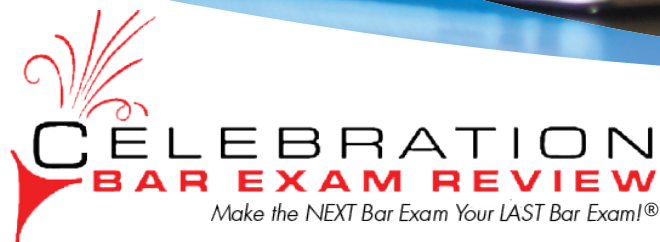


HOW TO STUDY FOR THE BAR EXAM



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A WORD OF INTRODUCTION

Welcome! We're Jackson and Sara Mumey, and together we've been preparing students to take their bar exams for over 2 decades. Since 1995 we've operated as Celebration Bar Review. It's a family-run business that takes pride in offering a quality course with personal service and attention. Sara runs the office and coordinates our production staff and vendors. Jackson coordinates our editors and lecturers and is responsible for course content.



When we first began the bar review, we only had a handful of students. Then, as now, we didn't advertise but relied on word of mouth and our web pages. Today, our course has grown ten-fold from the early years and each exam we are forced to turn away students who wish to study with us. It's a nice problem to have!

In this free eBook, we want to share some of the ideas and concepts that have proven successful for our thousands of students over the years. We know you'll find them helpful!

In the pages that follow, you'll find a description of the Multistate Bar Exam (MBE), some tips on how to study for the MBE, information about various State Exams and a sample MBE Study Guide to follow.

Specific course instruction and state exam preparation is available for our registered students only.

For information on how to join our course, please visit our website: CelebrationBarReview.com or email: sales@celebrationbarreview.com We will always reply to your emails or phone messages within just a few hours (often right away).

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

As you begin, please take a few minutes to watch these 2 videos. They explain our unique and successful approaches to answering Multiple Choice Questions and How to Write Successful Bar Exam Essays.

HOW TO ANSWER MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS 

HOW TO WRITE SUCCESSFUL BAR EXAM ESSAYS 



EXPLANATION OF THE MULTISTATE BAR EXAM

The Multistate Bar Exam consists of 200 four-option multiple-choice questions prepared by the American College Testing Service for the National Conference of Bar Examiners. Of the 200 questions, 175 are graded and 25 are “pre-test” questions that do not count in the grade. The pre-test questions are not identified as such in the exam. Candidates answer 100 questions in the three-hour morning session and the remaining 100 questions in the three-hour afternoon session. Beginning with the Feb 2017 exam there are an equal number of questions in torts, contracts and sales, constitutional law, criminal law and procedure, evidence, property, and Federal Civil Procedure & Jurisdiction. Specified percentages of the questions in each subject are devoted to particular topics of those subjects. For example, 6 of the 25 evidence questions test the hearsay rule and its exceptions. The Celebration Bar Review materials are designed to reflect the relative weights of the topics tested.

GRADING THE MULTISTATE BAR EXAMINATION

The candidate is first given a “raw score,” i.e., the number of questions answered correctly out of the 175 that count towards grading. No deduction is made for wrong answers, so it is important to answer all questions, even if the answer is a random guess. The raw score is then adjusted by adding points to achieve the “scaled score.” The number of points added is determined by a complex formula which compares the difficulty of the current exam to the difficulty of the July 1973 Exam. The comparative performance of students on 60 “control” questions, 30 of which have been given on a previous February examination and 30 of which have been given on a previous July examination, form the basis for determining the difficulty of each exam. Past grading practice indicates that you can expect from 15 to 28 points to be added to your raw score to determine your scaled score.

COMBINATION OF THE MULTISTATE GRADE WITH LOCAL EXAM GRADE TO DETERMINE PASSING SCORES

The National Conference of Bar Examiners does not prescribe the score which an applicant must obtain on the Multistate Bar Exam in order to pass it or the entire bar exam. Each state determines both the way in which the applicant’s Multistate score will be combined with the score on the local portion of the exam, and the minimum passing score. The next chapter of this Study Guide describes the procedure that this jurisdiction uses.

