

State of New York,
Court of Appeals

Present, HON. JANET DiFIORE, *Chief Judge, presiding*

In the Matter

of

ORDER

the Application of NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL
for an order waiving strict compliance with section 520.3 of the
Rules for the Admission of Attorneys and Counselors at Law
(22 NYCRR 520.3).

An application having been made by New York Law School, dated March 18, 2020, seeking a waiver of the distance learning limitations contained in sections 520.3(c)(6)(i) and 520.3(c)(6)(iii) of the Rules for the Admission of Attorneys and Counselors at Law for the school's J.D. graduates; and

New York Law School, having taken the extraordinary step of suspending in-person instruction for the remainder of the Spring 2020 semester and anticipating suspending in-person instruction for the entire Summer 2020 session in response to the state of emergency announced by the State of New York and the City of New York and in an effort to limit the further spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19); and

New York Law School, having allowed faculty to choose from a range of options for how to conduct their classes in virtual formats, including use of several synchronous online conferencing platforms, which also allow recorded lectures to be posted and viewed asynchronously so that lectures can be viewed before synchronous classroom discussion is conducted; and

New York Law School, having stated that its Information Technology team has trained faculty and students on the use of these online platforms, is working to ensure that faculty and students will have access to necessary technology, and will provide continued support to those utilizing the online platforms;

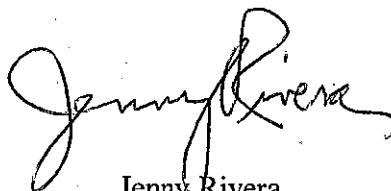
New York Law School, having averred that, the synchronous online formats allow instructors to engage with and provide feedback to students;

New York Law School having averred that the online platforms are conducive to conducting both traditional and simulation courses;

New York Law School, having averred that it is working with students currently engaged in clinical programs to preserve, as much as possible, the continuity of their client-based work; it is

ORDERED, that, for the Spring 2020 and Summer 2020 semesters, strict compliance with the distance education provisions contained in sections 520.3(c)(6)(i) and 520.3(c)(6)(iii) be and the same hereby are waived for J.D. students of New York Law School; and it is further

ORDERED, that upon satisfying the Rules of this Court in other respects, and upon presenting to the New York State Board of Law Examiners proof of receipt of a J.D. degree from New York Law School, such graduates shall be permitted to sit for the New York bar examination.



Jenny Rivera
Associate Judge
Court of Appeals