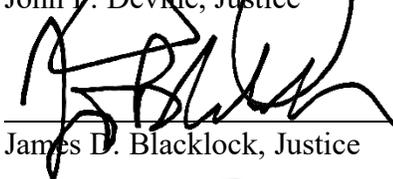
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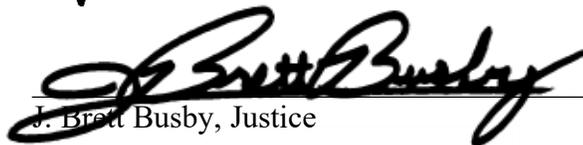
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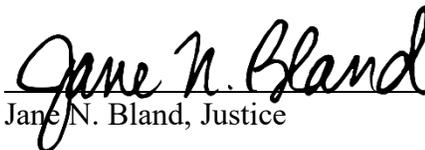
John F. Devine, Justice



James D. Blacklock, Justice



J. Brett Busby, Justice



Jane N. Bland, Justice

Rule 11
Texas Bar Examination

- (d) The Texas Bar Examination administered before the February 2021 administration will last two ~~and one-half~~ days and consist of the Multistate Performance Test (MPT), ~~given on Tuesday morning~~; the Procedure and Evidence Questions (P&E), ~~given on Tuesday morning~~; the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE), ~~given on Wednesday~~; and the Texas Essay Questions (Essays), ~~given on Thursday~~. After grading the answers to the MPT, the P&E, and the Essays, the resulting raw scores on each of these portions will be scaled to the MBE, using the standard deviation method. Scores on the various portions of the examination will be weighted as follows: MPT, 10%; P&E, 10%; MBE, ~~40%~~50%; and Essays, ~~40%~~30%. An Applicant must earn a combined scaled score of at least 675 (out of a possible 1,000 points) to pass the Texas Bar Examination. A partial score on any portion of a failed examination must not be applied to any subsequent examination.
