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**OFFICE OF  
APPELLATE COURTS**

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
IN SUPREME COURT

ADM10-8008

**ORDER ESTABLISHING PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD  
ON PETITION FOR PROPOSED TEMPORARY WAIVER  
OF BAR EXAMINATION REQUIREMENT FOR  
ADMISSION TO THE MINNESOTA BAR**

An applicant for admission to the Minnesota bar must take a written examination and secure a passing score, among other criteria for admission. *See* Minn. R. Admission to the Bar 4(A)(4) (requiring an applicant for admission to the Minnesota bar to obtain a “[p]assing score on the written examination”). The Minnesota State Board of Law Examiners holds the bar exam in February and July each year, Minn. R. Admission to the Bar 6(A), and this year, in light of the current public-health emergency, will also administer the exam on September 9–10, 2020. A petition has been filed requesting a temporary waiver of Rule 4 of the Minnesota Rules for Admission to the Bar, in light of current circumstances, in order to permit applicants who otherwise qualify for admission to the Minnesota bar to be admitted based on a diploma privilege and without taking the bar examination. A copy of the petition can be found on the appellate courts’ public website, P-MACS.

The court will consider the petition and the proposed temporary waiver of Rule 4 after providing a period for public comment.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that any person or organization wishing to provide written comments in support of or in opposition to the petition proposing a temporary waiver of Rule 4 of the Minnesota Rules for Admission to the Bar, in order to allow

applicants otherwise qualified for admission to be admitted to the Minnesota bar based on a diploma privilege, shall file those comments with the Clerk of the Appellate Courts, using the appellate courts' e-filing application, E-MACS, if required to do so. *See* Minn. R. Civ. App. P. 125.01(a)(1). All comments shall be filed so as to be received no later than July 6, 2020.

Dated: June 24, 2020

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lorie S. Gildea".

Lorie S. Gildea  
Chief Justice