HOW TO STUDY FOR THE MULTISTATE BAR EXAM

OVERVIEW OF THE MULTISTATE COURSE

PHASE 1: LEARNING THE LAW:

The first emphasis of the course centers on mastering the principles of Multistate law which will allow you to achieve a satisfactory score on the Multistate Bar Exam. In order to accomplish this, you will need to study the substantive law as it is presented in the text materials and/or the lectures, and work through the Multistate questions as they are presented in the questions volumes.

PHASE 2: REVIEW AND EXAMINATION PRACTICE:

The course will allow you to test your abilities as to the substance and the techniques necessary to pass the Multistate Bar Exam. You should first review your performance on the questions answered up to that date to ensure that you have the knowledge and skills necessary to pass the Multistate Bar Exam. Sample Multistate exams will also be presented in the format of the actual Multistate Exam. Your performance on the questions will either assure you that you have the requisite knowledge and skills, or will indicate where you should best spend the remaining study time to ensure that you will acquire that knowledge and skill.

PHASE 3: EXAMINATION PRACTICE

After using the Personal Trainer™ approach to learn the law as it is tested on the Multistate Bar Exam, it is important to practice your skills on some sample practice exams, which will present the questions in the format of the actual Multistate Bar Exam. These exams should not be taken until you have completed the learning module part of the Personal Trainer™ question practice.

The practice examinations are found in the Testing Workbook, with an answer key. These tests should be taken at the time shown on your Syllabus. The exams include the scaled scoring which was applied to all bar takers, and as such, are the best predictor of your performance on the MBE. You should strive for a minimum raw score of 130 questions answered correctly out of the 200 questions.

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Wherever possible, take these exams under true exam conditions. You should try to do each set of questions as they are presented on the actual Multistate Bar Exam -- 100 questions in each 3-hour session.

CONCLUSION:

By diligently preparing the assigned questions and intelligently assessing why questions were answered incorrectly, you will find that your Multistate skills improve substantially during the course. You can continue to improve those skills by following the advice given in this introduction until you reach a level of proficiency that will enable you to pass the Multistate Bar Exam. This proficiency is easily and accurately measured when testing is in the multiple-choice format. Some students will have to work harder than others to achieve the required proficiency, but all the tools are here and any law school graduate can be successful if the required effort is expended.

Taking the Multistate Bar Exam requires intense concentration for a six-hour period. The ability to read carefully and think clearly during the exam is essential to success. Therefore, candidates should arrive at the test site well rested. You should not study the day before the exam; instead, you should rest and relax. You should be sure to arrive at the exam site on time. If necessary, stay at a nearby hotel, rather than risk a long drive the morning of the exam.

There is no easy way to conquer an exam as difficult and comprehensive as the Multistate Bar Exam except through carefully directed hard work over a sustained period of time. This program should help you through this ordeal successfully.



HOW TO STUDY FOR THE STATE PART OF THE BAR EXAM

Each jurisdiction has their own rules for the state part of the exam. Many states use individual tests that may include essays, performance tests, multiple choice questions and short-answer questions. Some states use the Uniform Bar Exam (UBE) or the Multistate Essay Exam (MEE) rather than a state-specific test.

Because of the variety of jurisdictions and tests that are offered, no single approach can be described in this eBook. Instead, below you will find links to our free video lectures that explain the tests of several major states plus the Uniform Bar Exam and Multistate Essay Exam:

CALIFORNIA



FLORIDA



GEORGIA



UBE/MEE (INCLUDES NY, NJ, DC, MO, CO, TX, ETC.)



FORMAT OF THE MULTISTATE BAR EXAM

The MBE has 200 multiple choice questions, 100 in the three-hour morning session and 100 in the three-hour afternoon session. This means that candidates have about 1 minute and 40 seconds for each question. The candidate's raw score is the number of questions answered correctly. To that score a scaling factor is added, which has averaged 10 to 15 points on recent years. Thus, a total of 125-127 questions answered correctly will probably translate into a scaled score of 136. It is this scaled score that the Bar Examiners use in grading.

