THE BAR EXAMINATION AND ADMISSION TO THE BAR: AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY OF ARTICLES, 1998–2007

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his bibliography is meant to be a resource for academics, bar examiners, students, and others who are interested in finding leading articles written about the bar examination and/or admission to the bar. It is an update of three period-specific bibliographies printed in The BAR EXAMINER. The current bibliography includes applicable articles published in U.S. law reviews and The BAR EXAMINER between 1998 and 2007.

We performed searches in Westlaw's Legal Resource Index (electronic companion to *Current Law Index*), LEXIS's Legal Resource Index, and the Index to Legal Periodicals and Books, via Wilson Web. Searches using "bar examination," "bar exam!," "admission to the bar," and "bar admissions" along with an appropriate date qualification were performed and the results reviewed by the authors for relevancy and applicability. Any non-academic publications, with limited exceptions including The Bar Examiner, were excluded at this point. We then annotated the remaining articles. Finally, we examined the footnotes of each selected article for additional relevant citations.

We examined each selected article and assigned it to one of two broad categories—The Bar Examination or Admission to the Bar. We then filed each article into a specific subcategory. Some of these subcategories were adopted from the 1989–1997 bibliography, and other subcategories are new. For any article that fit into more than one subcategory, we determined the principal subject and assigned the article accordingly.

Finally, although we have aimed for comprehensiveness, it is possible that we have inadvertently overlooked some excellent pieces, and for that, we apologize in advance. Readers are invited to call our attention to any relevant work for possible inclusion in a future update.

I. THE BAR EXAMINATION

A. In General

Barkan, Steven M., Should Legal Research Be Included on the Bar Exam? An Exploration of the Question, 99 LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL 403 (Spring 2007).

Articulates various reasons why legal research should be included on the bar examination and why doing so would lead to new admittees' having better legal research skills.

Case, Susan M., *Licensure in My Ideal World*, 74 BAR EXAMINER 26 (November 2005).

The ideal bar examination is the subject of this essay, which concludes that no one test format should be used in isolation, but that various formats should be combined.

¹ Thomas Goolsby, A Bibliography Related to Bar Examinations and Admission to Legal Practice—First Compilation, 38 Bar Examiner 139 (No. 7–8 1969); Thomas Goolsby, An Annotated Bibliography Related to Bar Examinations and Admission to Legal Practice—Second Compilation, 39 Bar Examiner 93 (No. 5–6 1970); Pam Hollenhorst, Admission to the Bar: An Annotated Bibliography of Law Review Articles, 1989–1997, 66 Bar Examiner 35 (Nov. 1997).

Darrow-Kleinhaus, Suzanne, A
Response to the Society of American
Law Teachers Statement on the
Bar Exam, 54 JOURNAL OF LEGAL
EDUCATION 442 (September 2004).

Arguing for the status quo and against the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT)'s alternative proposal to the traditional bar examination.

Kane, Michael T., *The Role of Licensure Tests*, 74 BAR EXAMINER 27 (February 2005).

An argument for using the bar examination as a test of entry-level competency, even though it may not gauge effective performance in practice.

Kaufman, Keith A. et al., Passing the Bar Exam: Psychological, Educational, and Demographic Predictors of Success, 57 JOURNAL OF LEGAL EDUCATION 205 (June 2007).

Provides a comprehensive analysis of bar examination passage predictors by evaluating the role of demographics and educational variables; the effects of psychological variables such as worry, test anxiety, and personality; and the effects of time management. In part, the authors conclude that among the psychological variables, test anxiety and neuroticism had a significant relationship to performance on the bar examination.

Kennedy, Dennis, *Internet Resources for Bar Examiners*, 67 BAR EXAMINER 37 (November 1998).

Provides some of the Internet resources and sites that may assist bar examiners in preparing questions.

Kuechenmeister, Marcia, Admission to the Bar: We've Come a Long Way,

68 BAR EXAMINER 25 (February 1999).

Reviews characteristics of the MBE, MEE, and MPT, and focuses on how these exams, when taken together, validate bar admission decisions.

