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FREE
8-Week Study Schedule
for the
California Bar Exam

Using NAILING THE BAR Books

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**FREE 8 -Week Study Schedule for the
California General Bar Exam (GBX)
Using HYPERLINKED Nailing the Bar eBooks from**

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Preliminary Information: This Study Schedule is intended for full-time study for a person who can study intently 8 or more hours a day, Monday through Saturday.

This is a rigorous schedule. It only works because the Nailing the Bar Simple Outlines are short, concise and on-point without a lot of unnecessary blather that is never tested. You can read them in one day, and you cannot do that with most other resources. Other approaches will cost you 2 or more weeks of additional study time (and lost wages)!

This schedule provides one day each weekend in which no study is demanded. You must modify this schedule by study on Sunday, or add some more study days to meet the needs of your own situation. If you are a slow reader (or a lazy student) you should start reading through the outlines earlier so you have time to complete the Schedule before you face the GBX.

MBE Study Alone. If you are only going to study for the MBE alone, and are not concerned with the California General Bar Exam (GBX), don't use this Schedule. Instead use the Practical Step Press "[FREE MBE Study Schedule](#)."

SUBJECTS TESTED ON THE GBX: The GBX tests the following subjects:

1. Common law **Contracts** and UCC Articles 1 & 2 (Also tested on the MBE);
2. **Torts** (Also tested on the MBE);
3. **Crimes and Criminal Procedure** (Also tested on the MBE);
4. **Constitutional Law** (Also tested on the MBE);
5. Federal and California **Evidence** rules (Federal rules are also tested on the MBE);
6. **Real Property** (Also tested on the MBE).
7. **Civil Procedure** (federal and California rule differences);
8. **California Community Property**.
9. **California Wills and Trusts**;
10. **Remedies**;
11. **Professional Responsibility** (ABA rules and California rules);
12. **Business Organization**; and
13. **Performance Tests** (2 of these).

UCC Resources: You need to review all of the sections of UCC Articles 1 & 2 before you take the GBX. If you don't have a copy of the UCC handy use this on-line resource - <http://www.law.cornell.edu/ucc/2>. And for detailed and up-to-date information on the MBE portion of the GBX see the website of the National Conference of Bar Examiners at this link – www.ncbex.org.

HYPERLINKS TO THE WEB: Use the hyperlinks embedded in this Schedule to quickly access referenced materials on the web. To return quickly to the Schedule use -

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1. [eBook-Simple Contracts & UCC Outline \(O-1e\)](#)
2. [eBook-Simple Torts Outline \(O-2e\)](#)
3. [eBook-Simple Crimes Outline \(O-3e\)](#)
4. [eBook-Simple Criminal Procedure Outline \(O-4e\)](#)
5. [eBook-Simple Civil Procedure Outline \(O-5e\)](#)
6. [eBook-Simple Constitutional Law Outline \(O-6e\)](#)
7. [eBook-Simple Evidence Outline \(O-7e\)](#)
8. [eBook-Simple Real Property Outline\(O-8e\)](#)
9. [eBook-Simple California Community Property Outline \(O-9e\)](#)
10. [eBook-Simple Remedies Outline \(O-10e\)](#)
11. [eBook-Simple California Wills and Trusts Outline \(O-11e\)](#)
12. [eBook-How to Write Essay Answers for Law School and Bar Exams, The Essential Guide to California Bar Exam Preparation \(PRe\)](#)
13. [eBook-Nailing the MBE \(MQ2e\)](#)
14. [eBook-How to Write Performance Tests for Bar Exams \(Qe\)](#)

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USING PAPER BOOKS. These same books are available in paper form at the following links:

