



# Supreme Court

STATE OF ARIZONA

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Honorable Ruth V. McGregor  
Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court  
Room 402, Arizona Supreme Court Building  
1501 W Washington Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Chief Justice McGregor:

This letter is in response to the petition to amend Rule 38(d) of the Arizona Rules of the Supreme Court, which seeks to allow practice in the interim between testing and release of results. Your Committee on Examinations carefully considered this issue and recommends against adoption of this modification.

Since 2005, the statistical results of the admissions exam show:

Exam Administration	Overall Pass Rate	Pass Rate for Repeaters
February 2005	67%	40%
July 2005	67%	38%
February 2006	65%	45%
July 2006	69%	35%
February 2007	60%	28%
July 2007	76%	48%
February 2008	63%	25%
July 2008	82%	42%
February 2008	61%	40%

These results indicate that a large number of applicants are not successful on the admissions examination on their first attempt, and some are never successful.

The Committee on Examinations believes that the admission requirement of passage of the examination is a valid, necessary test of minimum competence of legal knowledge and reasoning, and should be required prior to allowing an applicant to offer services to the consumer public.

Please let us know if we can provide you or the other Justices with additional information about our review and recommendation.

Sincerely,

Theodore Campagnolo  
Chair, Committee on Examinations