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Dear July 2026 Bar Examination Applicants:

The Supreme Court of Missouri recognizes many of the applicants who sat for the July 2026 bar examination experienced interruptions and complications associated with the administration of the exam. The Court has heard from many of you as well as all the law school deans who had graduates taking the exam, and we understand that these issues created additional stress and uncertainty during an already demanding situation. We are and remain deeply sorry these difficulties arose and were encountered by many, if not all of you.

Since the examination, the Court has carefully reviewed the circumstances surrounding the July bar administration. Based on the information gathered to date, the Court believes it has a thorough understanding of what occurred and the factors that contributed to the problems. Based on this review, we are confident in our ability to provide applicants with a reliable and effective testing experience going forward.

At this time, the Court has not yet made any determination regarding whether remedial action is warranted for July 2026 bar applicants and, if so, what form any such action might take. We anticipate that no final determination will be made until the July examination results are available and the Court has had the opportunity to consider the statistical information and data concerning examination performance and any unexpected score variance among applicants. This statistical data will help inform the Court as to the reliability of the exam results as well as the examination security and integrity. We believe applicants are best served by a careful and complete review rather than reaching conclusions and taking remedial actions before all pertinent information becomes available to the Court.

The Chief Justice has met with the deans of the law schools, who conveyed the concerns they have heard from their graduates and advocated on behalf of the July applicants. We are grateful for their thoughtful engagement and for the constructive working relationship between the Court and the law schools as we continue to evaluate these issues.

We recognize the significant effort, preparation, and personal commitment required to sit for the bar examination. Applicants should be able to approach that experience with confidence in the administration of the examination and in the process surrounding it. We regret that the issues arising during the July administration caused understandable concern and stress.

The Court remains committed to reviewing these matters carefully, fairly, and with appropriate attention to both the interests of applicants and the integrity and security of the bar examination and the profession. We will continue to communicate as this review progresses and will provide additional information when there is meaningful information to share.

We appreciate your patience and your professionalism as this process unfolds.