1. [Simple Contracts & UCC Outline \(O-1\), ISBN 978-1-936160-06-8](#)
2. [Simple Torts Outline \(O-2\), ISBN 978-1-936160-07-5](#)
3. [Simple Crimes Outline \(O-3\), ISBN 978-1-936160-08-2](#)
4. [Simple Criminal Procedure Outline \(O-4\) ISBN 978-1-936160-24-2](#)
5. [Simple Civil Procedure Outline \(O-5\) ISBN 978-1-936160-25-9](#)
6. [Simple Constitutional Law Outline \(O-6\) ISBN 978-1-936160-26-6](#)
7. [Simple Evidence Outline \(O-7\) ISBN 978-1-936160-27-3](#)
8. [Simple Real Property Outline \(O-8\) ISBN 978-1-936160-28-0](#)
9. [Simple California Community Property Outline \(O-9\) ISBN 978-1-936160-29-7](#)
10. [Simple Remedies Outline \(O-10\) ISBN 978-1-936160-30-3](#)
11. [Simple California Wills and Trusts Outline \(O-11\) ISBN 978-1-936160-31-0](#)
12. [How to Write Essay Answers for Law School and Bar Exams, The Essential Guide to California Bar Exam Preparation \(PR\) ISBN 978-1-936160-05-1](#)
13. [Nailing the MBE \(MQ2\) ISBN 978-1-936160-35-8](#)
14. [How to Write Performance Tests for Bar Exams \(Q\) ISBN 978-1-936160-23-5](#)

Comparison of this Schedule to Formal Bar Prep. This Study Schedule requires you to complete the following exam materials – 28 Essay Questions (written), 20 additional Essay Questions (outlined only), 600 Multiple-Choice Questions, and 2 Performance Tests. That is over 4 times the number of essays, and three times the number of multiple choice questions you would be required to answer on the GBX. That is far more practice material than most “formal” Bar Prep services provide.

Week 1

Start with general essay writing guidelines. Then cover **Contracts & UCC**, and begin **Torts**.

Monday:

All Day: Read the introductory [Chapters 1-16](#) of Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)**. This covers the general principals of essay writing for Bar exams.

Tuesday:

All Day: Read all of Nailing the Bar's [Simple Contracts & UCC Outline \(O-1e\)](#).

Evening: Review all of the sections in Articles 1 & 2 of the UCC, especially Article 2 in an outside source. If necessary use <http://www.law.cornell.edu/ucc/2/>

Wednesday:

All Day: Read [Chapter 17](#) of Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)** regarding Contract Answer Formats and the common issues raised on Contract and UCC essay questions. Memorize the "Important!" rules.

Be able to cite a rule statement for *Hadley v. Baxendale* by rote.

Thursday:

Morning: Write answers to [Question 17-1](#) and [Question 17-2](#) from Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)** regarding Contracts – formation under common law and UCC. Write each answer in no more than one (1) hour. If your essay is not going well, stop and start over. But always write in a timed setting. If you have already read the question and know the issues, you have a head start so cut your writing time shorter to just 45 minutes.

Read the Sample Answers and explanations for Questions [17-1](#) and [17-2](#) and spend at least 3 hours comparing your answers to those to see if you missed issues, wasted time, etc.

Afternoon: Read and outline answers to [Question 17-3](#), [Question 17-4](#), and [Question 17-5](#) from Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law**

School and Bar Exams (PRe). Use 15 minutes to outline each answer. On these outlines jot down the rule statements you would have presented on a real exam. Then read the Sample Answers and explanations for Questions [17-3](#), [17-4](#) and [17-5](#) and compare those to your outlines to see if you missed issues.

Evening: Review the materials on Contracts essays. This concludes that subject matter.

Friday:

All Day: Read all of Nailing the Bar's [Simple Torts Outline \(O-2e\)](#).

Saturday:

All Day: Read [Chapter 18](#) of Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)** regarding Tort Answer Formats and the common issues raised on Tort essay questions. Memorize the "Important!" rules.

Be prepared to cite *Palsgraf* for negligence based on peril, and *New York Times v. Sullivan* for defamation.

Understand and accept that the essential element of proof of a Product Liability action is that the plaintiff must prove the product was unreasonably dangerous, and that those dangers were the cause of injury.

Sunday: Take the day off.

Week 2

Write **Torts** essays, cover **Crimes** and start studying **Criminal Procedure**.

