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Dear Chief Judge Blackburne-Rigsby and Associate Judges of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals,

We write as deans from law schools across the country because we are very concerned about our students' ability to take the D.C. Bar this summer. Many of our students were planning to do so, but learned yesterday that seating capacity will be limited to 1,100 and priority will be given to those who attended law school in the District of Columbia.

We urge that you do everything possible to find additional seating capacity. Our students had planned and relied on the ability to take the D.C. bar in July. It is tremendously disruptive for them to learn on May 2 that they likely will be unable to do so, especially since the deadline for registering to take the bar exam in many other UBE jurisdictions has now passed.

But whatever the capacity, giving priority to those who went to law school in the District of Columbia is unfair. There is no reason to prefer individuals based on where they attended law school.

We appreciate your considering our views.

Sincerely,

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