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## Information Regarding July 2020 Indiana Bar Examination

Dear July 2020 Bar Exam Applicant:

On May 7, 2020, the Indiana Supreme Court entered an order directing the State Board of Law Examiners (the “Board”) to conduct a one-day, online bar examination administered remotely on Tuesday, July 28, 2020. The order provides that the examination shall consist of the Indiana Essay Examination (the “IEE”) and a series of short answer questions on the topics tested on the Multistate Bar Examination (the “MBE”). The Court also directed the Board to provide additional information regarding delivery of the online bar examination, including plans for proctoring, to bar exam applicants, law schools, and other interested parties by May 28, 2020.

These are challenging times and we are committed to taking all necessary steps to protect the health and safety of bar exam applicants, proctors and staff. The Board the Office of Admissions & Continuing Education (“ACE”) are, therefore, delighted to have the opportunity to remotely administer the July 2020 exam online to all applicants. Pursuant to the Court’s order, the Board hereby provides the following information to applicants who will be taking the July 2020 Indiana bar examination:

### Administraton of the Exam

- The July 2020 Indiana bar examination will be administered online with remote proctoring. To sit for the exam, applicants will be required to have a laptop or computer and an **external webcam with desktop stand**. Reasonably priced external webcams with a desktop stand are available from many retailers, including Amazon, Walmart, Best Buy, Target, etc. An external webcam with desktop stand is necessary so that the Board may remotely monitor applicants to ensure the integrity of the exam. The following YouTube video demonstrates how the external webcam is used during the exam: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BoeXRLfpYv4>
- As with past examinations, applicants will download and use the Exam 360 software from the Board’s computer testing vendor ILG Technologies, Inc. All applicants will be required to register with and purchase the Exam 360 software directly from ILG Technologies, Inc. We are pleased to announce that

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the Exam 360 software will be offered to applicants sitting for the July 2020 exam at the greatly reduced price of \$65. Information on how to register and purchase the Exam 360 software will soon be sent by ACE to all applicants.

- To verify identity, all applicants will be required to let their proctor view an official government-issued ID such as a driver's license or passport.

### **Format and Content of the Exam**

- The July 2020 exam will be administered on July 28, 2020 over a period of 7 hours broken up into six separate blocks. (Blocks I through VI) of between 60 and 80 minutes each which will allow applicants the opportunity for breaks and time for lunch. More details regarding the exam schedule will be provided.
- The exam will consist of the six-question IEE and a specially-designed twelve-question short answer examination covering the seven topics on the MBE.
- Applicants will have four hours to complete the IEE and three hours to complete the specially designed short answer examination on the MBE topics.
- The specially-designed short answer exam, consisting of twelve questions written by the Board on the seven topics tested on the MBE, will be offered in three separate one hour blocks of four questions each during the morning session of the exam. The potential subjects tested on the short answer exam are:
  - ❖ Contracts
  - ❖ Criminal Law and Procedure
  - ❖ Evidence
  - ❖ Federal Constitutional Law
  - ❖ Real Property
  - ❖ Torts
  - ❖ Federal Civil Procedure
- The Board has posted sample questions of the type that will be on the short answer examination at <https://myble.courts.in.gov/sample-short-answer>

- The IEE, consisting of six essays written by the members of the Board, will be offered in the afternoon session. The IEE will be broken up into three separate eighty minute blocks of two questions each. The potential subjects tested are:
  - ❖ Administrative Law
  - ❖ Business Organizations
  - ❖ Family Law
  - ❖ Federal and State Personal Income Tax, Corporate Tax, and Estate and Gift tax
  - ❖ Indiana Constitutional Law
  - ❖ Indiana Employment Law, including Wage Payment and Wage Claim Statutes
  - ❖ Indiana Debt Collection, including Garnishment, Attachment, and Bankruptcy Exemptions
  - ❖ Residential landlord-tenant law
  - ❖ Pleading and Practice, including Statutes of Limitation and the Indiana Tort Claims Act
  - ❖ Secured Transactions
  - ❖ Wills, Trusts and Estates

The subject matter of each essay question is not identified, and the questions are not necessarily limited to a single subject. Except for federal taxation, all essay questions call for an answer based upon Indiana law. Also, the IEE does not include questions on topics and subjects covered by the MBE. IEE questions and sample answers from past Indiana bar examinations are available for viewing on the Board's website at <https://myble.courts.in.gov/questions-answers>

### **Scoring the Exam**

- The IEE comprises 60% of the exam score and the short answer examination will constitute 40% of the exam score.
- A passing score on the July 2020 bar exam will be 264 out of a total number of 400 points. This passing score is the same as the passing score on the traditional two-day, in-person Indiana bar examination.

### **Non-Standard Testing Accommodations**

- Applicants who have requested non-standard testing accommodations will be contacted directly by ACE regarding their request.

ACE will continue to provide you with updated information regarding the administration of the exam, including instructions on how to register for computer testing. **In addition, we will be holding an informational meeting for applicants via Zoom on Friday, June, 12, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. EST.** More details to follow soon.

On behalf of the Board and ACE, we wish you the best during this time and are pleased that you will be sitting for the July 2020 Indiana bar examination.

Sincerely,

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