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ORIENTATION PACKET

Summer 2017

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Minority Legal Education Resources Bar Process Management Program

Dear Examinees,

Thank you for joining the Minority Legal Education Resources' Bar Process Management program. The program begins on May 25, 2017. All sessions will be held at DePaul University College of Law located at 25 East Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL, 60604. Please note the following important information:

DIRAC Clinic:

The DIRAC/MPT Clinic will be held on Thursday, **May 25, 2017** from **7:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.** and is **MANDATORY** for all participants. Lunch will be provided.

Schedule:

The Program schedule is included in the packet. Please note that the schedule may change to avoid conflicts with BarBri, Kaplan, and other bar review providers.

Parking:

MLER does not have a parking agreement with a lot near the school. There is metered parking on the streets and there are parking lots around DePaul University College of Law. Public transportation is the cheapest option, and we recommend that you use public transportation if that is an option for you.

We look forward to working with you to achieve success on your bar exam.

Sincerely,

Jerome D. Taylor, Esq.
Program Coordinator

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Summer 2017 Program Schedule

DEPAUL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW
25 East Jackson Blvd, Chicago, Illinois 60604

PROGRAM COORDINATORS

Jerome Taylor, Program Coordinator
La'Mont Williams, Assistant Coordinator
Candice Smith, Tutor Coordinator

PROGRAM DATES:

May 25, 2017 - July 6, 2017
Every Thursday from 6:00p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017

5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	CHECK-IN & ON-SITE REGISTRATION Lowden Hall
6:00 p.m. – 7:00pm p.m.	PROGRAM WELCOME/ORIENTATION Jerome Taylor, Program Coordinator La'Mont Williams, Assistant Coordinator
7:00pm p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	DIRAC CLINIC
9:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	MPT CLINIC

**TAKE HOME - PRACTICE EXAM
SESSION 1 (2 HOURS) – DUE BY
FRIDAY, MAY 26TH AT MIDNIGHT**

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	CHECK-IN & ON-SITE REGISTRATION Lowden Hall
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	MANDATORY ORIENTATION/ DIRAC/MPT CLINIC
	PRACTICE EXAM SESSION 1 – TAKE HOME

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2017

6:00 p.m. – 6:55 p.m.	SMALL GROUP SESSIONS
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	GUEST SPEAKER
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	PRACTICE EXAM SESSION 2

THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2017

6:00 p.m. – 6:55 p.m.	SMALL GROUP SESSIONS
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	PRACTICE EXAM SESSION 3

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2017

6:00 p.m. – 6:55 p.m.	SMALL GROUP SESSIONS
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	PRACTICE EXAM SESSION 4

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2017

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	BOOT CAMP
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THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2017

6:00 p.m. – 6:55 p.m.	SMALL GROUP SESSIONS
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	PRACTICE EXAM SESSION 5

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SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2017

9:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

SIMULATED BAR EXAM

THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2017

6:00 p.m. – 6:55 p.m.

SMALL GROUP SESSIONS

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER

8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

PRACTICE EXAM SESSION 6

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2017

6:00 p.m. – 6:55 p.m.

SMALL GROUP SESSIONS

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

PRACTICE EXAM SESSION 7

GOOD LUCK ON PASSING THE JULY 2017 ILLINOIS BAR EXAMINATION!

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BAR PROCESS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM LEARNING OBJECTIVES

This course is designed to provide students with tools to prepare for the written portion of the Illinois Bar Exam and effectively manage their academic and life obligations while preparing for the exam.

Seven weeks after this course is completed, students will be able to:

Foundational Knowledge

- Understand how to write an essay portion of the Illinois Bar Exam under appropriate time restrictions (i.e. 30 minutes per Illinois Essay and Multistate Essay)
- Understand how to write the Multistate Performance Test (MPT) with the 1.5 hour time restriction provided on the Illinois Bar Examination.
- Identify the differences between understanding substantive content and retaining substantive content
- Understand the difference between law school exams and the Illinois Bar Exam
- Understand the purpose of outlining, practicing sample questions, DIRAC, active reading and time management; and
- Understand how to manage life obligations and anxieties while preparing for the bar exam
- Understand how different learning styles affect your preparation for the bar exam

Application

- Analyze legal issues on the bar exam
- Critique your own learning style, including its strengths and weaknesses
- Use preferred learning style to strengthen outline and note creation
- Use MLER principles to complement commercial bar review content
- Manage the stress while preparing for the bar exam

Human Dimension

- See yourself passing the bar exam
- Interact with practicing lawyers about work-life balance issues while studying for the bar exam
- Get excited about passing the bar exam
- Be ready to navigate the different emotions that occur during the preparation period

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PROGRAM AT A GLANCE: Student Rules and Responsibilities

1. Attend MLER **every** week and take **all exams**.
2. **DO NOT UTILIZE ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING SMALL OR LARGE GROUP SESSIONS EXCEPT FOR NOTETAKING!**
3. Enroll in a commercial bar review course.
4. Create and follow a weekly and monthly study schedule. Please review the schedules with your tutors.
5. Do not underline anything in your written/typed exam answer (i.e. Do not underline the Buzz Words). You might underline a wrong answer. (Caveat on the MPT you may underline case names and headings)
6. Write on the front and back of every page and never skip lines when writing your exam answers.
7. Indent at every paragraph and do not skip lines between paragraphs.
8. Scratch out with a single ----- line, it looks neater.
9. Always outline.
10. Write the decision statement on the first line.
11. Write the decision statement first.
12. Do not to use abbreviations in your answer.
13. Use proper legal buzzwords.
14. Students with poor handwriting should PRINT.
15. Remember DIRAC, DIRAC, DIRAC.
16. Repeater students must turn in all homework.
17. Review your multi-state practice exam answers.
18. Practice writing your exams in blue or black ink.
20. Believe in yourself and come back and tutor.

