

Title Bar Examination Subjects-Texas

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Bar Examination Subjects-Texas The following subjects are covered in the 2½ -day Texas bar examination.

Multistate Subjects

• Constitutional Law

• Real Property

Evidence

Contracts

Criminal Law

Torts

Note: Civil Procedure will be covered on the Multistate beginning in February 2015

Multistate Performance Test

The Texas Bar Examination includes the Multistate Performance Test (MPT), a skills test designed to assess the examinee's ability to use fundamental lawyering skills in a realistic situation. During the test, each examinee receives a "file" of source documents and a "library" of primary authority and uses them to perform an assigned lawyering task such as writing an office memorandum, a letter to a client, a contract provision, or a proposal for settlement.

Texas Essay Subjects

- Business associations including agency, corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, and professional associations
- Trusts and guardianships
- Wills and administration
- Family law
- Uniform Commercial Code
- Consumer rights, including DTPA and insurance
- Real property, including oil and gas

Cross-Over Topics

• Income, estate, and gift tax issues, to be included where appropriate, as an element of questions in other subjects, such as family law, oil and gas, wills, etc.

• Bankruptcy, to be included where appropriate, as an element of questions in other subjects, such as family law, wills and estates, real property, etc.

Procedure and Evidence Subjects

- Texas civil procedure and evidence, including jurisdiction
- Federal and Texas criminal procedure and evidence

Applicants to the Texas bar must also take the Multistate Professional Responsibility (MPRE) Examination and receive a score of 85. Applications and information are available at the front counter in the Administration Suite in the law school.