Class of 2020 J.D. Candidate Bar exam information

DEGREE CONFERRAL DATE: May 24, 2020

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS (New York does not require official transcripts for JD graduate applicants)

Official transcripts are issued by the Office of the University Registrar, not the Law School. To ensure all earned credits and degree are posted, request AFTER June 5th, 2020.
In person: Office of the University Registrar, B7 Day Hall (PAPER, not electronic version)
Online: https://registrar.cornell.edu/grades-transcripts/ordering-transcripts

NOTARY
Melody Padgett, 160 MTH, Registrar’s Office
Scott Hulslander, 160 MTH, Registrar’s Office
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Connie Pendergast, 115 MTH, Admission’s Office

FINGERPRINTING
Some State Bar Applications require fingerprinting (New York does not).
Fingerprinting is available on campus at the Public Safety Office, G-2 Barton Hall, 24 hours a day. You will need to take a fingerprint card with you, and two forms of picture ID.

New York State Bar Examination
Application Filing Period: April 1 – April 30, 2020. THERE IS NO PROVISION FOR LATE FILING.
Examination Dates: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 and Wednesday, July 29, 2020
Online application: https://www.nybarapply.org/intro.aspx

Specimen of Applicants Handwriting: A NYS bar applicant is required to furnish a verified Handwriting Sample completed in the presence of a law school official. The form needs to be completed even if you are choosing to use a laptop in case there are problems and end up having to handwrite the exam. You must attend one of these sessions (which will take about 5 minutes):
April 2020: Dates/times/rooms TBD

CALIFORNIA, CONNECTICUT, or FLORIDA State Bar Examination
These states require an Official transcript (paper version, not electronic)
Request the transcript AFTER June 7th to ensure all credits and your degree are listed.

ALL OTHER JURISDICTIONS
State bar authorities require certification of Law School attendance/graduation. Many states require the certification on a specific form; others accept the certification on Law School letterhead. It is your responsibility to obtain any necessary documents, and submit them to the Law School Registrar’s Office with instructions for:
(a) When they must be submitted, and
(b) Where they must be sent.

Do not wait until the last minute to do this.
Keep in mind that certificates of Law School graduation executed before May 24, 2020, must be prospective.
Important Links:

New York State Board of Bar Examiners:  
http://www.nybarexam.org/Default.html

New York Bar Exam application:  
https://www.nybarapply.org/intro.aspx

National Conference of Bar Examiners:  
http://www.ncbex.org/

MPRE (Multi-state Professional Responsibility Exam):  
http://www.ncbex.org/exams/mpre/

American Bar association:  
http://www.americanbar.org/aba.html

California Bar Exam:  
http://www.calbar.ca.gov/Admissions/Examinations/California-Bar-Examination

Massachusetts Bar Exam:  
http://www.mass.gov/courts/court-info/sjc/attorneys-bar-applicants/bbe/