

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ARIZONA) Administrative Order
NEXTGEN UNIFORM BAR) No. 2025 - 210
EXAMINATION (“NEXTGEN UBE”):)
SOURCE AND CONTENT)
_____)

On December 5, 2023, the Court announced that beginning July 2027, Arizona will replace the current Uniform Bar Examination (UBE) with the NEXTGEN UBE as its examination to assess minimum competency to practice law in Arizona. Until July 2027, the Court will continue to administer the existing version of the UBE.

On August 28, 2025, the Court adopted changes to Rules 34, 35, and 37 of the Arizona Rules of the Supreme Court, effective January 1, 2026, recognizing a broader definition of “Bar Exam” to encompass any test of minimum competency accepted by this Court (No. 2025-0024). To implement the NEXTGEN UBE and satisfy the Court’s obligations under amended Rule 35(b), it is necessary to establish the identity, source, content, and scope of the Bar Exam, as such term is defined in Rule 35(a)(1).

Therefore, pursuant to Article 6, Section 3, Constitution of Arizona,

IT IS ORDERED adopting the identity, source, content, and scope of the Bar Exam set forth in Attachment A effective March 1, 2027.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2025.

FOR THE COURT:

ANN A. SCOTT TIMMER
Chief Justice

“ATTACHMENT A”

IDENTITY, SOURCE, CONTENT AND SCOPE OF BAR EXAM

EFFECTIVE – March 1, 2027

Identity of the Bar Exam – As of the Effective date of March 1, 2027, the Bar Exam shall be the National Conference of Bar Examiner’s NextGen Uniform Bar Examination.

Source of the Bar Exam – As of the Effective date of March 1, 2027, the Bar Exam shall be sourced directly from the National Conference of Bar Examiners, with terms and conditions governing the use of the Bar Exam to be negotiated between the Court and the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

Content and Scope of the Bar Exam - As of the Effective date of March 1, 2027, the Bar Exam’s Content and Scope shall assess the following lawyering skills: (i) issue spotting and analysis, investigation and evaluation; (ii) client counseling and advising, negotiation and dispute resolution, client relationship and management; (iii) legal research; and (iv) legal writing and drafting.

In addition, the Bar Exam shall assess the following doctrinal areas of law: (i) business associations and relationships; (ii) civil procedure; (iii) constitutional law; (iv) contracts; (v) criminal law and constitutional protections of accused persons; (vi) evidence; (vii) real property; and (viii) tort law.

In addition to the foregoing, as of the July 2028 administration of the NextGen UBE, family law shall also be included as a doctrinal area of law assessed by the Bar Exam.