Overview of the UBE for the July 2019 NY Bar Exam

**July 30-31, 2019:** The New York bar exam is a two-day Uniform Bar Exam (UBE). On both days:

9:30 am to 12:30 pm and 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**Day 1:** Six 30-minute Multistate Essay Exam (MEE) questions and two 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) questions.

**Day 2:** Multistate Bar Exam (MBE), a 200-question, multiple-choice exam.

**SUBJECTS TESTED:**

- **MBE Subjects:** Constitutional Law, Contracts/Sales, Criminal Law/Procedure, Evidence, Federal Civil Procedure, Real Property, Torts.

- **MEE Essay Subjects:** Business Associations (Agency and Partnership, Corporations and Limited Liability Companies), Civil Procedure, Conflict of Laws, Constitutional Law, Contracts (including Article 2 and Revised Article 1 of the UCC), Criminal Law and Procedure, Evidence, Family Law, Real Property, Torts, Trusts and Estates (Decedents’ Estates, Trusts and Future Interests) and Uniform Commercial Code (Secured Transactions).

- **Multistate Performance Test:** “Closed universe” practical question using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by the bar examiners.

**FILING DEADLINES AND FEES:** Apply online at nybarexam.org between April 1 and April 30 for the July 2019 exam. Testing accommodation applications must be received by April 30. No early or late applications are accepted.

**SEAT ASSIGNMENTS:** Test Center assignments will be based on availability and on a first come, first-served basis. Applicants are not guaranteed a seat in any particular city or test center. The Board’s seating assignment email is sent out after the application period closes instructing applicants to select a test location. Only locations with available seats will be listed in the email. First-time applicants who graduate with a JD from a NYS law school will be given the first opportunity to select a location.

**Exam Fee:** $250 (foreign trained applicants: $750)

**GRADING AND RESULTS:** The passing score for the UBE in New York is 266. An applicant must achieve a score of 266 or higher in order to qualify for admission in the state of New York.

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:**

- **MPRE:** Applicant must pass the two-hour, 60 question multiple choice MPRE within three years before or after passing the New York bar exam as measured from the date the applicant sat for each examination. A minimum scaled score of 85 is required. Visit www.ncbex.org for information on MPRE dates, filing deadlines and application fees.

- **New York Law Course & Exam:** Applicants must complete the New York Law Course (NYLC) and New York Law Exam (NYLE). The NYLC is an online course on New York-specific model law with questions built in. The NYLE is a 50 item multiple choice test, offered four times per year covering the subject matter included in the NYLC.

Applicants are eligible to take the NYLC and NYLE up to one year before or three years after sitting for the UBE, subject to the application filing deadline of the Court of Appeals. Applicants must complete the NYLC before they take the NYLE. The NYLE will be an open book test. An
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applicant who fails the NYLE will be required to retake both the NYLC and the NYLE.

**NYLC and NYLE Fee:** There is no fee to take the NYLC. The fee for the NYLE is $27.

**Pro Bono Hour Requirement:**

Applicants must also comply with the 50-hour pro bono requirement. Information related to the Pro Bono requirement can be found at: [http://www.nycourts.gov/attorneys/probono/baradmissionreqs.shtml](http://www.nycourts.gov/attorneys/probono/baradmissionreqs.shtml).

Inquiries about the requirement can be submitted to Swati Parikh, Executive Director of the Office of Public Service and Pro Bono Initiatives at swati.parikh@nyls.edu.

**Skills Competency & Professional Values Requirement:**

Applicants seeking admission in New York must also establish that they have acquired skills and professional values necessary to competently practice law. Applicants may satisfy this requirement by completing one of five separate pathways described in section 520.18. FAQs for New York’s Skills Competency and Professional Values Bar Admission Requirement are available at: [http://www.nycourts.gov/ctapps/news/skills.pdf](http://www.nycourts.gov/ctapps/news/skills.pdf)