Monday:

Morning: Write answers to [Question 18-6](#) and [Question 18-7](#) from Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)** on Torts. Again, write each answer in no more than one (1) hour. If your essay is not going well, stop and start over. But always write in a timed setting. If you have already read the question and know the issues, you have a head start so cut your writing time shorter to just 45 minutes.

Read the Sample Answers and explanations for Questions [18-6](#) and [18-7](#) and spend at least 3 hours comparing your answers to those to see if you missed issues, wasted time, etc.

Afternoon: Read and outline an answer to [Question 18-8](#) from Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)**. Use 15 minutes to outline the answer. On this outline jot down the rule statements you would have presented on a real exam. Then read the Sample Answer and explanation for Question [18-8](#) and compare that to your outline to see if you missed issues.

Evening: Review the materials on Torts essays. This concludes that subject matter.

Tuesday:

All Day: Read all of Nailing the Bar's [Simple Crimes Outline \(O-3e\)](#).

Wednesday:

All Day: Read [Chapter 20](#) of Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)** regarding Criminal Law Answer Formats and the common issues raised on Criminal Law essay questions. Memorize the "Important!" rules.

Thursday:

Morning: Write answers to [Question 20-13](#) and [Question 20-14](#) from Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)** on Crimes. Again, write each answer in no more than one (1) hour, and always write in a timed setting.

Read the Sample Answers and explanations for Questions [20-13](#) and [20-14](#) and spend at least 3 hours comparing your answers to those to see if you missed issues, wasted time, etc.

Afternoon: Read and outline an answer to [Question 20-15](#) from Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)**. Use 15 minutes to outline the answer. On this outline jot down the rule statements you would have presented on a real exam. Then read the Sample Answer and explanation for Question [20-15](#) and compare that to your outline to see if you missed issues.

Evening: Review the materials on Criminal Law essays. This concludes that subject matter.

Friday:

All Day: Read Nailing the Bar's [Simple Criminal Procedure Outline \(O-4e\)](#).

Saturday:

All Day: Read [Chapter 21](#) of Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)** regarding Criminal Procedure Answer Formats and the common issues raised on Criminal Procedure essay questions. Memorize the "Important!" rules.

Be sure you can state the rules based on *Miranda* and *Massiah* and be ready to cite and explain the "reasonableness" requirement of the 4th Amendment.

Sunday: Take the day off.

Week 3

Write **Criminal Procedure** essays, cover **Civil Procedure** and start studying **Constitutional Law**.

Monday:

Morning: Write answers to [Question 21-16](#) and [Question 21-17](#) from Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)** on Criminal Procedure. Again, write each answer in no more than one (1) hour, and always write in a timed setting.

Read the Sample Answers and explanations for Questions [21-16](#) and [21-17](#) and spend at least 3 hours comparing your answers to those to see if you missed issues, wasted time, etc.

Afternoon: Read and outline answers to [Question 21-18](#) and [Question 21-19](#) from Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)**. Use 15 minutes to outline each answer. On these outlines jot down the rule statements you would have presented on a real exam. Then read the Sample Answers and explanations for Questions [21-18](#) and [21-19](#) and compare them to your outlines to see if you missed issues.

Evening: Review the materials on Criminal Procedure essays. This concludes that subject matter.

Tuesday:

All Day: Read Nailing the Bar's [Simple Civil Procedure Outline \(O-5e\)](#).

Wednesday:

All Day: Read [Chapter 19](#) of Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)** regarding Civil Procedure Answer Formats and the common issues raised on Civil Procedure essay questions. Memorize the "Important!" rules.

Be able to cite *Pennoyer v. Neff*, *International Shoe* and *Mullane*.

Complicated rules to be especially noted are Subject Matter Jurisdiction, Personal Jurisdiction, Erie Doctrine - Choice of Law, Issue/Claim Preclusion, and Supplemental Jurisdiction in federal courts.

Note the differences between California and federal civil procedure rules. Those differences are highlighted in both Nailing the Bar's [Simple Civil Procedure Outline \(O-5e\)](#), and in Nailing the Bar's [How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams \(PRe\)](#).

