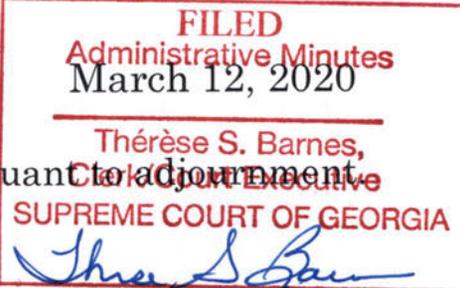




## SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA



The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

The following order was passed:

### IN RE: ADMISSION IN ABSENTIA

Supreme Court Rule 4 (a) provides, subject to certain exceptions, that any active member of the State Bar may be admitted to practice in this Court upon written application and by taking the oath in open Court or before a Justice. Subsection 4 (c) allows any active member who resides out of state to be admitted in absentia by a judge or justice at a time and place other than in open Court. Considering the recent guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention about preventing exposure to the COVID-19 virus, the Court temporarily suspends in-court admissions during oral argument sessions and also suspends Rule 4 (a) to the extent that the Rule limits lawyers who must be admitted to handle a pending or soon to be pending matter in this Court. Effective immediately, and continuing until further notice, lawyers who have a pending matter in this Court or anticipate that a matter will be pending either through the filing of a notice of direct appeal, application, petition, motion, or a certified question case, may be admitted in absentia, so long as the applicant is otherwise qualified. This temporary, partial suspension of Rule 4 (a) for attorneys who reside in the State shall apply until the oral argument admission ceremonies are reinstated.

**SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA**  
Clerk's Office, Atlanta

I certify that the above is a true extract from the minutes of the Supreme Court of Georgia.

Witness my signature and the seal of said court hereto affixed the day and year last above written.

, Clerk