Pennsylvania Subjects Tested

**Performance Test:**
"Closed universe" practical problem using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners. The PT is designed to test an applicant’s ability to use fundamental lawyering skills in a realistic situation. Each test evaluates an applicant’s ability to complete a task, which a beginning lawyer should be able to accomplish.

**Essay Examination:**

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

Applicants are expected to demonstrate their knowledge of Pennsylvania law where applicable when answering the essay portion of the bar examination. The value of an essay answer on the Pennsylvania bar exam depends not so much upon the correctness of the conclusions, as upon the recognition of issues and the quality of the discussion that evidences an ability to apply the law to the facts presented, and to reason in a logical manner in arriving at a conclusion.

**Multistate Bar Examination:**

- Constitutional Law
- Contracts and Sales (Article II of the U.C.C.)
- Criminal Law and Procedure
- Evidence
- Real Property
- Torts