

In the Matter of Emergency )  
Modifications to Bar Disciplinary )  
System )  
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) CHIEF JUSTICE ORDER  
) No. 20-014  
)  
) ORDER TEMPORARILY AMENDING  
) OREGON STATE BAR RULES OF  
) PROCEDURE BECAUSE OF COVID-19  
) OUTBREAK

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 outbreak has disrupted legal practices and impaired the ability of some attorneys to meet their financial obligations necessary to maintain membership in the Oregon State Bar;


I HEREBY ORDER, pursuant to ORS 1.002, ORS 9.006, and ORS 9.529, that the Bar Rules of Procedure (BR) are amended, as ordered below, effective immediately until further order of the Court:

**Waiver.** Title 8, Reinstatement, is amended to include the following additional provision as BR 8.15:

“The Chief Executive Officer may waive a member’s obligation to pay reinstatement fees required by BR 8.1(d), 8.2(c), 8.3(b), 8.4(a)(2)-(5), 8.5(a)(3), and 8.6(a) if the Chief Executive Officer determines that the member has established that the suspension occurred for good cause related to the COVID-19 pandemic. For the purpose of this rule, ‘reinstatement fees’ does not include past due assessments, fees, late fees, and penalties owed to the Bar for prior years, or the membership fee and Client Security Fund assessment for the year in which the application for reinstatement is filed.”

This order takes effect immediately and shall remain in effect until it is amended or terminated by further order.

Dated this 15th day of April, 2020.

  
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Martha L. Walters  
Chief Justice