

Esquire Bound

Your Checklist for Admission to Practice and Bar Exam Success

Winter Break: Review & To-Do

November 12, 2023

**What should I do over
winter break to make sure
I'm on track to graduate
and take the bar exam**

Winter Break: Preparing for your final semester

- Check your transcript to make sure you registered for everything you need to graduate
 - Are you on track to complete all your graduation requirements before graduation?
 - If not, make a plan for add/drop, which opens at 12 PM on Monday, January 8th and closes at 12:59 PM on Friday, January 19th.
- Take a break
 - You will likely need to go straight from the Spring semester into full-time bar prep
 - Avoid burnout by taking some time to yourself over break

Winter Break: Preparing for the Bar Exam

- Review the Board of Law Examiners' website for your jurisdiction
- Put important bar exam dates in your calendar
 - When does the bar application for your jurisdiction open? When is it due?
 - Are there any additional components I need to complete? If so, when will I complete them?
 - When will I start studying for the bar exam?
 - **Do not wait until after commencement!**
- Select a Bar Prep Course (if you haven't already)

Winter Break: Preparing for the Bar Application

- Create a checklist of things you need for your bar application
- Review the jurisdiction's character and fitness questions
- Start a document with information you will need to answer the bar application
 - Residence history: at least 5 years
 - Employment history: at least 5 years
 - Explanations to character and fitness questions (if needed)
- Start to obtain supporting documentation for C&F questions (if needed)
- If you need testing accommodations, begin your Nonstandard Testing Accommodations (NTA) application
 - Review the instructions and requirements, including medical documentation required
 - Schedule appointments with your health care providers if needed to obtain necessary documentation
 - Miscellaneous document requests (e.g.: SAT Scores)

Remaining Fall 2023 Esquire Bound Series Events

- **November 26th:** Bar Exam & Application Help Desk

