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**Instructions and Information for the Bar Examination  
 Nonstandard Testing Accommodation (NTA) 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*.

| <b>*Tuesday, July 26, 2011 (Performance Test (PT) and Essay Questions)</b> |   |
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| <b>8:00 a.m.</b>   | <b>General Instructions</b>                         |
| <b>8:15 a.m.</b>   | <b>Morning Instructions begin</b>                   |
| <b>8:30 a.m.</b>   | <b>Morning Test Session Begins</b>                  |
| <b>Remainder of the test day</b>   | <b>*Please refer to your specific time schedule</b> |
| <b>*Wednesday, July 27, 2011, (Multistate Bar Examination (MBE))</b>       |   |
| <b>8:00 a.m.</b>   | <b>General Instructions</b>                         |
| <b>8:15 a.m.</b>   | <b>Morning Instructions begin</b>                   |
| <b>8:30 a.m.</b>   | <b>Test session begins -MBE</b>                     |
| <b>Remainder of the test day</b>   | <b>*Please refer to your specific time schedule</b> |

**NOTE: Enter the Convention Center at the Broad Street entrance and follow signs to NTA**

On Tuesday and Wednesday, July 26 and 27, 2011 general instructions will begin at 8:00 a.m. Your official government issued photo identification will be checked in order for you to receive your “Admission Sticker.” Admission stickers must be worn, for security purposes, during all sessions of the examination. You will receive a different color admission sticker each day.

Before entering the examination room, you must place all purses, tote bags, backpacks, briefcases, computer cases, study materials, etc. in a designated unsecured area. The Board of Law Examiners is not responsible for the security of these personal items. You will not be permitted access to these items during testing.

Once you enter the examination room, you **MUST** report to your assigned seat. Proctors will be available to assist you. Every seat is marked on the table with an applicant examination number. This admission ticket and photo identification must be displayed on the table at all times.

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

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**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 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 in the lobby.
- (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 only retrieved when necessary. (Insulated coffee cups, glass containers, styrofoam and paper coffee cups are not permitted).
- (2) A small clear plastic bag (no larger than 10" x 10") containing "unwrapped" food 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. (A clock is visible in every room)
- (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 a designated **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, book copy holder 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 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 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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