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# ***Bar Admissions Information Workshop***

Wednesday January 24, 2024

The workshop will begin at 3:03pm to accommodate any late arrivals.

*This workshop is being recorded.*



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## *Agenda*

Topic 1: Fall Workshop Follow Up

Topic 2: Preparing to Prepare for the Bar Exam

Topic 3: Jurisdiction Spotlights

Topic 4: Resources



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***Topic 1:  
Fall Workshop  
Follow-Up***



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## ***Alphabet Soup***

**BOLE; NCBE; MPRE;  
UBE; MEE; MPT; MBE**



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***The Two “C”s to demonstrate  
to be admitted to a State Bar:***

Competence

Character and Fitness



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## ***Competence***

*Create a plan for exam preparation.*

Meet your UBE/ Non-UBE jurisdictions filing deadline,  
and complete your application forms perfectly!



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## ***Character and Fitness***

*Disclosure does not mean disqualification!*

[Sample C+F Application](#)

[State Character and Fitness Determinations](#)

[Form to make a supplemental disclosure to GW Law](#)

# UBE Test Components

## Multistate Performance Test (MPT)

**Two 90-minute items (3 hours)**

**Content:** a simulated case file presented in a realistic setting and calling for the test candidate to demonstrate fundamental lawyering skills regardless of the area of law in which the task arises

## Multistate Essay Examination (MEE)

**A common set of six 30-minute essays (3 hours)**

**Subjects:** the 7 MBE topics plus Business Associations, Conflict of Laws, Family Law, UCC Art. 9 (Secured Transactions), and Trusts & Estates

## Multistate Bar Examination (MBE)

**200-question, multiple-choice exam (6 hours)**

**Subjects:** Contracts, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law and Procedure, Evidence, Real Property, Torts, and Civil Procedure





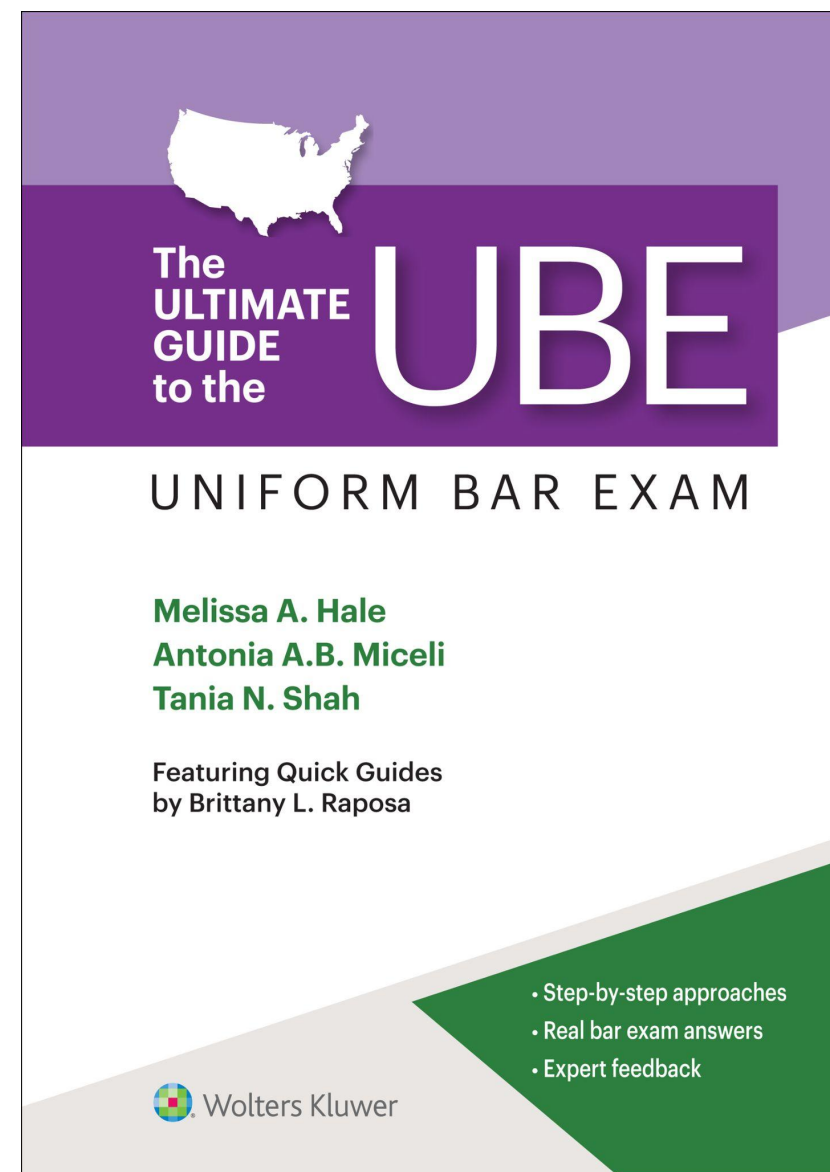
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***Topic 2:  
Preparing to Prepare  
for the Bar Exam***

## ***Book of Interest***

Chapters 1 - 5 offer  
some great advice.