Thursday:

Morning: Write answers to [Question 19-9](#) and [Question 19-10](#) from Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)** on Civil Procedure. Again, write each answer in no more than one (1) hour, and always write in a timed setting.

Read the Sample Answers and explanations for Questions [19-9](#) and [19-10](#) and spend at least 3 hours comparing your answers to those to see if you missed issues, wasted time, etc.

Afternoon: Read and outline answers to [Questions 19-11](#) and [19-12](#) from Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)**. Use 15 minutes to outline each answer. On these outlines jot down the rule statements you would have presented on a real exam. Then read the Sample Answers and explanations for Questions [19-11](#) and [19-12](#) and compare them to your outlines to see if you missed issues.

Evening: Review the materials on Civil Procedure essays. This concludes that subject matter.

This concludes study of Civil Procedure essays.

Friday:

All Day: Read Nailing the Bar's [Simple Constitutional Law Outline \(O-6e\)](#).

Saturday:

All Day: Read [Chapter 24](#) of Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)** regarding Constitutional Law Answer Formats and the common issues raised on Constitutional Law essay questions. Memorize the "Important!" rules.

Be especially able to explain the rules for the Commerce Clause, Equal Protection, Suspect Classes, Establishment Clause, Free Exercise Clause, Fundamental Rights, and Freedom of Speech.

Be able to cite *Lemon*, *Smith and Yoder*, *Mullane and Mathews v. Eldridge*, *Miller*, and *Brandenburg*, etc.

Review the holding in *Lopez* and be prepared to cite and apply that holding to a similar fact pattern.

Sunday: Take the day off.

Week 4

Write **Constitutional Law** essays, cover **Evidence**, and start studying **Real Property**.

Monday:

Morning: Write answers to [Question 24-27](#) and [Question 24-28](#) from Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)** on Constitutional Law. Again, write each answer in no more than one (1) hour, and always write in a timed setting.

Read the Sample Answers and explanations for Questions [24-27](#) and [24-28](#) and spend at least 3 hours comparing your answers to those to see if you missed issues, wasted time, etc.

Afternoon: Read and outline answers to [Questions 24-29](#) and [24-30](#) from Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)**. Use 15 minutes to outline each answer. On these outlines jot down the rule statements you would have presented on a real exam. Then read the Sample Answers and explanations for Questions [24-29](#) and [24-30](#) and compare them to your outlines to see if you missed issues.

Evening: Review the materials on Constitutional Law essays. This concludes that subject matter.

Tuesday:

All Day: Read all of Nailing the Bar's [Simple Evidence Outline \(O-7e\)](#).

Wednesday:

All Day: Read [Chapter 26](#) of Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)** regarding Evidence Answer Formats and the common issues raised on Evidence essay questions. Memorize the "Important!" rules.

Be sure to pay attention to the differences between federal rules of evidence (the FRE) and the California Evidence Code. They are explained throughout this Chapter 26, and there is also a Comparative Table in [Appendix B](#) of Nailing the Bar's **Simple Evidence Outline**.

Thursday:

Morning: Write answers to [Question 26-34](#) and [Question 26-35](#) from Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams**

(PRe) on Evidence. Again, write each answer in no more than one (1) hour, and always write in a timed setting.

Read the Sample Answers and explanations for Questions [26-34](#) and [26-35](#) and spend at least 3 hours comparing your answers to those to see if you missed issues, wasted time, etc.

Afternoon: Read and outline an answer to [Question 26-36](#) from Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)**. Use 15 minutes to outline the answer. On this outline jot down the rule statements you would have presented on a real exam. Then read the Sample Answer and explanation for Question [26-36](#) and compare it to your outline to see if you missed issues.

Evening: Review the materials on Evidence essays. This concludes that subject matter.

Friday:

All Day: Read all of Nailing the Bar's [Simple Real Property Outline \(O-8e\)](#).

Saturday:

All Day: Read [Chapter 22](#) of Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)** regarding Real Property Answer Formats and the common issues raised on Real Property essay questions. Memorize the "Important!" rules.

