Esquire BoundYour Checklist for Admission to Practice and Bar Exam Success

Tools to Tackle the Bar Exam October 15, 2023



What do I need to pass the bar exam?

Summer Bar Prep Timeline

- Aim for 400 hours of bar study
 - 200 hours dedicated to learning and memorizing law
 - 200 hours spent completing practice bar exam questions
- Recommended Bar Study Schedule
 - Full-Time: 9-10 weeks (40-50 hours per week)
 - Part-Time: 15-20 weeks (20-30 hours per week)
- There are 8 full weeks between Commencement and the July Bar Exam
 - Commencement: May 23, 2024
 - July Bar Exam: July 30 & 31, 2024

Types of Bar Prep Resources

Full Courses

 All-in-one package: teaches law and how to take the exam, provides study schedule, offers practice questions and exams, sometimes provides self-care tips

Supplemental Resources

- Stand-alone programs or tools to support bar prep
- E.g.: flash cards, additional practice problems

Additional Support

Tutors, Mentors

Commercial Bar Prep Programs



















How do I Pick a Bar Prep Course?

- Source Materials for Program
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- Learning Preferences
 - Synchronous vs. Asynchronous lectures; credentials of lecturers; Personal feedback v. template ("model") answers; Fixed v. flexible schedule
- Program Format and Interface
 - Metrics to show progress and identify areas where improvement needed; Easy to navigate
 - Tip: use free MPRE prep courses to explore platforms
- Cost
 - Employers may pay for or reimburse cost; Public Interest Rate; Many programs offer financing or payment plans
- Bar Passage Rate
 - Not always published or available

Temple Law Summer Bar Support

- Bar Mentor Program
 - Members of faculty and administration serve as mentors for bar candidates
- Summer Supplemental Bar Lectures
 - Lectures by Temple Law professors on frequently-tested bar subjects
- Individual Private Tutoring as needed
- Building Access
 - Snacks!
- Simulated in-person exams

Remaining Fall 2023 Esquire Bound Series Events

- October 29th: Course Planning for the Bar Exam
- November 12th: Winter Break Review and To-Do
- November 26th: Bar Exam & Application Help Desk

