



Instructions and Information for the Bar Examination

WRITING APPLICANTS

July 27 and 28, 2010

All testing assignments are final and are not subject to change.
You must report to the examination site and section specified on your *Admission Ticket*.

| Tuesday, July 27, 2010 (Performance Test (PT) and Essay Questions) | |
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| 8:15 a.m. | Applicants will be permitted to enter the examination room |
| 8:35 a.m. | Morning Instructions begin |
| 9:00 a.m. | Test session begins – PT and Essay Questions 1 & 2 |
| 12:00 p.m. | Test session ends |
| 12:10 p.m. to 1:10 p.m. | Lunch |
| 1:15 p.m. | Afternoon Instructions begin |
| 1:30 p.m. | Test session begins - Essay Questions 3, 4, 5 & 6 |
| 4:30 p.m. | Test session ends |

| Wednesday, July 28, 2010 (Multistate Bar Examination (MBE)) | |
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| 8:15 a.m. | Applicants will be permitted to enter the examination room |
| 8:40 a.m. | Morning Instructions begin |
| 9:00 a.m. | Test session begins -MBE (100 questions) |
| 12:00 p.m. | Test session ends |
| 12:10 p.m. to 1:10 p.m. | Lunch |
| 1:15 p.m. | Afternoon Instructions begin |
| 1:30 p.m. | Test session begins - MBE (100 questions) |
| 4:30 p.m. | Test session ends |

REMEMBER YOU MUST BRING YOUR *ADMISSION TICKET* AND PHOTO IDENTIFICATION

ADMISSION STICKERS WILL BE PROVIDED ON BOTH DAYS AND MUST BE WORN DURING THE ENTIRE EXAMINATION FOR SECURITY PURPOSES.

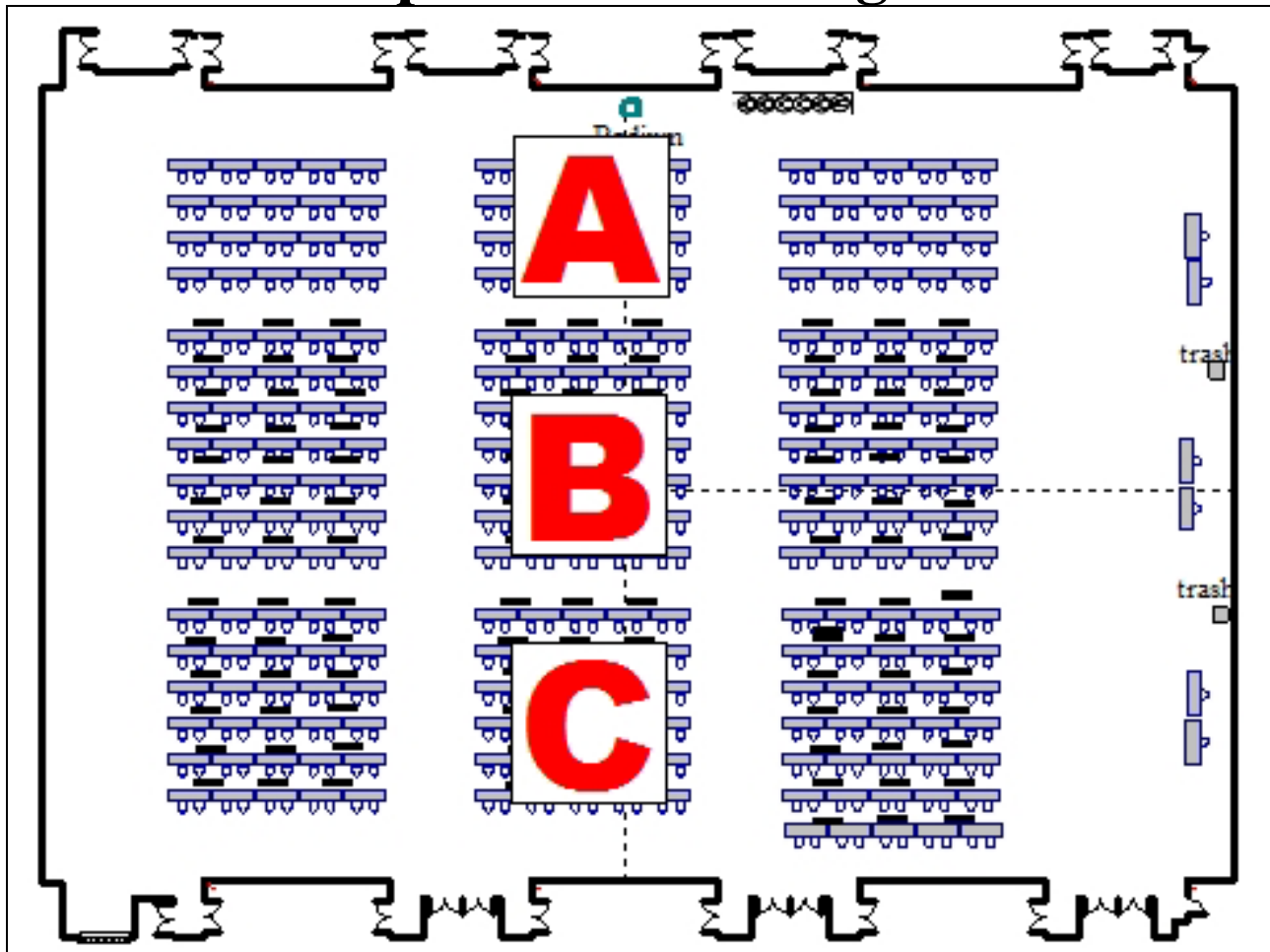
***** NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS *****

The Pennsylvania bar examination ***WILL NOT*** be postponed or canceled for any reason (including inclement weather).
No extra time will be given for lateness for any reason.

