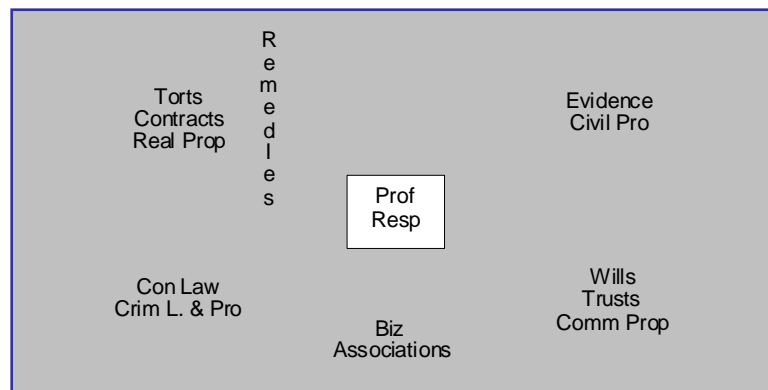


HOW TO PASS THE CALIFORNIA BAR EXAM

- I. Understanding the difference between your law school experience and the California Bar Exam (CBX).
- A. The CBX is a comprehensive exam
 - B. The CBX uses different testing techniques
 1. Cross-over essay questions
 2. Multistate Bar Exam (MBE)
 3. Performance Test (PT)
 - C. The CBX is a pass/fail exam: all you need is **scaled 1440** out of 2000 points
Relative weights in calculating final scaled score:
65% Written: 6 essays (100 points each=600 possible raw points) 39%
2 PTs (200 points each=400 possible raw points) 26%
35% MBE: 200 MBE questions=190 possible raw points (10 not graded)

I. Develop a strategy to pass the California Bar Exam

- A. The substantive law - why all subjects on the CBX aren't created equal



1. **Essay & MBE subjects: Torts, Contracts, Real Property, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law & Procedure, Evidence**
2. **Remedies**
3. **Essay only subjects: Civil Procedure, Wills & Trusts, Community Property, Business Associations, Professional Responsibility**

- B. Understanding each part of the CBX

1. **ESSAY**
2. **MBE**
3. **PERFORMANCE TEST**

- C. Managing the time crunch

III. Practice, Practice, Practice

CONVERTING RAW SCORES INTO SCALED SCORES
Sample of a Passing Scorecard for July 2007 CBX

MBE

| | |
|---------------|----|
| Con Law | 24 |
| Contracts | 21 |
| Crim/Crim Pro | 20 |
| Evidence | 20 |
| Real Prop | 18 |
| Torts | 25 |

TOTAL RAW MBE: 128
Scaled MBE 1440

WRITTEN

ESSAYS

| | | |
|----|----|----------------------|
| 1. | 55 | (Real Property) |
| 2. | 60 | (Torts) |
| 3. | 70 | (Evidence) |
| 4. | 65 | (Crim Law/Con Law) |
| 5. | 65 | (Contracts/Remedies) |
| 6. | 60 | (Community Property) |

PT A. 130 (PR – Objective Memo)
**PT B. 120 (Family Law/Wills –
 Letter to Opposing Counsel)**

TOTAL RAW WRITTEN: 625
Scaled Written: 1440

TOTAL SCALED: 1440

WINNING COMBINATIONS

| TOTAL RAW WRITTEN | TOTAL RAW MBE | TOTAL SCALED |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 550* | 182 (96%)* | 1440 |
| 600 | 146 (77%) | 1440 |
| 625 | 128 (67%) | 1440 |
| 650 | 110 (58%) | 1440 |
| 675 | 92 (48%) | 1440 |
| 700 | 73 (38%) | 1440 |

* 55 average raw scores on the 6 essays and two PT's – e.g., 55, 50, 60, 60, 55, 50 on the essays, 50 (doubled to 100), 60 (doubled to 120) on the PT's

* 96% correct of 190 graded MBE's