

# In the Supreme Court of the State of Idaho

IN RE: PASSING SCORE FOR THE  
FEBRUARY 2026 IDAHO BAR  
EXAMINATION

ORDER

WHEREAS, the Bar Examination Grading Standards and Procedures were approved by the Idaho Supreme Court (Court) on July 24, 1974, and amended November 13, 1989, March 15, 1991, June 10, 1999, June 15, 2001, September 19, 2009, June 1, 2010, March 5, 2012, March 3, 2017, and June 1, 2023 (Grading Standards).

WHEREAS, in 2025, the members of the Idaho State Bar voted to approve Resolution 25-04 to amend Section II of the Idaho Bar Commission Rules (I.B.C.R.) to provide that the Uniform Bar Examination (UBE) passing score, like the NextGen Bar Exam passing score, be approved by the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar (Board) and the Court and set forth in the Grading Standards adopted by the Court.

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2026, the Court approved Resolution 25-04 and ordered amendments to Section II of the I.B.C.R., effective May 1, 2026.

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2025, the Board approved the recommendation of the Idaho NextGen Bar Exam Task Force that the UBE and NextGen Bar Exam scores be consistent with each other and lowered to align with passing scores in neighboring states. Accordingly, the Board adopted the Task Force's recommendation that beginning with the first administration of the NextGen Bar Exam in Idaho in July 2026, the passing score on the current UBE be lowered from 270 to 266, and that the NextGen Bar Exam passing score be set at 616, which is equivalent to a score of 266 on the current UBE.

WHEREAS, the UBE will be utilized for the February 2026 Idaho bar examination.

WHEREAS, the Court, with the approval of the Board, finds that in the interest of fairness to applicants taking the February 2026 Idaho bar examination, the passing score should be lowered from 270 to 266 to be consistent with the passing score recommended and approved for the July 2026 Idaho bar examination.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the passing score for the February 2026 Idaho bar examination shall be a scaled score of 266 or higher.

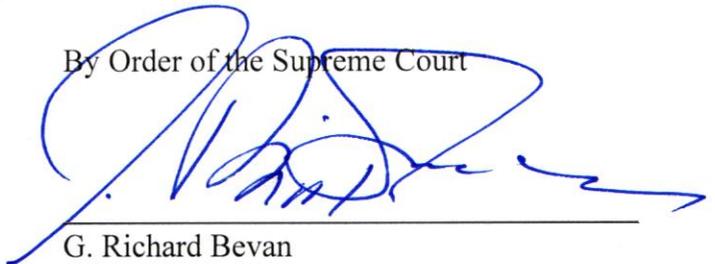
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Grading Standards be amended to reflect that a passing score for the February 2026 Idaho bar examination is a scaled score of 266 or higher.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall be effective February 2, 2026.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice of this Order shall be published for three consecutive weeks on the Idaho State Bar's website and in its weekly email to Idaho State Bar members, and that, as soon as practicable, a summary of this Order shall be published in one issue of *The Advocate*.

DATED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

By Order of the Supreme Court



G. Richard Bevan  
Chief Justice, Idaho Supreme Court

ATTEST:



Melanie Gagnepain, Clerk