Illinois Bar Exam Information

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Bar Exam Format

The Illinois bar exam is a two-day exam. Illinois has not adopted the Uniform Bar Exam (UBE).

Day 1: Composed of two 3-hour sessions. The first session will be the Multistate Performance Test (MPT) and the six essay questions on the Multistate Essay Exam (MEE) written by the National Conference of Bar Examiners. The second session will be three essay questions on the Illinois Essay Exam (IEE) written by the Illinois Bar Examiners.

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

Subjects Tested

MPT: "Closed universe" practical questions using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

IEE: May include any of the MEE subjects, as well as Illinois Civil Procedure, Equity, Personal Property, Suretyship, Administrative Law and Federal Taxation.

MEE: Business Associations (Agency and Partnership; Corporations and Limited Liability Companies), Civil Procedure, Conflict of Laws, Constitutional Law, Contracts (including Article 2 [Sales] of the Uniform Commercial Code), Criminal Law and Procedure, Evidence, Family Law, Real Property, Torts, Trusts and Estates (Decedents' Estates; Trusts and Future Interests), and Article 9 (Secured Transactions) of the Uniform Commercial Code.

MBE: Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law, Contracts, Criminal Law and Procedure, Evidence, Real Property, and Torts.

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Grading and Results:

http://www.ncbex.org/pubs/bar-admissions-guide/2018/mobile/index.html#p=45

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