# **Bar Exam Resources**

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## **General Bar Exam Resources & Study Hints**

- Comprehensive Guide to Bar Admission Requirements from the National <u>Conference of Bar Examiners</u> Also available in print at Reference KF302.A15
   C66 with earlier years available in Stacks KF302.A15 C66
- ABA and NCBE, A Model for Dialogue. Available online from the ABA.
- Conquering the Bar Exam: Personal Stories & Practical Advice for Overcoming the Final Hurdle to Becoming a Full-Fledged Licensed Lawyer; Insight for First-Generation and Minority Law Students and Graduates (Evangeline M. Mitchell ed., 2007). Reserve KF303.C66 2007
- Suzanne Darrow-Kleinhaus, Acing the Bar Exam: A Checklist Approach to Taking the Bar Exam (2008). Reserve KF303 .D369 2008
- Suzanne Darrow-Kleinhaus, *The Bar Exam in a Nutshell* (2d ed. 2009). Reserve KF303 .D37 2009. (1st ed., 2003 in Stacks.)
- Steven I. Friedland & Jeffrey Scott Shapiro, The Essential Rules for Bar Exam Success (2008). Reserve KF303 .F75 2008
- Edna Wells Handy, You Can Pass Any Bar Exam (1997). KF 303.H25 1997
- Rosemary La Puma, If I Don't Pass the Bar I'll Die: 73 Ways to Keep Stress and Worry from Affecting Your Performance on the Bar Exam (2008). Reserves KF303.L3 2008
- National Conference of Bar Examiners, NCBE Directory (1989). Reference KF 303.N43
- Denise Riebe & Michael Hunter Schwartz, Pass the Bar (2006) Reserve KF303 .R54 2006

- <u>A Guide to the Bar Examination for People of Color</u> Practical exam-taking advice (requires free registration).
- <u>Bar Exam Advice from Howard Law Alumni</u> Howard University Law School alumni offer advice on passing the bar exam.
- <u>Bar Support for Loved Ones</u> -- A short video produced by Twinette L. Johnson, Director of Bar Programs at SLU containing advice for those living with students studying for the bar exam.
- <u>Legal Learning for Bar Candidates</u> Study hints from Carolyn Nygren, the author of *Starting Off Right in Law School* and who has taught many legal skills orientation classes.
- <u>The National Jurist</u> -- The National Jurist has published several articles on the bar exam. Searching their back issues should bring up those articles.
- Passing the Bar Tips from Professor Vernellia Randall at the University of Dayton School of Law.
- <u>Villanova University School of Law's Bar Preparation Information</u> Includes preparation tips and exam exercises.

## MPRE (Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam) Resources

The Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) is a 60-question, two-hour-and-five-minute, multiple-choice examination administered three times each year. It is required for admission to the bars of all but four U.S. jurisdictions (Ohio is a jurisdiction that requires it). Passing scores, which are established by each jurisdiction, currently vary between 75 and 86.

- <u>2011 MPRE Information Booklet</u> (.pdf, includes sample questions) from the National Conference of Bar Examiners.
- Alex Rusekll, Strategies & Tactics for the MPRE: Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam (2009). Reserve KF306.Z9 W35 2009
- Leslie W. Abramson, *Acing Professional Responsibility: A Checklist Approach to Professional Responsibility Problems* (2009). Reserve KF306 .A735 2009
- MPRE Sample Questions VI from the National Conference of Bar Examiners

Contains 150 questions. Most of these questions have been administered on actual Multistate Professional Responsibility Examinations, although a few questions are included that were not administered on the MPRE but were written as samples of the kinds of questions that would be included under the test specifications. The questions as a whole cover the eleven major topics in the MPRE subject matter outline, although they do not appear in exactly the same proportions as specified in the outline.

#### **MBE** (Multistate Bar Examination) Resources

The Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) is a six-hour, 200-question multiple-choice examination covering contracts, torts, constitutional law, criminal law and procedure, evidence, and real property. It is developed by the National Conference of Bar

Examiners (NCBE) and is administered by participating jurisdictions (includes Ohio) on the last Wednesday in February and the last Wednesday in July of each year.

