

## CLERKSHIP CHECKLIST ANNOUNCEMENT

The Delaware Board of Bar Examiners recognizes that the clerkship requirements set forth in Supreme Court Rules 52(a)(8) and 52(a)(9) may be more difficult for applicants to complete in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Supreme Court's June 5, 2020 Order *In re: Modification of the Requirements Under Supreme Court Rule 52(a)(8)*, and the increasing number of proceedings that are being held remotely. In an effort to balance the goals of the clerkship process with the need for flexibility and fairness during the pandemic, the Board has modified the clerkship requirements as follows:

1. From May 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021, applicants may attend proceedings on the clerkship checklist by video or audio conference. Applicants must attend each proceeding until its completion, or one-half-day, whichever is shorter, except for Assignments 9 and 10. During this time period, attendance by audio conference is permitted only if video conferencing is not offered by the relevant tribunal. For any proceeding attended by video or audio conference, applicants should note on their Clerkship Schedule the manner in which they attended and the means that were offered to view the proceeding.
2. From May 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021, applicants may fulfill Assignment 17 on the clerkship checklist by reviewing a previously-recorded video of a Delaware Supreme Court proceeding, provided that proceeding occurred on May 1, 2020 or later.
3. The Board understands that the circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic are fluid, and it will continue to monitor the situation. The Board may extend these modifications to the clerkship requirements as necessary, and/or issue additional modifications if appropriate. Any further extensions or modifications will be communicated to applicants via email and posted on the Board's website. In the meantime, the effect on Delaware Court operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic are reflected in the courts' reopening plan as reported at <https://courts.delaware.gov/aoc.courtsreopeningplan.pdf>