Sunday: Take the day off.

Week 5

Write **Real Property** essays, cover **Community Property** and start studying **Remedies**.

Monday:

Morning: Write answers to [Question 22-20](#) and [Question 22-21](#) from Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)** on Real Property Again, write each answer in no more than one (1) hour, and always write in a timed setting.

Read the Sample Answers and explanations for Questions [22-20](#) and [22-21](#) and spend at least 3 hours comparing your answers to those to see if you missed issues, wasted time, etc.

Afternoon: Read and outline answers to [Question 22-22](#) and [Question 22-23](#) from Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)**. Use 15 minutes to outline each answer. On these outlines jot down the rule statements you would have presented on a real exam. Then read the Sample Answers and explanations for Questions [22-22](#) and [22-23](#) and compare them to your outlines to see if you missed issues.

Evening: Review the materials on Real Property essays. This concludes that subject matter.

Tuesday:

All Day: Read all of Nailing the Bar's [Simple California Community Property Outline \(O-9e\)](#).

Wednesday:

All Day: Read [Chapter 23](#) of Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)** regarding California Community Property Answer Formats and the common issues raised on Community Property essay questions. Memorize the "Important!" rules.

Thursday:

Morning: Write answers to [Question 23-24](#) and [Question 23-25](#) from Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)** on Community Property. Again, write each answer in no more than one (1) hour, and always write in a timed setting.

Read the Sample Answers and explanations for Questions [23-24](#) and [23-25](#) and spend at least 3 hours comparing your answers to those to see if you missed issues, wasted time, etc.

Afternoon: Read and outline an answer to [Question 23-26](#) from Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)**. Use 15 minutes to outline the answer. On this outline jot down the rule statements you would have presented on a real exam. Then read the Sample Answer and explanation for Question [23-26](#) and compare it to your outline to see if you missed issues.

Evening: Review the materials on Community Property essays. This concludes that subject matter.

Friday:

All Day: Read all of Nailing the Bar's [Simple Remedies Outline \(O-10e\)](#).

Saturday:

All Day: Read [Chapter 30](#) of Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)** regarding Remedy Answer Formats and the common issues raised on Remedy essay questions. Memorize the "Important!" rules.

Note that on the GBX "Remedy" questions often involve three issues – 1) Does the movant have a right to be awarded legal restitution? 2) Can the movant be awarded equitable restitution? And 3) Can the movant obtain injunctive relief.

Sunday: Take the day off.

Week 6

Write **Remedies** essays, cover **Wills** and start studying **Trusts**.

Monday:

Morning: Write answers to [Question 30-46](#) and [Question 30-47](#) from Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)** on Remedies. Again, write each answer in no more than one (1) hour, and always write in a timed setting.

Read the Sample Answers and explanations for Questions [30-46](#) and [30-47](#) and spend at least 3 hours comparing your answers to those to see if you missed issues, wasted time, etc.

Afternoon: Read and outline an answer to [Question 30-48](#) from Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)**. Use 15 minutes to outline the answer. On this outline jot down the rule statements you would have presented on a real exam. Then read the Sample Answer and explanation for Question [30-48](#) and compare it to your outline to see if you missed issues.

Evening: Review the materials on Remedy essays. This concludes that subject matter.

Tuesday:

All Day: Read [Chapters 1-12](#) (stopping at "Trust Creation") in Nailing the Bar's **Simple California Wills & Trusts Outline (O-11e)**.

Wednesday:

All Day: Read [Chapter 28](#) of Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)** regarding Wills Answer Formats and the common issues raised on Wills essay questions. Memorize the "Important!" rules.

Note that many of the California rules regarding Wills also apply to Trusts, but some do not. Rules such as the omitted spouse, testamentary intent, competence, and pretermitted child rules apply to all "testamentary documents" which includes Trusts. But the strict witnessing requirements of Wills (and codicils) do not apply to Trusts.

Thursday:

Morning: Write answers to [Question 28-41](#) and [Question 28-42](#) from Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)** on Wills. Again, write each answer in no more than one (1) hour, and always write in a timed setting.

