

# THE SUPREME COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF THE )  
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WASHINGTON )  
BAR LICENSURE TASK FORCE )  
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ORDER  
NO. 25700-B-649

WHEREAS, the Washington State Supreme Court has determined to implement a strategic initiative to evaluate and assess the efficacy of the Washington state bar licensure requirement for licensing lawyers, to consider alternatives to the current licensure requirements, and to analyze potential alternatives;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

The Washington Bar Licensure Task Force is hereby created to assess the efficacy of the Washington state bar exam and related requirements for licensing competent lawyers. The Task Force shall examine current and past bar examination methods, passage rates, and alternative licensure methods, assess disproportionate impacts on examinees of color and first generation examinees, consider the need for alternatives to the current bar exam, and analyze those potential alternatives.

The Task Force shall have broad membership as indicated in the attached strategic initiative charter, who will be appointed by the Supreme Court in consultation with the co-chairs and represented groups.

The Task Force shall also consult or coordinate with the organizations listed in the attached strategic initiative charter.

The Task Force shall be chartered through December 31, 2022.

DATED at Olympia, Washington this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

  
CHIEF JUSTICE