



## Instructions and Information for the Bar Examination

### WRITING APPLICANTS

**July 26 and 27, 2011**

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*.

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**Tuesday, July 26, 2011 (Performance Test (PT) and Essay Questions)**

<b>8:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Applicants will be permitted to enter the examination room</b>
<b>8:35 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Instructions begin</b>
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Test session begins – PT and Essay Questions 1 &amp; 2</b>
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Test session ends</b>
<b>12:10 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Afternoon Instructions begin</b>
<b>1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Test session begins - Essay Questions 3, 4, 5 &amp; 6</b>
<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Test session ends</b>

**Wednesday, July 27, 2011 (Multistate Bar Examination (MBE))**

<b>8:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Applicants will be permitted to enter the examination room</b>
<b>*8:40 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Instructions begin</b>
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Test session begins -MBE (100 questions)</b>
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Test session ends</b>
<b>12:10 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>*1:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Afternoon Instructions begin</b>
<b>1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Test session begins - MBE (100 questions)</b>
<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Test session ends</b>
*Applicants are expected to be on time for each session of the exam. Tardiness of applicants will be noted for character and fitness purposes. If you are not in your seat when instructions begin for each session, you will be required to wait outside in the applicant lobby until instructions are finished. Entrance will be regulated by the door proctor to avoid distraction.	

**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.**

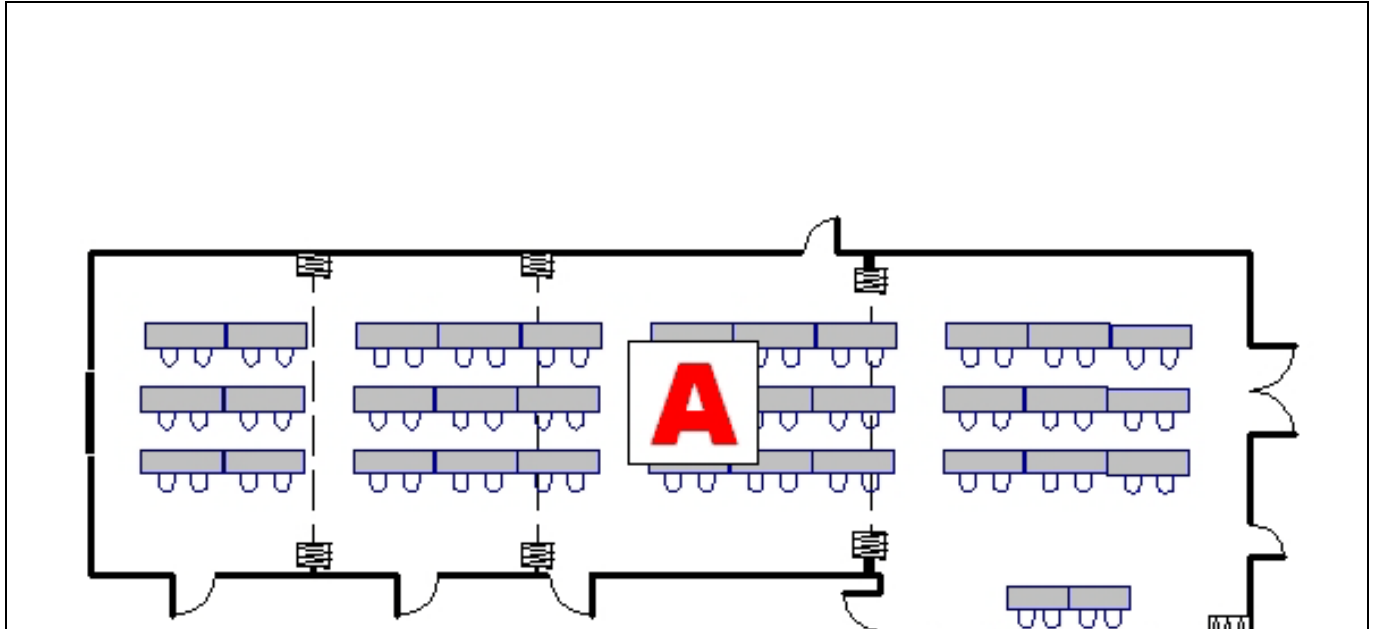
**\*\*\* NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS \*\*\***

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 BOTH THE MBE AND THE ESSAYS/PT IN PA.)**

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# Radisson Penn Harris – Keystone Room



## \*CONCESSION REMINDER\*

Lunch items will be available for your purchase at the concession stand in the lobby area during the lunch period. Also, there are several fast food restaurants within a short driving distance. We recommend that you bring coolers for your food and/or drinks. You may also want to bring a picnic blanket or lawn chairs due to limited outside tables and chairs. You will not be allowed in the test room during the lunch period (12:10 pm to 1:00 pm). The restrooms will be available during the lunch period.

## \*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** 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.**

**\*PLEASE LEAVE ALL VALUABLES AT HOME, IN YOUR CAR OR HOTEL ROOM\*  
The Board of Law Examiners is not responsible for the security of these personal items.**

## **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 entire exam in PA. Pa does not accept MBE transfers.)
- (2) Report to your assigned section and seat for all sessions on time.
- (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 (e.g. Aquafina water bottle). Sealed drinks must be kept under the table and retrieved when necessary. (Insulated coffee cups, glass containers, styrofoam or paper cups are not permitted.)
- (2) A small clear plastic bag (no larger than 10x10) 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 cushions (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).
- (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** area. The Board of Law Examiners is not responsible for the security of these 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.
- (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.)
- (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.

If you are approached by a representative of the Board of Law Examiners, you cannot refuse to answer the representative's questions and/or surrender any materials that the representative requests or disqualification may result.

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR HER 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 set to accommodate most people; 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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