- MBE 2011 Information Booklet (also contains sample questions)
- MBE Jurisdictions
- Steven L. Emanuel, *Strategies & Tactics for the MBE 2 : Mulitstate Bar Exam* (2010). Reserve KF303 .E54 2010
- Stephen P. Klein, *Summary of Research on the Multistate Bar Examination* (1993). KF 303.K53 1993.
- Victor E. Schwartz, Barron's How to Prepare for the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) (1977) KF303.S33
- John T. Talemo, Mastering the MBE (2002). Reserves KF303.T35 2002.
- <u>MBE 1992 Questions</u> -- 581 questions released MBE questions from 1976-1992, includes answer key. Note: the NCBE offers these as samples of the range and format of questions not as currently tested material.
- <u>National Conference of Bar Examiners</u>, Multistate Bar Examination Questions KF388 .N38 1974
- <u>National Conference of Bar Examiners</u>, The Multistate Bar Examination, February 23, 1972 KF388 .N38 1972
- <u>National Conference of Bar Examiners</u>, Sample MBE I Questions, February 1991 Reserve KF 303.N3
- National Conference of Bar Examiners, Sample MBE II Questions, July 1991 Reserve KF 303.N3
- National Conference of Bar Examiners, Sample MBE III Questions, July 1998 Reserve KF 303.N3

## **MEE (Multistate Essay Exam) Resources**

The Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) is a collection of 30-minute essay questions and is administered by participating jurisdictions on the Tuesday before the last Wednesday in February and July of each year. The MEE offers nine questions per examination, with most jurisdictions selecting six questions from the nine. Ohio does not administer the MEE but other states, including Kentucky, do.

- MEE 2011 Information Booklet (also contains sample questions)
- MEE Jurisdictions
- Mary Campbell Gallagher, *Scoring High on Bar Exam Essays* (2006). Reserve KF303 .G35 2006
- Sample Questions from February 2011 exam are available on the NCBE web site at <a href="http://www.ncbex.org/multistate-tests/mee/mee-sample-questions">http://www.ncbex.org/multistate-tests/mee/mee-sample-questions</a> (check the right side of the page)
- MEE Question & Analyses: The MEE Q&A include questions and model analyses illustrative of the discussions that might appear in excellent answers:
  - o MEE Q&A 2006
  - o MEE Q&A 2005
  - o <u>MEE Q&A 2004</u>

- o MEE Q&A 2003
- o MEE Q&A 2002
- o MEE Q&A 2001
- o <u>MEE Q&A 2000</u>
- o MEE Q&A 1999
- o MEE Q&A 1998
- o MEE Q&A 1997
- o MEE Q&A 1996
- o <u>MEE Q&A 1995</u>

#### **MPT** (Multistate Performance Test) Resources

The MPT consists of two 90-minute skills questions covering legal analysis, fact analysis, problem solving, resolution of ethical dilemmas, organization and management of a lawyering task, and communication. It is developed by the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) and is administered by participating jurisdictions (includes Ohio) on the Tuesday before the last Wednesday in February and July of each year.

MPT 2011 Information Booklet

#### **Exam Questions & Point Sheets**

These describe the factual and legal points encompassed within the lawyering task to be completed by applicants for each of the tests and outline possible issues and points that might be addressed by an examinee.

The following are available online from the <u>National Conference of Bar Examiners</u> at <a href="http://www.ncbex.org/multistate-tests/mpt/">http://www.ncbex.org/multistate-tests/mpt/</a>:

- 2006 July and February
- 2005 July and February
- 2004 July and February
- 2003 July and February
- 2002 July and February
- 2001 July and February
- 2000 <u>July</u> and <u>February</u>
- 1999 <u>July</u> and <u>February</u>
- 1998 <u>July</u> and <u>February</u>
- 1997 July and February

#### **UBE**

The Uniform Bar Examination (UBE) is prepared by the National Conference of Bar Examiners to test knowledge and skills that every lawyer should be able to demonstrate prior to becoming licensed to practice law. It is comprised of a common set of six Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) questions, two Multistate Performance Test (MPT)

tasks, and the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE). It is uniformly administered, graded, and scored by user jurisdictions and results in a portable score that can be used to seek admission in jurisdictions that accept UBE scores.

