



Staff Memorandum

HOUSE OF DELEGATES Agenda Item #8

Attached for your information is a chart comparing the current New York bar examination, the Uniform Bar Exam, and the examination proposed by the Board of Law Examiners.

Structure of Current NY Bar Exam, Uniform Bar Exam and Proposed Exam

New York Bar Exam	Uniform Bar Exam	Proposed Exam
Day 1	Day 1	Day 1
Multistate Performance Test (MPT) (1 item – 10%)	Multistate Performance Test (MPT) (2 items – 20%)	Multistate Performance Test (MPT) (2 items – 20%)
NY essays (5 questions – 40%)	Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) (6 questions – 30%)	Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) (6 questions – 30%)
NY Multiple Choice Questions (50 questions – 10%)		
Day 2	Day 2	Day 2
Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) (200 questions – 40%)	Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) (200 questions – 50%)	Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) (200 questions – 50%)
		New York Law Examination (NYLE) (50 multiple choice question test. Must be passed independently. Offered with the UBE and on other dates.)

Content of Current NY Bar Exam* and Uniform Bar Exam

New York Bar Exam	Uniform Bar Exam
<i>Administrative Law</i>	Constitutional Law
Constitutional Law	Business Associations
<i>Professional Responsibility</i>	Contracts
Business Relationships	Real Property
Contracts and Contract Remedies	<i>Federal Civil Practice</i>
Real Property	Criminal Law and Procedure
<i>NY Civil Practice and Procedure</i>	Torts
Criminal Law and Procedure	Conflict of Laws
Torts and Tort Damages	Evidence
Conflict of Laws	Trusts and Estates
Evidence	Family Law
Trusts, Wills and Estates	UCC Articles 2 and 9
Matrimonial and Family Law	
UCC Articles 2 and 9	

*Content of New York Law Examination would be generally the same as the content of the current New York bar examination, except that questions would be focused on areas where New York law varies from the prevailing views or generally accepted fundamental legal principles and/or is unique.