Part III: State Bar Filing

A. Bar Examination in Other States

Students who intend to take the bar examination in another state should familiarize themselves early in law school with the requirements and procedures for admission to the bar of that state. Additional information and a directory of state bar administrators are available in the Office of Professional Development.

B. Indiana Bar Examinations

Admission and Discipline Rule 17 of the Indiana Supreme Court requires applicants for admission to the Indiana bar to pass two separate examinations on: (1) professional responsibility and (2) other subject matter. Applications for these examinations are available in the Office for Student Affairs.

1. Professional Responsibility Examination

The Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) is given three times a year. The Professional Responsibility course, which is required for graduation, covers issues of professional responsibility and legal ethics. Rule 17 provides that an applicant must achieve a passing score on the MPRE taken “within two years before or after the date the applicant successfully takes the Indiana two-day essay bar examination.” Both examinations must be passed before admission to the bar.

2. Indiana Bar Examination

The Indiana Bar Examination includes the Multistate Bar Examination, the Multistate Performance Test, and an essay section on Indiana law. The examination is given twice a year, in February and July. Admission and Discipline Rule 13 of the Indiana Supreme Court requires applicants to complete at least two credit hours of law school course work in professional responsibility. Although applicants are not required to take courses in other discrete subjects, the subject areas covered on the various parts of the bar examination including the following:

- Administrative Law
- Business Organizations
- Commercial Law
- Constitutional Law (Federal and Indiana)
- Contracts
- Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure
- Family Law
- Evidence
• Pleading and Practice (Indiana and Federal Rules of Civil Procedure)
• Real Property, Personal Property
• Taxation
• Torts
• Trusts and Estates

3. Additional Information

• For more information about the Indiana bar exam, please find the Indiana Board of Law Examiners information here: http://www.in.gov/judiciary/ble/