Arkansas Bar Exam Information

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Bar Exam Format

The Arkansas Bar Exam is a 2-day exam.

Day 1: Two 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) problems and 6 Multistate Essay Exam (MEE) questions.

Day 2: Multistate Bar Exam (MBE), a 200 question, multiple-choice exam.

Subjects Tested

**MBE Subjects:** Constitutional Law, Contracts/Sales, Criminal Law/Procedure, Evidence, Real Property, Torts.

**MEE/Arkansas Essay Subjects:** Agency, Commercial Paper, Conflict of Laws, Corporations, Domestic Relations, Equity, Federal Civil Procedure, Partnerships, Criminal Law & Procedure, Sales, Secured Transactions, Wills, Estates & Trusts, plus all MBE subjects

**Multistate Performance Test:** "Closed universe" practical problem using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

Bar Exam Dates

The Arkansas Bar Exam is administered on the last Tuesday and Wednesday in February and July.

2011 Winter: February 22 - 23

2011 Summer: July 26 - 27
Filing Fees and Deadlines

Applications must be filed by November 16th for the February exam, and by April 1st for the July exam.

**Exam fee:** $400

Grading and Results

The written portion is scaled to the MBE to determine if the applicant has achieved a passing score. A total score of 270 or higher is required to pass. Results are released approximately four weeks after the exam.

Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** A member in good standing of a reciprocating state bar may be admitted on motion if applicant has engaged in active practice of law 5 of 7 years preceding application and is a graduate of an ABA accredited law school. For complete details contact the Arkansas law examiners.

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** Will accept MBE scaled score of at least 135 from a concurrent or immediately succeeding exam.