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SENT CERTIFIED ( ) AND US MAIL
Parthiv Patel

Dear Parthiv Patel:

Based on a review of your Application for Permission to Sit for the Pennsylvania Bar Examination and for Character and Fitness Determination under Pa.B.A.R. 203, it has been determined that you do not appear to possess the fitness and general qualifications requisite for a member of the bar due to affirmative responses on your application, and 8 U.S.C. § 1621. This federal statute prohibits the Pennsylvania Supreme Court from granting a license to an applicant who is an undocumented immigrant and who does not fit within one of the statute's exceptions. Therefore, pursuant to Pa.B.A.R. 213(a), your admission is denied at this time.

Pursuant to Pa.B.A.R. 213(b), you have the right to request a hearing before the Board to further evaluate your fitness. Please visit the board's web site at <a href="www.pabarexam.org">www.pabarexam.org</a> for complete rules. The board office must receive your request for a hearing, both verbally and in writing, within 30 days of the date of this letter; otherwise, your application will remain denied. Additionally, if you intend to request a hearing, the enclosed form must be completed and returned with your written request. Any communications to the board office must be directed to Jessica C. D. Holst, Lead Character and Fitness Investigator.

You may request that a copy of your bar application file be mailed to you by completing and returning the enclosed form or you may schedule an appointment to review your file at the Board of Law Examiners' office in Harrisburg. Please be advised that you must submit a certified or cashier's check or money order for \$75.00 to receive a complete copy of your bar application by mail.

If you choose not to appeal this decision, you may file a Supplemental Statement for Character and Fitness Determination as required under Pa.B.A.R. 231 as soon as you have new evidence to present to the Board regarding the issues which formed the basis for the Executive Director's denial of your initial application.

Filing a Supplemental Statement for Character and Fitness Determination does not require any specific waiting period. However, depending on the nature and complexity of your character and fitness issues, the PaBLE staff and Board generally needs three to six months to complete a

revised character and fitness investigation, and if necessary, to conduct a hearing, make an adjudication and send the paperwork necessary for you to file a Certificate with the Prothonotary. Therefore, the Board strongly recommends that you file your supplemental application at least six months before the date of the expiration of bar results. Otherwise, the Board office may not be able to complete your character and fitness determination before the expiration of bar results, which would result in your having to start the application process anew and take the bar examination again.

You have three years from the date that your bar examination results were released, i.e., October 7, 2019, to obtain a certificate for admission to the Pennsylvania Bar. After that date, your bar examination results will lapse, and you will then be required to take the bar examination again and meet all of the other requirements for admission to the bar.

If you have any questions about these matters, please feel free to contact Ms. Holst at 717-231-3350.

Sincerely

Gicine P. Brignola

**Executive Director** 

Enclosure