Texas Bar Exam Information

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Bar Exam Format

The Texas bar exam is a 2 1/2 - day exam. Texas has adopted the Uniform Bar Exam (UBE) beginning in February 2021.

Format for July 2020 Examination:

Day 1: Multistate Performance Test (MPT) question and a 90-minute Texas Procedure and Evidence (P&E) exam.

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

Day 3: Twelve essay questions written by the Texas examiners.

Subjects Tested

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

P&E: 20 short answer questions each for civil and criminal. Texas civil procedure and evidence (including jurisdiction), and Texas and federal criminal procedure and evidence.

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

Texas Essay Subjects: Twelve Essay Questions on: Business associations (2 questions), Wills and administration (2 questions), Family law (2 questions), Uniform Commercial Code (2 questions), Real property (including oil and gas) (2 questions), Trusts and guardianships (1 question), Consumer rights (including DTPA and insurance) (1 question), Cross-Over Topics (Income, estate, and gift tax issues, to be included where appropriate as an element of questions in other subjects, such as family law, oil and gas, wills, etc., Bankruptcy, to be included where appropriate as an element of questions in other subjects, such as family law, wills and estates, real property, etc.).

UW Law School: Academic Enhancement Program (AEP)

Sources: http://www.ncbex.org/ and https://ble.texas.gov/current-exam.

Please use the links below for information about the following topics:

Bar Exam Dates:

http://www.ncbex.org/

Bar Exam Application Fees

http://www.ncbex.org/assets/BarAdmissionGuide/CompGuide2020 021820 Online Final.pdf#page=45

Grading and Results:

http://www.ncbex.org/assets/BarAdmissionGuide/CompGuide2020 021820 Online Final.pdf#page=49

Additional Information:

http://www.ncbex.org/publications/bar-admissions-guide/

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