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## **Florida Board of Bar Examiners Successfully Administers Online Mock Florida Bar Examination with ExamSoft & Announces Contract with LSAC to Provide Backup Exam for October 2020 Exam**

More than 2,800 applicants have successfully completed a mock Florida Bar exam using Examsoft software during ongoing trial runs held this month by the Florida Board of Bar Examiners in preparation for the actual online exam October 13.

"We are encouraged by the results," said FBBE Executive Director Michele Gavagni. "The mock examination went well in Florida, and we understand that other states that scheduled mock exams and are administering their bar examinations in October have had a similar experience."

In related news, FBBE has selected the Law School Admission Council's LawHub online testing platform as a backup if one is needed for administration of the October 13 exam. LawHub is a secure browser-based platform, with remote proctoring services provided by ProctorU, one of the country's largest proctoring and test administration companies.

"Given the importance of the Bar Exam to the more than 3,300 candidates who plan to take it in October, we will have a backup plan in place," Gavagni said. "LSAC has a track record of delivering a high-quality test experience multiple times during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are pleased to have them as another element in our plan."

LSAC is a nonprofit that already delivers the Law School Admission Test to more than 100,000 law school candidates each year. When COVID-19 restrictions took effect, LSAC moved quickly to launch an online, remotely proctored version of the test.

FBBE soon will provide more information via email about steps applicants can use to register with LSAC and become familiar with its LawHub platform. There will be a shortened LSAC practice test with two 60-minute essay sections and 35 multiple choice questions, so candidates can become familiar with LawHub and its features.

The exam format of three 60-minute essay sessions and two 90-minute multiple choice sessions and the subjects will remain the same no matter which platform is used.

To assure that an admission opportunity is provided on October 13 to all exam registrants, the Florida Supreme Court has also approved a second backup format to be used as a last resort if the first two platforms fail. The second backup format will use email and will be an open book examination. Detailed instructions relating to this third format will be provided to registrants on October 7.

As new information becomes available, it will be posted to the [Board's website](#).

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