

# WRITTEN EXAMINATION

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## **Subjects and Timing**

The written portion of the February 2012 Arizona Bar Examination will be given on Tuesday, February 28, 2012. It consists, in total, of six Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) questions and two Multistate Performance Tests (MPT). The test is a secure examination protected by U.S. copyright laws and you will return the test booklet to the Examinations Committee upon completion of each session (morning and afternoon).

All essay questions are suggested to be read and answered in 30 minutes and each MPT question should be read and answered in 90 minutes. Questions will be not be labeled and subjects may be combined with other subjects in a question or may be separate. Applicants may be tested on any subject matter listed by the National Conference of Bar Examiners as areas of law to be tested on the Multistate Bar Examination, Multistate Essay Examination, or Multistate Performance Test.

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## **Answering Written Portion**

Each answer should demonstrate your ability to analyze facts and law, solve problems, organize and manage information, demonstrate fundamental lawyering skills and communicate effectively. Each answer should demonstrate your proficiency in applying legal principles rather than a mere memory of them. You may, but need not, cite legal authority in support of your answer. State fully the reasons that support your answer. All points should be thoroughly discussed.

If you handwrite, write your answer to each question in a separate answer booklet. You will be provided with six answer booklets for essays, identified as Questions 1 through 6. The MPT questions, will identified as Questions 1 through 2. Be sure to use the appropriate answer booklet, and be careful not to write a different answer in the same booklet.

Write single spaced in the essay answer booklets on the right side pages of the answer booklet, and use the left side pages for any inserts or corrections you may have. Continuation booklets will be available.

Only the material that appears on the pages of the answer and continuation booklets will be considered in determining your grade. Do not write your answers on scrap paper. Answer material you write on scrap paper, even if left in the answer booklet, will not be considered in determining your score.

If you use your laptop computer, you will copy your answers to the USB flash drive provided after each session.

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# MULTISTATE BAR EXAMINATION

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## **Subjects and Timing**

This portion of the February 2012 Arizona Bar Examination will be administered on Wednesday, February 29, 2012.

The MBE material will consist of a sealed test booklet, with an enclosed answer sheet. No other material will be provided or permitted. Scrap paper will not be provided or permitted in accordance with the policy of the National Conference of Bar Examiners (“NCBE”).

The morning and afternoon sessions are three hours each, with 100 questions in each session. The subject areas, randomly dispersed throughout the 200 questions, include constitutional law, contracts, criminal law and procedure, evidence, real property, and torts, as described in the MBE information available from the NCBE at [www.ncbex.org](http://www.ncbex.org) or 1-608-280-8550.

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## **Answering MBE Questions**

Questions on the Multistate Bar Examination are designed to be answered by applying fundamental legal principles rather than local case or statutory law. All questions are multiple choice; you are to choose the best answer from the four stated alternatives.

Mark your answers on the computer encoded sheet using the No. 2 black lead pencils provided. Scrap paper is not allowed for the Multistate Bar Examination but you may make notations in the test booklet.

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# GRADING AND SCORING

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## **Written Examination**

The Examinations Committee members (Examiners) are responsible for the grading of the MEE and MPT segments. The only identification on the answer books is your applicant number that will be given to you during registration. None of the Examiners or graders is provided any other information about you.

Each written answer is awarded a numerical grade from 0 (lowest) to 6 (highest).

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## **Multistate Bar Examination**

Grading of the Multistate Bar Examination is performed by the National Conference Bar Examiners (NCBE). NCBE scores and scales each exam, and provides the Committee with the results. Your MBE score will be reported to the first decimal place. All answer sheets are centrally scored by machine regardless of the jurisdiction in which the applicant writes the MBE. Raw to scaled score conversions are identical for every jurisdiction for the same administration of the MBE, but the scaling conversion will differ between each MBE administration dependent on the performance of the national pool of applicants, and the ease or difficulty level of the questions as compared to previous MBE questions.

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## **Computation of Total Scores**

The raw scores for MPT and MEE answers will be scaled to the MBE portion of the examination. MBE scaled scores and written scaled scores shall be combined; the MBE will be weighted 50%, the essays will be weighted 30%, and the MPT will be weighted 20%. An applicant who receives a combined score of 410 or above will be deemed successful on the February 2012 Arizona Bar Examination.

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