

Questions and Selected Answers

Dear NWCUC Student,

I am writing to urge you to study diligently and cleverly between now and the time of the upcoming California First-Year Law Students' Examination (Baby Bar). Studying 'Black Letter Law' at this time, and practicing bar examination writing skills, is critically important to your achieving success. Particularly, as to writing skills, those who don't write with specific detail and in the style that is typical for passing answers on the Baby Bar will not pass it.

Incredibly, many law students take the Baby Bar without having ever looked at an actual Baby Bar essay question and passing answer. The reality is that it is a HUGE MISTAKE to not read and analyze all that are available. You must be sure to read many so that you go in to take the exam knowing exactly the type of questions that are asked and the type of content that is provided by exam takers in answers that are given passing grades.

You can learn a lot of 'Black Letter Law' by reading actual Baby Bar essay questions and answers, while also learning the method and style of writing that is typically found in passing answers. Without a doubt, it is an excellent way for you to QUICKLY EXPAND your knowledge of the law, as well as your ability to write in a way that is necessary to satisfy the bar examiners. Reading all of the questions and answers that are available (more than once) should be very, very helpful to you. In fact, printing them and placing them in a loose-leaf binder for a thorough review is a wonderful idea.

Below are links to California First-Year Law Students' Examination questions and actual passing answers. A number of the provided links go to questions and selected answers that are older than those available on the Web site of the California Bar. **The State Bar may reuse fact patterns of older exams over time, so I really can't overstate the value of reading both the newer and the older exam questions and selected answers that you can access using the links provided in this message.** My hope is that you will print all of them, place them in a binder and read them a number of times between now and the upcoming examination. However, reading them on your computer screen is fine too.

Essay Questions and Selected Answers:

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Best wishes,

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