

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

SOMERSET, HUNTERDON AND WARREN COUNTIES
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Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D.
Acting Administrative Director of the Courts
Comments: Ad Hoc Committee on the Uniform Bar Examination
Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex
P.O. Box 037
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Re: Report and Recommendations of the Supreme Court Ad Hoc Committee on the
Uniform Bar Examination

Dear Judge Grant:

Having submitted substantive feedback during the Ad Hoc Committee's working process, the Supreme Court Committee on Minority Concerns (SCCMC) wishes to acknowledge the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on this critical issue and extend its appreciation for taking the SCCMC's feedback under advisement. The SCCMC finds the report comprehensive and the recommendations well-reasoned. In terms of implementation of the recommendations once adopted by the Court, the SCCMC strongly supports the recommendation to monitor the impact of the test on bar passage rates and admission and further urges the New Jersey Judiciary to consider collection, review, and analysis of an array of data including but not limited to demographic data, educational pathways, and other potential factors of relevance such as disparate impact on racial and ethnic minorities and other historically marginalized groups under the new exam format.

As always, the SCCMC stands ready to assist the Court in whatever ways it deems helpful.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure

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