

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE MATTER OF:

PETITIONS FOR REVIEW OF RESULTS
OF THE FEDERAL BAR EXAMINATION

MISC. NO. 26-293 (SCC)

ORDER

To establish a uniform procedure governing the review of the Fall 2026 Federal Bar Examination ("FBE") results and the filing of petitions for review by applicants, the Court hereby ORDERS as follows:

I. PETITION FOR REVIEW AND FILING DEADLINE

Any applicant who does not obtain a passing score on the Fall 2026 FBE may seek review of the examination results by filing a petition for review in the above-captioned miscellaneous case within thirty days of notice of the results.

A petition may be filed in person at the Office of the Clerk of Court or by mail to the Clerk's Office mailing address published on the Court's official website. A petition submitted by mail must be postmarked within the thirty-day filing period. Petitions submitted by email or any other electronic means will not be accepted.

A petition for review shall not be entertained unless the applicant demonstrates that the relief requested, if granted, would result in a passing score on the FBE.

II. REVIEW OF EXAMINATION

Upon request, an unsuccessful applicant shall be afforded an opportunity to review the applicant's FBE at the Office of the Clerk of Court for a period not to exceed one (1) hour for the purpose of preparing a possible petition for review. Only the registered applicant may attend the review session.

During the examination review, the applicant may take handwritten notes. Laptop computers, cellular telephones, tablets, smart watches, cameras, or any other electronic or recording devices may not be used to take notes, photograph, reproduce, record, transmit, or otherwise preserve the contents of the examination or examination materials.

III. CONTENTS AND GROUNDS FOR PETITION

A petition for review must identify each specific examination question and answer challenged and state, with particularity, the alleged error. For each challenged question, the applicant must explain the nature of the alleged error and how that error affected the validity, grading, or scoring of the question.

The applicant may cite statutes, rules, cases, or other legal authorities supporting the arguments presented in the petition. A petition alleging a manifest scoring or computational error must specifically identify the alleged error and explain its effect on the applicant's score.

The Court will not consider general or non-specific objections that fail to identify a particular alleged error. Nor will the Court consider claims concerning the examination performance, answers, scores, or circumstances of other candidates. Review is limited to objections affecting the individual applicant who files the petition.

For purposes of reviewing a petition, the Court will consider only the responses reflected on the applicant's answer sheet. Marks, annotations, or claimed selections appearing elsewhere in the examination booklet will not be considered evidence of the applicant's intended response.

IV. MATTERS OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF REVIEW

A petition for review shall be limited to the merits of the applicant's challenges to the examination and shall not refer to the candidate's legal background or education, financial or social circumstances, employment, personal sacrifices or needs, results on previous administrations of the FBE, or any other circumstances unrelated to the merits of the specific examination challenges presented.

Applicants shall not communicate, directly or indirectly, with any member of the District Examination Committee ("DEC") concerning their FBE performance, a pending or contemplated petition for review, or any other matter relating to the review of their examination results. All communications concerning the review process shall be directed to the Office of the Clerk of Court.

V. CANDIDATE DECLARATION OF AUTHORSHIP

Every petition for review must include, as its final page, a declaration signed and dated by the applicant. By signing the declaration, the applicant represents that:

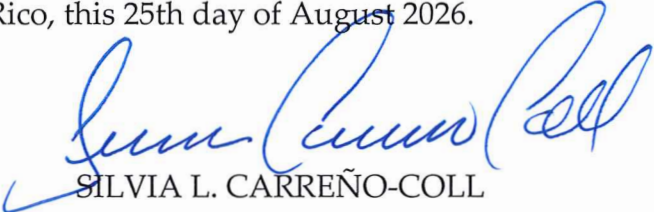
1. the arguments and representations contained in the petition are the applicant's own;
2. that the applicant has personally reviewed the petition in its entirety;
3. that the applicant personally reviewed and independently verified the accuracy of all factual assertions, legal propositions, quotations, and citations contained in the petition; and
4. that the applicant accepts full responsibility for its contents.

VI. COMPLIANCE

Failure to comply with the requirements of this Order may result in the petition being denied or otherwise disposed of without consideration of its merits.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 25th day of August 2026.


SILVIA L. CARREÑO-COLL
United States District Judge
Chairperson, District Examination Committee