



# Supreme Court of Guam

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## PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – February 2, 2024 – Today, the Supreme Court of Guam issued Administrative Order No. ADM24-002 adopting the NextGen Bar Examination, to be used in Guam beginning with the July 2026 exam. The NextGen Bar Examination will replace the current Guam Bar Exam and will contain none of the components of the current exam. The design of the NextGen Examination will reflect the work performed by newly licensed attorneys, testing legal doctrine and foundational lawyering skills, and balancing the skills and knowledge needed in litigation and transactional legal practice. These changes will align with many of the key changes law schools are making to their own curricula, building on the successes of clinical legal education programs, alternative dispute resolution programs, and legal writing and analysis programs. With today's Administrative Order, Guam joins several other jurisdictions that have committed to using the Next Gen Bar Examination upon its launch or soon thereafter.

For more information, you may contact Attorney Hannah Gutierrez Arroyo, Supreme Court Clerk of Court and Secretary of the Guam Board of Law Examiners, at [hgutierrezarroyo@guamcourts.gov](mailto:hgutierrezarroyo@guamcourts.gov).



**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GUAM**

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4 **RE:** ) Supreme Court of Guam  
5 **RELATIVE TO THE ADOPTION** ) Administrative Order No. ADM24-002  
6 **OF THE NEXTGEN BAR** )  
7 **EXAMINATION IN GUAM** )  
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10 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Board of Law Examiners administers the Guam Bar Examination  
11 twice annually using the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) Multistate Essay Exam  
12 (MEE), Multistate Performance Test (MPT), and Multistate Bar Exam (MBE) (*see* Guam Rules  
13 Governing Admission to the Practice of Law, adopted through Promulgation Order No. 06-007-  
14 01 (Oct. 26, 2006)); *see, e.g.*, Supreme Court Case Nos. PRM00-002, PRM01-003; and

15 **WHEREAS**, NCBE, after an intensive process involving research and collaboration  
16 among stakeholders, will launch a new version of the bar examination, known as the NextGen Bar  
17 Exam; and

18 **WHEREAS**, NCBE has announced that the current exam materials offered (namely the  
19 MEE, MPT, and MBE) will be offered concurrently with the NextGen Bar Exam between July  
20 2026 and February 2028, and that, beginning with the July 2028 administration of the bar exam,  
21 the current exam materials will no longer be available for any jurisdiction to use as a test for law  
22 licensure; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the NextGen Bar Exam will test a broad range of foundational lawyering  
24 skills, using a focused set of clearly identified fundamental legal concepts and principles needed  
25 in today’s practice of law; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Board of Law Examiners (“BOLE”) has considered whether to  
27 adopt the NextGen Bar Exam and, if so, when to begin administering the NextGen Bar Exam for  
28 Guam; and

**WHEREAS**, BOLE met and unanimously voted to recommend to the Supreme Court the  
adoption of the NextGen Bar Exam and that the first administration of the NextGen Bar Exam in