(NOTE: YOU MUST SIT FOR THE MBE IN PA.)

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DLLCC - Spirit of Pittsburgh Ballroom



* CONCESSION REMINDER*

There may not be concession stands in the DLLCC during the lunch period. We recommend that you bring coolers for food or drinks. There will be a limited number of tables and chairs adjacent to the Applicant Lobby. Please remember the lunch period is approximately one hour.

PARKING REMINDER

Paid parking is available on the ground floor at the DLLCC.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Applicants are **NOT** permitted to have in the examination room:

Purses, tote bags, backpacks, briefcases, computer cases, study materials, etc. All of these items **MUST** be left outside of the examination room in the **unsecured** lobby area.

Applicants are **NOT** permitted to bring into the examination room or store in the Applicant Lobby area the following items:

Cell phones, pagers, palm pilots, calculators, alarm watches, headsets of any kind or any other electronic or programmable devices.

Note: No electronic devices may be stored in the applicant lobby area, even if turned off or disabled. If these items activate (make noise) they will be confiscated by the board staff and the incident will be reported to the Board of Law Examiners. Violations will result in disqualification.

PLEASE LEAVE ALL VALUABLES AT HOME, IN YOUR CAR OR HOTEL ROOM SAFE

The Board of Law Examiners is not responsible for the security of your personal items.

IN FAIRNESS TO ALL APPLICANTS AND TO MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY AND SECURITY OF THE BAR EXAMINATION, THE FOLLOWING RULES/LIMITATIONS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. VIOLATIONS MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.

APPLICANTS' RULES AND RESTRICTIONS DURING THE EXAMINATION

Applicants are required to:

- (1) Sit for all four sessions of the bar examination (both Tuesday and Wednesday) and make a good faith effort to answer each portion of the examination. If you are late for any reason, you will not be permitted to make up the lost time. (NOTE: If you are sitting in another state concurrently, you MUST sit for the MBE in PA. Pa does not accept MBE transfers.)
- (2) Report to your assigned section and seat for all sessions.
- (3) Have your admission ticket and official government issued photo identification (e.g. state driver's license, passport or military identification) visible during the examination.
- (4) Have black ballpoint or roller pens on Tuesday and No.1 or No. 2 (soft lead) pencils on Wednesday (MBE). Highlighters and mechanical pencils are permitted. Electric pencil sharpeners will be available.
- (5) Wear soft-soled shoes or sneakers. (Please, no flip-flops because they are noisy walking to and from the restrooms)

Applicants are permitted to have:

- (1) Drinks in completely resealable plastic containers. Sealed drinks must be kept under the table and retrieved when necessary. (Glass containers, styrofoam or paper cups are not permitted.)
- (2) A small clear plastic bag (no larger than 10" x 10") containing "unwrapped" items such as; candy, cough drops, mints, chewing gum, medicine, etc., which must be displayed on your examination table during testing.
- (3) Earplugs. (Headphones or "shooter muffs" are not permitted.)
- (4) Lumbar support or seat cushion (which will be examined by a proctor).
- (5) One non-digital wristwatch. (Several large digital clocks are visible in every section)
- (6) A wallet (which must fit in your pocket and cannot be accessed at any time during testing).
- (7) A lunch (which must be stored outside the test room in the unsecured lobby area).

Applicants are NOT permitted to have:

- (1) Purses, tote bags, backpacks, briefcases, computer cases, study materials, etc. in the examination room. All of these items must be left outside of the examination room in the **unsecured** lobby area. The Board of Law Examiners is not responsible for the security of your personal items.
- (2) Cell phones, pagers, palm pilots, calculators, alarm watches, headsets of any kind, "The Silent Timer" or any other electronic or programmable devices. These items should not be brought to the exam site.

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- (3) Erasable ink pens, felt tip pens, white out or liquid paper, book copy holders or stands.
- (4) Written material or scratch paper. (Tuesday - scratch paper booklets will be provided (both AM and PM sessions) for the PT and essay portion of the examination. Wednesday - scratch paper is not permitted for the MBE.) Prohibited written material also includes this information packet and its envelope. Please only bring your *ADMISSION TICKET* included in this packet.
- (5) Weapons of any kind.

Applicant restrictions include:

- (1) No wearing of baseball caps, visors, fashion hats, hoods (cannot cover head with hood) and/or costume headgear, during the examination, except for religious reasons. A board staff member must approve these exceptions.
- (2) No smoking or use of any tobacco or tobacco substitute products in the examination rooms, lobby area, hallways and/or restrooms.
- (3) Not leaving the examination room during the last 10 minutes of any session. You must remain seated and cannot use the restroom during the last 10 minutes of the test session.
- (4) Not removing any question book, answer book, answer sheet, or scratch paper from the examination room.

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNATED STAFF MEMBER WILL BE THE FINAL AUTHORITY ON ANY ISSUES REGARDING RULES, RESTRICTIONS, POLICIES OR PROCEDURES DURING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE BAR EXAMINATION.

*** IMPORTANT NOTE ON EXAMINATION ROOM CONDITIONS ***

The temperature in the examination room will be comfortable; however, everyone is comfortable at different temperatures. Therefore, dress accordingly (layers of clothing are recommended). In consideration to other applicants, it is required that body fragrances such as perfumes, after shaves, etc. not be worn during testing. Additionally, to avoid disruption of other applicants, please walk (DO NOT RUN) quietly to/from the restrooms and when leaving the examination room, if you finish testing early.

Thank you for your assistance in ensuring that all bar applicants are provided a quiet and distraction-free testing environment.

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