Read the Sample Answers and explanations for Questions [28-41](#) and [28-42](#). Spend at least 3 hours comparing your answers to those to see if you missed issues, wasted time, etc.

Afternoon: Read [Chapters 13-15](#) (from "Trust Creation" through "Private Trusts") in Nailing the Bar's **Simple California Wills & Trusts Outline (O-11e)**, and all of [Chapter 29](#) of Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)** regarding Trust Answer Formats and the common issues raised on Trust essay questions. Memorize the "Important!" rules.

Friday:

Morning: Write answers to [Question 29-43](#) and [Question 29-44](#) from Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)** on Trusts. Again, write each answer in no more than one (1) hour, and always write in a timed setting.

Read the Sample Answers and explanations for Questions [29-43](#) and [29-44](#). Spend at least 3 hours comparing your answers to those to see if you missed issues, wasted time, etc.

Afternoon: Read and outline an answer to [Question 29-45](#) from Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)**. Use 15 minutes to outline the answer. On this outline jot down the rule statements you would have presented on a real exam. Then read the Sample Answer and explanation for Question [29-45](#) and compare it to your outline to see if you missed issues.

Evening: Review the materials on Will and Trust essays. This concludes that subject matter.

Saturday:

All Day: Read [Chapter 25](#) of Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)** regarding Business Organization Answer Formats and the common issues raised on Business Organization essay questions. Memorize the "Important!" rules.

Be able to cite, distinguish and explain SEC Rules 10b / 10b-5, 16b, and 14e-3.

Sunday: Take the day off.

Week 7

Write **Business Organization** essays, cover **Professional Responsibility**, and begin taking **multiple-choice tests** to practice for the **MBE** portion of the GBX.

Monday:

Morning: Write answers to [Question 25-31](#) and [Question 25-32](#) from Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)** on Business Organization. Again, write each answer in no more than one (1) hour, and always write in a timed setting.

Read the Sample Answers and explanations for Questions [25-31](#) and [25-32](#). Spend at least 3 hours comparing your answers to those to see if you missed issues, wasted time, etc.

Afternoon: Read and outline an answer to [Question 25-33](#) from Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)**. Use 15 minutes to outline the answer. On this outline jot down the rule statements you would have presented on a real exam. Then read the Sample Answer and explanation for Question [25-33](#) and compare it to your outline to see if you missed issues.

Evening: Review the materials on Business Organization essays. This concludes that subject matter.

Tuesday:

All Day: Read [Chapter 27](#) of Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)** regarding Professional Responsibility Answer Formats and the common issues raised on Professional Responsibility essay questions. Memorize the "Important!" rules.

Since GBX students have to take and pass the Multi-State Professional Responsibility Exam (MPRE), the GBX usually tests Professional Responsibility (PR) issues within "cross-over" questions involving other areas of law like Business Organization. If any person in an essay question is described as an "attorney" there is almost certainly a PR issue to be addressed.

Wednesday:

Morning: Write answers to [Question 27-37](#) and [Question 27-38](#) from Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)** on Professional Responsibility. Again, write each answer in no more than one (1) hour, and always write in a timed setting.

Read the Sample Answers and explanations for Questions [27-37](#) and [27-38](#). Spend at least 3 hours comparing your answers to those to see if you missed issues, wasted time, etc.

Afternoon: Read and outline answers to [Question 27-39](#) and [Question 27-40](#) from Nailing the Bar's **How to Write Essays for Law School and Bar Exams (PRe)**. Use 15 minutes to outline each answer. On this outline jot down the rule statements you would have presented on a real exam. Then read the Sample Answers and explanations for Questions [27-39](#) and [27-40](#) and compare them to your outlines to see if you missed issues.

Evening: Review the materials on Professional Responsibility essays. This concludes that subject matter.

This also concludes essay writing in general. By this time you should have written sample answers, in a timed setting, for 28 essay questions, and you should have outlined essay answers for an additional 20 questions.