The National Median Scaled Score for the Multistate has been approximately 133 -135 for the past several years. We expect the scaling and scoring to continue to move down, as it has for the past several exams.

This makes the importance of quality studying for the MBE even more critical...



HOW TO CHOOSE A BAR EXAM PREP COURSE

There are many ways to approach preparing for the bar exam. Whether looking for a traditional 8-week course, interviewing a one-on-one tutor, or considering a program like Celebration Bar Review, here are some basic questions to ask yourself as you evaluate your top options:

1. Are they reputable and knowledgeable: do they provide real references, offer recent testimonials, and share content that is up-to-date and reflective of today's bar exam landscape?
2. Do they have a demonstrated track record of results (ours is 25 years and counting!) and a substantial body of work for you to consider?
3. Do they have professional legal educational credentials (and have they passed the bar exam themselves)?
4. Does the study approach fit with your lifestyle or does it put an undue burden on you and your support systems?
5. Do they offer levels of support? What will it take to get more help if you need it?

With these answers in hand, you should be able to easily narrow options down to one provider that can help you achieve success on the exam.

MYTHS ABOUT STUDYING FOR THE BAR

After 25+ years in the industry, we've heard just about every tip, trick, and hack you can imagine for passing the bar exam. In our experience, passing the bar is not just about what you study, but in fact depends on HOW you study. We started Celebration Bar Review to share a proven way to build strong cognitive connections to complex and abstract ideas—a better “how” than pure memorization, issue spotting, and other lackluster tactics.

As you can see, we've developed strong feelings about what some of the other programs—and even law schools themselves—are teaching and getting wrong.

If you're interested in knowing some of the more popular bar exam myths, and more importantly how to avoid, overcome and ignore them, here is a FREE video channel from Jackson's lecture series on YouTube titled

[TOP 10 MYTHS ABOUT THE BAR EXAM](#) 

Take a look at these videos and see how many of these “myths” may be hurting your bar exam study and whether or not you're ready for a different approach.



PERSONAL STUDY GUIDE

Now, let's look at a sample study plan for the MBE. Remember that most people will also be taking a State part of the exam and will need a syllabus for that part of the test. That's beyond the scope of this free eBook but is included in all of our Bar Review Courses. So, go ahead and dig in!

This Personal Study Guide™ is designed to take you step by step through a sample program for the Multistate bar exam as it exists today.

In general, we suggest you spend no more than 3- 4 hours per lecture or reading assignment preparing for the bar exam. Note that when practicing MBE Questions, it will usually take a minimum of 6-8 hours to complete 100 questions. We have provided suggested time frames for each assignment in the table below to help with planning your study. The sooner you begin, the more time off you can afford and the more time you will have for consolidation and review at the end. For the full study guide, check out our course information at the end of this ebook.



PERSONAL STUDY GUIDE SAMPLE

- ❑ Read the first half of Multistate Criminal Law & Procedure from your Multistate Outlines (Crim Law) 3-4 hours
- ❑ Watch Multistate Criminal Law & Procedure Lecture 1 4-5 hours
- ❑ Read the second half of Multistate Criminal Law & Procedure from your Multistate Outlines (Crim Pro) 3-4 hours
- ❑ Watch Multistate Criminal Law & Procedure Lecture 2 3-4 hours
- ❑ Answer Questions 1 - 30 in the Criminal Law section of the Multistate Question book. Make sure you understand why you missed the questions you missed. Understanding your mistakes now reduces the chance of making the same mistake on the exam. 2-3 hours
- ❑ Answer Questions 31 - 60 in the Criminal Law section of the Multistate Question book. 2-3 hours
- ❑ Answer Questions 61 - 100 in the Criminal Law section of the Multistate Question book. 2-3 hours
- ❑ Read the first half of Multistate Contracts & Sales from your Multistate Outlines. 3-4 hours

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UBE/MEE (38 JURISDICTIONS)

MULTISTATE

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