California Bar Examination Requirements for LLM Students – 2012-2013

Eligibility Requirements for LLM Students who were admitted to practice law in jurisdictions outside the United States:

An applicant who was/is admitted (regardless of the number of years) to practice law in any jurisdiction (active or inactive) will qualify for the general bar examination without any further law study (see attached bulletin). Foreign attorney applicants need not submit a law study transcript but they must submit his/her certificate or proof of admission.

Eligibility Requirements for LLM students with a first-degree in law from a foreign country but who were not admitted to practice law in jurisdictions outside the United States:

Chapter 2, Rule 4.30 Legal education in a foreign state or country:

Persons who have studied law in a law school in a foreign state or country may qualify as general applicants provided that they

(A) have a first degree in law, acceptable to the Committee, from a law school in the foreign state or country and have completed a year of legal education at an American Bar Association Approved Law School or a California accredited law school in areas of law prescribed by the Committee; …

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Guidelines for Implementation of Chapter 2, Rule 4.30 of the admissions rules
(General Applicants with First Degrees in Law from Foreign Law Schools)

1.1 A general applicant who has a first degree in law from a law school located in a foreign state or country must:

(A) Obtain from a credential evaluation service approved by the Committee a certificate that the applicant’s first degree in law is substantially equivalent to a Juris Doctor degree awarded by a law school approved by the American Bar Association or accredited by the Committee; or

(B) Obtain from a credential evaluation service approved by the Committee a certificate that the applicant’s first degree in law meets the educational requirements for admission to practice law in the foreign state or country in which it was obtained.

1.2 In addition to submitting to the Office of Admissions the certificate required by Guideline 1.1, an applicant must submit a certificate from a law school approved by the American Bar Association or accredited by the Committee certifying that the applicant has:

(A) Been awarded a Master of Law degree (LL.M) based on a minimum of twenty (20) semester or equivalent units of legal education that included a minimum of one course in four separate subjects tested on the California Bar Examination of not less than a total of twelve (12) semester or equivalent units. One of the four courses must be Professional Responsibility that covers the California Rules of Professional Conduct, relevant sections of the California Business and Professions Code, the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct, and leading federal and state case law on the subject...

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### LLM Worksheet for Compliance with Bar Course Units Clause in Chapter 2, Rule 4.30, 1.2

You will need to take four courses for 12 units in different bar subjects. The thirteen bar subjects (i.e. the courses tested on the bar exam) are below. You can find more information about them on the following web site: [http://admissions.calbar.ca.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=VQF73Jr-8iE%3d&tabid=245](http://admissions.calbar.ca.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=VQF73Jr-8iE%3d&tabid=245)

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*Offered in the Professional LLM Program. Note: You must take Professional Responsibility to qualify for the CA Bar.