The following jurisdictions have adopted the UBE:

- Alabama (July 2011)
- Idaho (February 2012)
- Missouri (February 2011)
- North Dakota (February 2011)
- Washington (July 2013)

#### **Ohio Bar Exam**

- Office of Bar Admissions
- Office of Bar Admissions, Ohio Bar Examination
- Ohio Board of Bar Examiners, Ohio Bar Examination: Essay Questions (1997 2010)
  - Ohio Board of Bar Examiners, Ohio Bar Examination: Essay Questions and Selected Answers (1995 2010) Ohio 1 Collection, KFO76.Z9 O48 (Note: only the hardcopy version has answers).
- Ohio Board of Bar Examiners, Outline of Ohio Bar Examination Subjects Ohio 2 Collection KFO76.Z9 B63 1985
- Ohio Board of Bar Examiners, Outline of Subjects Tested On Essay Portion of Ohio Bar Examination (2002) latest available on Supreme Court website
  - o 1997 available in print at Ohio 1 Collection KFO76.Z9 O85

## Other State & Territory Bar Exam Information

- <u>Comprehensive Guide to Bar Admission Requirements</u> from the <u>National</u> Conference of Bar Examiners
  - Also available in print at Reference, KF302.A15 C66 (earlier years available at Stacks KF302.A15 C66)
- Annual Compilation of Bar Examination Questions (1969-1995). KF 303 I48 The Institute for Bar Review Study publishes the questions and official or sample answers to the essays from Alaska, Connecticut and Michigan (pre-1992 issues may have essays from other states).

#### Official Bar Exam Sites from other States:

In addition to information about bar exam requirements, many of these sites also offer previous exam questions.

- Admissions Office of the Alabama State Bar
- Alaska State Bar Association Admissions
- Arizona Attorney Admissions

- Arkansas State Board of Law Examiners
- California State Bar Association Office of Admissions
- Colorado Board of Law Examiners
- Connecticut Bar Examining Committee
- Committee on Admissions to the DC Bar
- Board of Bar Examiners of the Supreme Court of Deleware
- Florida Board of Bar Examiners
- Georgia Office of Bar Admissions
- Guam Board of Bar Examiners
- Hawaii Board of Examiners
- <u>Idaho State Bar Admissions Department</u>
- Illinois Board of Admissions to the Bar
- Indiana Board of Law Examiners
- Iowa Board of Law Examiners
- Kansas Board of Law Examiners
- Kentucky Office of Bar Admissions
- Louisiana Supreme Court Committee on Bar Admissions
- Maine Board of Bar Examiners
- Maryland State Board of Law Examiners
- Massachusetts Board of Bar Examiners
- Michigan State Board of Law Examiners
- Minnesota State Board of Law Examiners
- Mississippi Board of Bar Admissions
- Missouri Board of Law Examiners
- State Bar of Montana Admissions
- Nebraska State Bar Commission
- Nevada State Bar Association Admissions
- New Hampshire Supreme Court Admission to the Bar
- New Jersey Board of Bar Examiners
- New Mexico Board of Bar Examiners
- New York State Board of Law Examiners
- Board of Law Examiners of the State of North Carolina
- North Dakota Board of Bar Examiners
- Northern Mariana Islands Bar Admissions
- Oklahoma Board of Bar Examiners
- Oregon Board of Bar Examiners
- Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners
- Puerto Rico Board of Bar Examiners
- Rhode Island Board of Bar Examiners
- South Carolina Office of Bar Admissions
- South Dakota Admission to Practice Law
- Tennessee Board of Law Examiners
- Texas Board of Bar Examiners
- Utah State Bar Office of Bar Admissions
- Vermont Board of Bar Examiners
- Virgin Islands Committee of Bar Examiners

- Virginia Board of Bar Examiners
- Washington State Bar Association
- West Virginia Board of Law Examiners
- Wisconsin Board of Bar Examiners
- Wyoming Board of Bar Examiners

## **Patent Bar**

The regulations governing the recognition of individuals to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO or Office) in patent cases are set forth in 37 CFR §§11.5, 11.6, 11.7, 11.8 and 11.9.

United States Patent and Trademark Office Exam Information