



Republic of the Philippines  
Supreme Court  
Manila

*Office of the Bar Confidant*

**NOTICE TO THE 2023 BAR APPLICANTS**

Re: EXAMPLIFY AND COMPATIBILITY ISSUES WITH macOS Sonoma

The Supreme Court shall continue to use Exemplify, a secure examination delivery software program, for the 2023 Bar Examinations. The examinees shall be required to use their own portable computer devices to take the examinations. In line with Bar Bulletin No. 3, Series of 2023,<sup>1</sup> comprehensive information and specific guidelines on the digitalized examination process, *i.e.*, the list of permitted devices, how to install, register, and use Exemplify, as well as hardware and software specifications, will be announced in later issuances.

In the interim, this is to inform all Bar Applicants that **Exemplify will not be compatible with Mac operating system (macOS) Sonoma (macOS 14).**<sup>2</sup> All Bar applicants who intend to use a **MacBook** for the 2023 Bar Examinations are strongly advised not to update to or install macOS 14, whether in *beta* version or the regular release, nor purchase a MacBook with macOS 14. Otherwise, they are encouraged to equip themselves with working alternatives as a measure of caution.

Please be guided accordingly.

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<sup>1</sup> For ease of reference, Bar Bulletin No. 3, Series of 2023 is accessible at <https://sc.judiciary.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Bar-Bulletin-No.-3-2023.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> Per advice of ExamSoft, producer of Exemplify.