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Re: Rhode Island Bar Exam Testing Accommodations for Breastfeeding

## Dear Sir/Madam:

The Rhode Island of Board of Bar Examiners is in receipt of letters from the ACLU dated July 20, 2015 and August 4, 2015 regarding Rhode Island's testing accommodations relative to examinees who are breastfeeding at the time of the bar exam.

As the August 4, 2015 letter suggests, our Bar Administrator Nancy Mahoney was not able to respond to the July 9, 2015 email inquiry from Ms. Jennifer Hickey regarding a request for information regarding breastfeeding accommodations and the July 20, 2015 letter received on

July 24, 2015 due to its proximity to the July 2015 bar examination which took place on July 28 and July 29, 2015. The month of July is a very busy time for our staff of one.

I wanted to acknowledge receipt of your inquiry and advise that we are working with the Board to review our policies and practices and provide you with a response.

Sincerely,

David A. Wollin, Esq., Chair

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