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**PROGRAM AT A GLANCE:
DIRAC**

Decision Statement:

- Should be a short simple sentence, which answers the call of the question directly
- Must be precise and should not equivocate. Should use relevant party names and facts, but should not be too specific
- You should provide a separate decision statement for each issue presented

Issue Statement:

- A single sentence explaining the legal issue that must be resolved before you can answer the question
- Should be simple enough so that you could type it Lexis and get less than 100 hits
- Should not simply restate the call of the question, but should be the call of the question plus the particular elements of the rule at issue
- Should start with the phrase “at issue here is” or a similar phrase
- Should not include facts
- Do a separate DIRAC for each issue

Rule Statement:

- Should explain the applicable rule of law
- Should start with a broad general statement of the law
- Should then be narrowed defining important terms
- Should include relevant exceptions
- Should answer the issue presented

Analysis Section:

- Should use all relevant facts
- Don't assume facts
- Should explain how facts relate to elements of the rule

Conclusion Statement:

- Should be the decision plus why
- Should include decision for each issue raised
- Should use conclusory language

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PROGRAM AT A GLANCE: Student Schedule

MLER SAMPLE STUDENT SCHEDULE						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6:00 – 6:30 Shower 6:30 – 7:00 Workout 7:00 – 7:30 Breakfast 7:30-8:00 Review notes from reading 8:00 -1:00 Read Torts pages 1-26 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch 1:00 – 2:00 Nap and relax 2:00 – 3:30 Do 50 PMBR questions 3:30-5:00 Review model answers 5:00-6:00 Dinner 6:00-7:00 Relax 7:00-10:00 Start Torts outline	6:00 – 6:30 Shower 6:30 – 7:00 Workout 7:00 – 7:30 Breakfast 7:30-8:00 Review notes from reading 8:00 – 9:00 Travel to barbri 9:00 – 12:00 Attend barbri lecture 12:00 – 1:00 lecture 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch 1:00 – 2:00 Lunch 2:00 – 5:00 nap and relax 2:00-5:00 Read torts 27-48 5:00 – 6:00 Dinner 6:00 – 7:00 Relax 7:00 – 8:00 Do 33 barbri torts questions 8:00 – 9:00 Reviews model answers to questions 9:00 – 10:00 Work on Torts outline.	6:00 – 6:30 Shower 6:30 – 7:00 Workout 7:00 – 7:30 Breakfast 7:30-8:00 Review notes from reading 8:00 -9:00 Travel to barbri 9:00 – 12:00 Attend barbri lecture 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch 1:00 – 2:00 Nap and relax 2:00-5:00 Read Equity outline 5:00 – 6:00 Dinner 6:00 – 7:00 relax 7:00 – 8:00 Do Equity questions 31, 32 8:00 – 9:00 Reviews model answers to questions 9:00 – 10:00 Start Equity outline	6:00 – 6:30 Shower 6:30 – 7:00 Workout 7:00 – 7:30 Breakfast 7:30-8:00 Review notes from reading 8:00 -9:00 Travel to barbri 9:00 – 12:00 attend barbri lecture 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch 1:00 – 2:00 Nap and relax Criminal Law 5:00 – 6:00 Dinner 6:00 – 7:00 Relax 7:00 – 8:00 do 33 PMBR questions 8:00 – 9:00 reviews model answers to questions 9:00 – 10:00 Complete Equity Outline	6:00 – 6:30 Shower 6:30 – 7:00 Workout 7:00 – 7:30 Breakfast 7:30-8:00 Review notes from reading 8:00 -9:00 Travel to barbri 9:00 – 12:00 attend barbri lecture 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch 1:00 – 2:00 Nap and relax 2:00-5:00 Read Criminal Procedure 5:00 – 6:00 dinner 6:00 – 10:00 Attend MLER	6:00 – 6:30 Shower 6:30 – 7:00 Workout 7:00 – 7:30 Breakfast 7:30-8:00 Review notes from reading 8:00 -9:00 Travel to barbri 9:00 – 12:00 attend barbri lecture 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch 1:00 – 2:00 Nap and relax 2:00-5:00 Do CrimLaw/Pro outline 5:00 – 6:00 Dinner 6:00 – 7:00 Relax 7:00 – 8:00 do 33 barbri Criminal law questions 8:00 – 9:00 Reviews model answers to questions 9:00 Go to a movie.	6:00 – 6:30 Shower 6:30 – 7:00 Workout 7:00 – 7:30 Breakfast 7:30-8:00 Review notes from reading 8:00-11:00 Read Commercial Paper 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch 1:00 – 2:00 Nap and relax 2:00 – 3:30 Do 50 PMBR questions 3:30-5:00 Review model answers 5:00-6:00 Dinner 6:00-7:00 Relax 7:00-10:00 Start Commercial paper outline

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