Thursday:

Morning: Read [Chapters 1-3](#) in Nailing the Bar's **Nailing the MBE (MQ2e)** and download and print [FREE Scoring Sheets](#) from www.PracticalStepPress.com.

Afternoon: Take [Test #1](#) from Nailing the Bar's **Nailing the MBE (MQ2e)** in a 3 hour period. Grade yourself on Test #1.

Evening: Review the explanations given for the multiple-choice questions you failed to answer right at ([Test #1 Answers and Explanations](#)). Those are hyperlinked to the Simple Outlines and you should review those links for questions you missed.

Friday:

Morning: Take [Test #2](#) from Nailing the Bar's **Nailing the MBE (MQ2e)** in a 3 hour period. Grade yourself on Test #2.

Afternoon: Review the explanations given for the multiple-choice questions you failed to answer right at ([Test #2 Answers and Explanations](#)).

Saturday:

Morning: Take [Test #3](#) from Nailing the Bar's **Nailing the MBE (MQ2e)** in a 3 hour period. Grade yourself on Test #2.

Afternoon: Review the explanations given for the multiple-choice questions you failed to answer right at ([Test #3 Answers and Explanations](#)).

Sunday: Take the day off.

Week 8

Finish taking **multiple-choice tests** to practice for the **MBE** portion of the GBX, and practice for the **Performance Tests**.

Monday:

Morning: Take [Test #4](#) from Nailing the Bar's **Nailing the MBE (MQ2e)** in a 3 hour period. Grade yourself on Test #2.

Afternoon: Review the explanations given for the multiple-choice questions you failed to answer right at ([Test #4 Answers and Explanations](#)).

Tuesday:

Morning: Take [Test #5](#) from Nailing the Bar's **Nailing the MBE (MQ2e)** in a 3 hour period. Grade yourself on Test #2.

Afternoon: Review the explanations given for the multiple-choice questions you failed to answer right at ([Test #5 Answers and Explanations](#)).

Wednesday:

Morning: Take [Test #6](#) from Nailing the Bar's **Nailing the MBE (MQ2e)** in a 3 hour period. Grade yourself on Test #2.

Afternoon: Review the explanations given for the multiple-choice questions you failed to answer right at ([Test #6 Answers and Explanations](#)).

This concludes MBE testing and you are now ready for the MBE. At this point you have answered 600 multiple-choice questions, which is like taking the MBE three times.

Thursday:

Read all of Nailing the Bar's [How to Write Performance Tests for Bar Exams \(Qe\)](#).

Go to the California Bar website, and download two (2) practice Performance Tests along with the two "exemplary student answers" selected by the Bar.

As explained in the [Forward](#) to [How to Write Performance Tests for Bar Exams \(Qe\)](#), the California Bar website provides you with past Performance Tests given on the GBX, including all of the “Library” and “File” at (<http://www.calbar.ca.gov/>). From the Bar “Home Page” select “Bar Exam” from the menu on the left side. Then select “Past Exams”, and from the next page select “Performance Tests and Selected Answers”. That will give you access to all of the PT materials presented on the GBX for the past several years.

Download two complete PT exams, along with the “exemplary student answers”, and print them out with Adobe Reader.

Friday:

Morning: Using one of those two PT exams you downloaded (don’t cheat by looking at the other student’s answers), test yourself in a 3 hour timed setting just as if you were taking the GBX. Write out the entire “product” the “Boss” has asked you to produce.

Morning: Spend at least 3 hours comparing your “product” to the “exemplary answers” selected by the Bar. Be objective and see if you produced what the Boss asked for, cited the law frequently, cited the given facts and related them to the applicable law.

Saturday:

Morning: Using the other PT exam you downloaded, test yourself in a 3 hour timed setting just as before.

Morning: Spend at least 3 hours comparing your “product” for this second practice PT to the “exemplary answers” selected by the Bar.

Evening: This concludes your Bar preparation.

Sunday: Take the day off.

If you feel the need to do more than two Performance Tests, go ahead. But in the past 15 years I have never seen anyone fail the GBX solely because they did not do the PT well.

And don’t “cram” just before the GBX because it is counter-productive.