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Dear Applicants:

Attached to this email, you will find an order and a public statement from the Washington State Supreme Court explaining the court's resolution of the cancellation of the July 2026 NextGen Uniform Bar Examination for most applicants. The court has been working diligently over the past week and voted on these resolutions after a full day of meetings on Wednesday, August 5, 2026. We appreciate your patience with the time needed to make these important decisions. No solution is perfect, and the task of crafting a resolution is made even more complex by variances among the applicants who signed up for the July 2026 exam, as well as differences that occurred in various rooms during the testing in Yakima. The court's resolution reflects the need to balance between competing values and considerations in the face of an unprecedented event and provide clear direction for the path forward.

As we said in our initial statement, the court acknowledges the stress and difficulty caused by the failure of the exam for most applicants. We apologize. We ask that you review the options available to you and pay careful attention to the deadlines to communicate to the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) depending on the choices available to you. As you work forward to make the decisions required by this resolution, please work with the WSBA and its staff for answers to additional questions you may have about your individual circumstances.

We know you have been frustrated by this failure. We hope these options will help you move forward and find your path in this profession.