Selected State Bar Examination Subjects

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The first day of the bar exam is the written test, and consists of ten essay questions and a single Multistate Performance Test (MPT) question, which is published by the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

- Agency
- Business Associations
- Commercial Transactions
- Constitutional Law
- Contracts
- Criminal Law & Procedure
- Evidence
- Family Law
- Maryland Civil Procedure
- Professional Responsibility
- Property
- Torts

MULTI-STATE BAR EXAMINATION

The Multistate Bar Exam (MBE) is administered on day two and consists of 200 multiple choice questions from among these possible topics:

- Constitutional Law
- Criminal Law and Procedure
- Real Property
- Contracts
- Evidence
- Torts

MULTI-STATE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAM

The MPRE is not required in Maryland.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

http://www.courts.state.md.us/ble/examques_ans.html
ESAY QUESTIONS

Each examination will consist of two parts, with each part having a morning and an afternoon session. The first part, given on Tuesday, is the Essay part, which is prepared and graded under the supervision of the Virginia Board of Bar Examiners. This part includes essay and short-answer questions and will test the applicant's knowledge in the following areas:

- Agency
- Criminal Law
- Professional Responsibility
- Uniform Commercial Code
- Conflict of Laws
- Domestic Relations
- Real and Personal Property
- Virginia Civil and Criminal Procedure (including appellate practice)
- Constitutional Law
- Equity
- Sales
- Contracts
- Evidence
- Taxation
- Business Organizations
- Federal Practice and Procedure
- Torts
- Wills and Estate Administration
- Creditor's Rights
- Local Government Law
- Trusts

MULTI-STATE BAR EXAMINATION

The second part, given on Wednesday, is the Multistate Bar Examination, compiled and graded under the supervision of the National Conference of Bar Examiners Office of Testing. The second part is intended to test the applicant's knowledge of:

- Constitutional Law
- Criminal Law
- Real Property
- Contracts
- Evidence
- Torts

MULTI-STATE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAM

Within the calendar year the applicant passes the Virginia Bar Examination or within the two calendar years immediately preceding or following such year, the applicant must have achieved a scaled score of 85 or better on the MPRE.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

The Board does not release sample answers for the essay questions. See the George Mason School of Law webpage for sample questions only: http://www.law.gmu.edu/bar/va_bar

NOTE: Virginia also has a dress code for those sitting for the bar exam. Applicants who come to the Virginia Bar Exam are expected to dress in proper attire. For men, proper attire is coat and tie. For women, proper attire is traditional business attire.
NEW JERSEY

http://www.njbarexams.org/

MULTISTATE BAR EXAMINATION

The first day (Wednesday) of the bar examination is the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE), which is prepared by the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) in conjunction with American College Testing of Iowa City, Iowa. It consists of 200 multiple choice questions on the subjects of:

- Contracts
- Criminal law
- Constitutional law
- Real property
- Evidence
- Torts

ESSAY QUESTIONS

The second day of the examination consists, in part, of seven 45-minute essay questions drafted by the New Jersey Board of Bar Examiners that are designed to examine candidates' abilities to reason, analyze, and express themselves in a lawyer-like manner. The questions are based upon the subjects of:

- Contracts
- Criminal law
- Real property
- Torts
- Constitutional law
- Evidence
- Civil procedure

An essay question may cut across two or more of the basic subject areas. In addition, these questions may be framed in the context of fact situations involving, and interrelated with, the following subjects:

- Agency
- Conflicts of law
- Corporations
- Equity
- Family law
- Partnership
- Uniform Commercial Code Articles 2 (Sales), 3 (Commercial Paper), and 9 (Secured Transactions)
- Wills, trusts, and estates
- Zoning and planning
- Disciplinary rules

Accordingly, familiarity with the basic principles and concepts of those subjects may help the candidate in answering the questions.

MULTI-STATE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAM

If you have taken a Professional Responsibility Ethics Class in law school, and have passed with a grade of a “C” or better, you do not have to take the MPRE.

SAMPLE NJ QUESTIONS:

https://www.njbarexams.org/bar-exam-questions-and-sample-answers
NEW YORK

http://www.nybarexam.org

The bar examination contains two sections, the New York section which is given on Tuesday, and the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) which is given on Wednesday.

ESSAY QUESTIONS

The New York section consists of five essay questions and 50 multiple choice questions prepared by the New York Board, and one Multistate Performance Test question, developed by the National Conference of Bar Examiners. The general subject areas that may be tested are as follows:

- Contracts
- Criminal law
- Constitutional law
- Real property
- Evidence
- Torts
- Business Relationships
- Conflict of Laws
- New York Constitutional Law
- Criminal Procedure
- Family Law
- Remedies
- New York and Federal Civil Jurisdiction and Procedure
- Professional Responsibility
- Trusts, Wills and Estates
- UCC Articles 2, 3, and 9.

MULTI-STATE BAR EXAMINATION

The second day of the exam is the MBE section, which consists of 200 multiple choice questions.

