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Kerry Patterson, President
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Re: Indian Law on the State Bar Examination

Dear Ms. Patterson:

As was decided by vote of the Arizona State, Tribal, and Federal Court Forum at its April 27, 2007 meeting, I am writing to convey the support of the Forum for the efforts of the Indian Law Section to have Indian law added to the topics that may be included in essay examination questions listed in the Rules of the Supreme Court, Rule 35 (b) (1).

The Arizona State, Tribal, and Federal Court Forum was established in 1990 by order of the Chief Justice of the State of Arizona. Today the Forum includes members from state, tribal and federal judiciaries and from the public law offices of these three jurisdictions. One of the stated purposes of the Court Forum is:

To promote improvement in the quality of justice delivered in the context of the overlapping jurisdiction of state, tribal and federal courts through judicial education, professional court administration, education of attorneys and the public about tribal courts,

The support of the Court Forum for the Indian Law Section's efforts, particularly to include civil and criminal jurisdictional issues on the Bar exam, promotes this purpose by prompting Bar examinees to educate themselves on these basic principles before they are licensed to practice in Arizona where these issues are so pervasive.

Thank you for your presentation to the Forum on this matter. Please keep the Forum informed of the progress of this effort and feel free to request further assistance and support from the Forum, as needed, in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Irvine". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "I".

Patrick Irvine, Chair
Arizona State, Tribal, and Federal Court Forum