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Dear Class of 2020 Students,

Following up on my [message of March 29](#), please know that yesterday, the Court of Appeals met and decided to seek to have the rescheduled July New York State Bar Examination administered in early September, shortly before or after the Labor Day holiday.

The Court also recognized that logistical and other challenges may prevent administration at that time, which may in turn further delay the ability of spring 2020 law graduates to engage in full legal employment.

As a result, the Chief Judge plans to explore the expansion of authority for practice orders that would allow law graduates who meet specified criteria to engage in certain law practice under supervision of licensed attorneys. I will keep you posted on our discussions and the outcome of the Court's exploration.

Furthermore, we are paying close attention to all other state bar examination plans. As of yesterday, we know that at least two more states (Massachusetts and Connecticut) have decided to defer the summer exam. [Here is a link](#) to a page on the National Conference of Bar Examiners website that tracks state bar postponements.

Please be sure to connect with Courtney Abbott Hill if you have any questions. I know these are critical times for you, and I will continue to ensure that our College participates in all pertinent discussions, with a focus on you and your success.

Best regards,

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