- Contracts
- Criminal law
- Constitutional law
- Real property
- Evidence
- Torts

MULTI-STATE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAM

All applicants who have passed the bar examination and are seeking admission to practice law in New York State must take and pass the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) administered by the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) prior to being certified by the Board to the Appellate Division. The passing score in New York for the MPRE is 85.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

http://www.nybarexam.org/ExamQuestions/ExamQuestions.htm
The Pennsylvania Bar Examination will be held on the last Tuesday and Wednesday of February and July at locations in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and during July examinations, Harrisburg. The Essay and Performance Test (PT) sessions will be administered on Tuesday and the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) session will be administered on Wednesday.

**ESSAY QUESTIONS**

The essay examination consists of six essay questions that cover one or more of the following subjects:

- Business Organizations (including corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies and professional corporations)
- Employment Discrimination (limited to Title VII, ADA and ADEA)
- Professional Responsibility
- Civil Procedure (Pennsylvania and federal)
- Evidence (Pennsylvania and federal)
- Real Property
- Criminal Law (including related Pennsylvania and federal constitutional issues and DUI)
- Family Law
- Torts
- Conflict of Laws
- Federal Constitutional Law
- U.C.C., Art. II - Sales
- Contracts
- Federal Income Taxes (personal only and limited to taxable and non-taxable income, deductions, proprietorships and capital transactions)
- Wills, Trusts and Decedents' Estates (including related fiduciary responsibilities)

**PERFORMANCE TEST**

One Performance Test (PT) question, developed by the Board, may be used in lieu of a Multistate Performance Test question as a component of the essay portion of the bar examination.

Examples of tasks that might be required to be performed include preparing: letters to opposing counsel, opinion letters to clients, contract or will provisions, briefs, memorandum to a partner, legal memoranda, petitions, motions, and other tasks that a lawyer might be expected to perform. In performing these tasks, applicants are expected to evaluate the information in the File and identify the relevant facts, recognize the legal issues raised in performing the assigned task, analyze the legal materials that are provided and identify the applicable principles of law, and apply the applicable legal principals to the relevant facts to support a well reasoned response that is clearly communicated in the manner assigned.

**MULTI-STATE BAR EXAMINATION**

The MBE consists of 200 multiple choice questions that cover the following subjects:

- Contracts
- Criminal law
- Constitutional law
- Real property
- Evidence
- Torts

**MULTI-STATE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAM**

An applicant must take the MPRE and achieve a minimum scaled score of 75 in order to be admitted to the bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**SAMPLE PA QUESTIONS**:

[http://www.pabarexam.org/bar_exam_information/essay.htm](http://www.pabarexam.org/bar_exam_information/essay.htm)
DELAWARE

http://courts.delaware.gov/bbe/

ESSAY QUESTIONS
The Bar Examination shall consist of the Multistate Bar Examination (“MBE”) and two Multistate Performance Tests (“MPT”), both prepared by the NCBE, and 8 essay questions on such of the following subjects as the Board shall determine:

- Agency
- Constitutional Law
- Contracts
- Corporations
- Criminal Law (including the Delaware Criminal Code)
- Equity
- Evidence
- Partnerships
- Procedure in the Supreme Court of the State of Delaware, the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware, the Superior Court of the State of Delaware (Civil and Criminal), the Family Court of the State of Delaware, the United States District Court for the District of Delaware and the original and appellate jurisdiction of the courts of Delaware
- Property
- Torts
- Trusts
- Uniform Commercial Code
- Wills

MULTI-STATE BAR EXAMINATION
The MBE consists of 200 multiple choice questions that cover the following subjects:

- Contracts
- Criminal law
- Constitutional law
- Real property
- Evidence
- Torts

MULTI-STATE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAM
An applicant must also pass the MPRE (taken separately from the July examination) with a scaled score of 85.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS
http://courts.delaware.gov/bbe/questions.stm
ESSAY QUESTIONS

The first section of the bar exam consists of three hours spent answering essay questions and three hours of 100 multiple-choice questions. Florida Rules of Civil and Criminal Procedure and the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration 2.051, 2.060, and 2.160 comprise one segment. The remaining five segments, each of which will embrace no more than two subjects, are selected from the following subjects, including their equitable aspects:

- Florida Constitutional Law
- Florida Rules of Civil and Criminal Procedure
- Florida Rules of Judicial Administration (Rules 2.051, 2.060, and 2.160)
- Federal Constitutional Law
- Chapters 4&5 of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar
- Business Entities, including Corporations & Partnerships
- Wills & Administration of Estates
- Contracts
- Criminal Law & Procedure
- Evidence
- Family Law
- Real Property
- Torts
- Trusts

MULTI-STATE BAR EXAMINATION

The MBE consists of 200 multiple choice questions that cover the following subjects:

- Contracts
- Criminal law
- Constitutional law
- Real property
- Evidence
- Torts

MULTI-STATE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAM

An applicant must also pass the MPRE (taken separately from the bar examination) with a scaled score of 80.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

ESSAY QUESTIONS

- Business Associations
- Criminal Law and Procedure
- Remedies
- Civil Procedure
- Evidence
- Torts
- Community Property
- Professional Responsibility
- Trusts
- Constitutional Law
- Real Property
- Wills and Succession
- Contracts
- UCC, Articles 1, 2, and those provisions of article 9 concerning Fixtures

