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IN THE
SUPREME COURT
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE ADMISSION TO PRACTICE LAW

SUPREME COURT NO. 2025-ADM-0006-RUL

**ORDER SETTING PASSING SCORE
FOR NEXTGEN UNIFORM BAR EXAMINATION**

- ¶ 1 The Northern Mariana Islands bar examination is comprised of the new NextGen Uniform Bar Examination (NextGen UBE) prepared by the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) and the Local Content Essays. NMI SUP. CT. R. 70-1(d). The Court adopted the NextGen UBE through the Rules of Admission on August 4, 2025. NMI SUP. CT. R. 70-1(d)(4); In re Adoption of the NMI Rules of Admission, Supreme Court No. 2025-ADM-0006-RUL.
- ¶ 2 The Commonwealth and nine other jurisdictions will form the first group to administer the NextGen UBE in July 2026. To assist jurisdictions in setting passing scores, NCBE created an overall composite score on the NextGen UBE scale, which ranges from 500 to 750. It further recommended that the passing score fall within the range of 610 to 620.
- ¶ 3 Pursuant to Rule 72-1(d)(1) of the Rules of Admission and the Court's inherent authority over admission to practice law, it is **HEREBY ORDERED** that the minimum passing score for the NextGen UBE is set at 615, the midpoint of the NCBE's recommended range. The passing score of 26 for the Local Content Essays will remain the same. NMI SUP. CT. R. 71-1(d)(2).

SO ORDERED this 2nd day of April, 2026.

/s/

ALEXANDRO C. CASTRO
Chief Justice

/s/

JOHN A. MANGLOÑA
Associate Justice

/s/

ROBERTO C. NARAJA
Justice Pro Tempore