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# ***Seeking Accommodations?***

Visit this [webpage](#).



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## ***Set yourself up for success:***

- Do a time, financial, academic and stress check.
  - Adapt your writing skills for bar essays.
  - Prepare for performance tests (if appl.).
    - Seek mentorship.
    - Prepare your toolbelt.



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**Bar Review Courses:**  
*Expensive, but necessary.*

***Create a schedule that includes time to:***

- study outlines,
- view lectures,
- master the substantive law,
- complete practice test questions, and
- sleep, eat healthy & nutritious food, exercise, and relax.



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## ***Paying for Summer Living Expenses***

GW Law's Financial Aid Office will be sharing information this spring about available bridge loans. You can [contact](#) the Financial Aid office for additional information.

## ***Your Study Plan:***

- Take care of personal matters upfront where possible.
- Start early on courses you did not previously study.
- Go in the zone! Avoid distractions!
- Figure out your ideal schedule early on – stick to it.
- Get sufficient sleep!
- Studying is your full-time job each week.
- Do practice questions until you are sick to your stomach, and then do more!
- Practice good stress management techniques.
- Drastically limit social media! You have no updates – you just STUDY!



## ***Realistic Expectations for Average Week/Day of Bar Prep***

*Strive to do at least:*

- 33 Multistate Exam (MBE) questions every day.
- 2 essay questions per week.
- 1 performance test question per week if your state uses the Multistate Performance Test (MPT) or administers its own performance test.
- Master the doctrine for 2 subjects per week.



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***Topic 3:***  
***Jurisdiction Spotlights***

## ***DC Bar At-A-Glance***

- UBE (Minimum score: 266) & MPRE (Minimum score: 75)
- Rule to waive in: 3 year waiting period for non UBE admittants
- DC requires the least amount of documentation:
  - [Character & Fitness](#) on DC's software, submit your MPRE score, [pay the fees](#), submit the [Declaration of Graduation form](#), submit the [Authorization & Release form](#) (requires notarization)
- Mandatory course on D.C. Rules of Professional Conduct & D.C. Practice must be taken within 12 months of admission.

## ***NY Bar At-A-Glance***

- UBE (Minimum score: 266) & MPRE (Minimum score: 85)
- New York Law Course & New York Law Exam
- Completed Application (available ONLY in **MARCH** for July takers)
- 50 Hours of “Qualified” Pro Bono Service ([form](#) completed by supervisor)
- GW Law Records Office will certify to NY that you are eligible to sit for the bar exam via electronic verification directly to the BOLE.
- Skills Competency and Professional Values Requirement (Pathway 1)
- Character & Fitness is completed *after* the bar exam.
  - 4 Divisions - Typically you are assigned to a Department.
- Handwriting sample has not been required for several years now.

## ***CA Bar At-A-Glance***

- Not UBE.
- MPRE Required (Minimum score: 85)
- Early Character & Fitness deadline: November preceding the July exam.
- High cut score on MBE (139)
- Request certification from main GW registrar.
  - Pre authorize release! ([Electronic Request Authorization form](#))
- Order transcript and have it sent to bar office.
- Fingerprints required.

## ***VA Bar At-A-Glance***

- Not UBE.
- MPRE Required (Minimum score: 75)
- Licensed attorneys from other jurisdictions with valid MBE score may sit in VA for essay portion alone (no waiting period).
- Fingerprints required.
- Tests many state law subjects.
- The Records Office sends two separate letters to VA for each examinee. The first is sent prior to graduation indicating the target graduation date. The second letter confirms that the examinee in fact graduated. Make the request for the necessary letters via the [Records Office Certification Request Form](#).



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## ***MD Bar At-A-Glance***

- UBE (Minimum score: 266)
- MPRE Required (Minimum score: 85)
- Administers a MD specific test.
- Very particular rules on undergraduate and law transcripts.
- Strict adherence to character and fitness documents is a must.
- Application window: May



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# *Topic 4: Resources*





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***GW Law's Bar Advising Webpage:***  
<https://www.law.gwu.edu/bar-advising>

***Schedule a 1-on-1 Bar Advising Meeting:***  
<https://calendly.com/arealon/bar>



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## ***Bar Admissions Readiness Self-Audit & MBE Readiness Assessment***

<https://www.law.gwu.edu/bar-advising>

Scroll down to “Two Self-Assessment Opportunities” for links for both.



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