MULTI-STATE BAR EXAMINATION

The MBE consists of 200 multiple choice questions that cover the following subjects:

- Contracts
- Criminal law
- Constitutional law
- Real property
- Evidence
- Torts

MULTI-STATE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAM

The minimum Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) score required for admission to practice law in California is a scaled score of at least 86, which score became effective January 1, 2008. Applicants who took the examination prior to January 1, 2008, who received a scaled score of at least 79 will be considered as having met the MPRE requirement under the standard that was in place at the time they took the examination.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

http://admissions.calbar.ca.gov/Examinations/PastExams.aspx#esqasa
ESSAY QUESTIONS

The following subjects may be tested on the Illinois bar exam:

- Administrative law
- Agency & partnership (business associations)
- Business organizations, including corporations and LLCs
- Commercial paper (UCC Article 3 negotiable instruments)
- Conflict of laws
- Constitutional law (federal and Illinois)
- Contracts, including UCC Article 2 sales
- Criminal law and procedure
- Equity jurisprudence (remedies)
- Evidence
- Family law
- Federal jurisdiction and procedure
- Illinois procedure
- Personal property, including bailments and UCC Article 2 sales
- Real property
- Secured transactions (UCC Article 9)
- Suretyship
- Taxation (federal)
- Torts
- Trusts and future interests (wills)
- Wills and decedents' estates.

PERFORMANCE TEST

Examples of tasks that might be required to be performed include preparing: letters to opposing counsel, opinion letters to clients, contract or will provisions, briefs, memorandum to a partner, legal memoranda, petitions, motions, and other tasks that a lawyer might be expected to perform. In performing these tasks, applicants are expected to evaluate the information in the File and identify the relevant facts, recognize the legal issues raised in performing the assigned task, analyze the legal materials that are provided and identify the applicable principles of law, and apply the applicable legal principals to the relevant facts to support a well reasoned response that is clearly communicated in the manner assigned.

MULTI-STATE BAR EXAMINATION

The MBE consists of 200 multiple choice questions that cover the following subjects:

- Contracts
- Criminal law
- Constitutional law
- Real property
- Evidence
- Torts

MULTI-STATE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAM

The Illinois Board of Admissions to the Bar requires a MPRE score of 80 or more.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

Illinois does not release past Illinois essay questions.
ESSAY QUESTIONS

The following subjects may be tested on the Georgia bar exam:

- Business organizations
- Constitutional law
- Contracts, including UCC Article 2 sales
- Criminal law and procedure
- Evidence
- Family law
- Practice and procedure (Georgia and federal)
- Professional ethics (professional responsibility)
- Property
- Remedies
- Torts
- Trusts (wills, trusts, and estates)
- Uniform Commercial Code Articles 2 (sales), 3 (negotiable instruments), and 9 (secured transactions)
- Wills and estates

PERFORMANCE TEST

Examples of tasks that might be required to be performed include preparing: letters to opposing counsel, opinion letters to clients, contract or will provisions, briefs, memorandum to a partner, legal memoranda, petitions, motions, and other tasks that a lawyer might be expected to perform. In performing these tasks, applicants are expected to evaluate the information in the File and identify the relevant facts, recognize the legal issues raised in performing the assigned task, analyze the legal materials that are provided and identify the applicable principles of law, and apply the applicable legal principals to the relevant facts to support a well reasoned response that is clearly communicated in the manner assigned.

MULTI-STATE BAR EXAMINATION

The MBE consists of 200 multiple choice questions that cover the following subjects:

- Contracts
- Criminal law
- Constitutional law
- Real property
- Evidence
- Torts

MULTI-STATE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAM

The Georgia Board of Bar Examiners requires ALL applicants to take and pass the MPRE with a scaled score of 75 or higher.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

http://www.gabaradmissions.org/pages/samplemain.php
ESSAY QUESTIONS

The following subjects may be tested on the Texas bar exam:

- Bankruptcy
- Business associations, including agency, partnership, corporations, LLCs, and professional associations
- Civil procedure and jurisdiction (Texas)
- Constitutional law
- Consumer law, including federal and Texas debt collection practices acts, the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Protection Act, and insurance
- Contracts, including UCC Article 2 sales
- Criminal law
- Criminal procedure (Texas and federal)
- Evidence (Texas and federal)
- Family law
- Real property, including Texas topics such as oil and gas
- Taxation, including income, estate, and gift taxes
- Torts
- Trusts and guardianships
- Uniform Commercial Code, including Articles 1 (general provisions), 2 (sales), 3 (negotiable instruments), and 9 (secured transactions)
- Wills and administration

MULTI-STATE BAR EXAMINATION

The MBE consists of 200 multiple choice questions that cover the following subjects:

- Contracts
- Criminal law
- Constitutional law
- Real property
- Evidence
- Torts

MULTI-STATE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAM

Within two years of the bar exam, applicants also must pass the MPRE with a scaled score of 85.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

http://www.ble.state.tx.us/exam_info/selected_answers/main_selected_answers.htm