Logan, David A., *Upping the Ante:* Curricular and Bar Exam Reform in Professional Responsibility, 56 WASHINGTON AND LEE LAW REVIEW 1023 (Summer 1999).

A call for states to include professional responsibility on the essay portion of their bar examinations.

Melli, Marygold Shire & James B. Tippin, Jr., A Look Forward—and Back: Predictions for Bar Admissions in the 21st Century, 69 BAR EXAMINER 10 (February 2000).

Two bar examination experts reflect on their now fifteen-year-old predictions on what the bar examination would be like and predict the same into the future.

Moeser, Erica, Rethinking Assessments and Alternatives to Assessments from the Perspective of a Bar Examiner, 20 GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1051 (Summer 2004).

Argues that the overriding objective of the bar examination and bar admission ought to be consumer protection.

Reitman, Jonathan W., What Every Successful Bar Applicant Should Know About Alternative Dispute Resolution, 67 BAR EXAMINER 23 (February 1998).

A call to include Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) concepts, principles, methodologies, and public policy questions on the bar examination. Sandifer, Mary, Testing, Testing: New Testing Standards, ADA, and Cheating, 70 BAR EXAMINER 28 (August 2001).

Summarizes and comments on some of the issues—such as ADA, cheating, testing standards, etc.—discussed at the Council on Licensure, Enforcement, and Regulations (CLEAR) conference.

Sekhon, Vijay, The Over-Education of American Lawyers: An Economic and Ethical Analysis of the Requirements for Practicing Law in the United States, 14 George Mason Law Review 769 (Spring 2007).

After justifying the education requirements needed to become a lawyer, the author proceeds to outline the same for the bar and moral character examinations. In the end, he questions whether these prerequisites are reasonably tailored to achieve their imputed ends and whether their benefits outweigh the substantial economic and ethical costs they impose.

Society of American Law Teachers, Society of American Law Teachers Statement on the Bar Exam, 52 JOURNAL OF LEGAL EDUCATION 446 (September 2002).

Criticizes various states for raising the requisite passing bar examination score; the statement offers three major arguments against this trend and highlights several alternatives to the existing bar examination model.

Stamm, R. David & Beverly Tarpley, A Look Forward—and Back: Predictions for Bar Admissions in the 21st Century, 69 BAR EXAMINER 23 (May 2000). More-current reflections by authors on their predictions in 1985 as to the fate of bar admissions.

Thomas, Michael J., The American Lawyer's Next Hurdle: The State-Based Bar Examination System, 24 JOURNAL OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION 235 (Spring 2000).

Criticizes the self-interested nature of permanent admission rules.

Trujillo, Lorenzo A., The Relationship Between Law School and the Bar Exam: A Look at Assessment and Student Success, 78 University of Colorado Law Review 69 (Winter 2007).

Based on research conducted at the author's law school, this article summarizes current bar examination practices, proposes reform, and recommends ways to better prepare students to take and pass the exam.

Whitman, Dale A., Redefining the Bar Examination: Notes from the Joint Working Group Conference, 74 BAR EXAMINER 21 (February 2005).

A reflective piece by an attendee of a conference comprising various groups concerned with bar admissions.

B. Testing

1. Principles of Testing

Case, Susan M., The Testing Column: Back to Basic Principles: Validity and Reliability, 75 BAR EXAMINER 23 (August 2006).

A description and explanation of validity and reliability in "high-stakes examinations" such as the bar examination.

Case, Susan M., *The Testing Column: Bar Examining and Reliability*, 72
BAR EXAMINER 23 (February 2003).

A report on an AALS three-hour program entitled "How to Conduct Exams," which emphasized test reliability.

Case, Susan M., The Testing Column: Demystifying Scaling to the MBE: How'd You Do That?, 74 BAR EXAMINER 45 (May 2005).

Describes the procedures used by NCBE in scaling essay scores to the MBE.

Case, Susan M., The Testing Column: Feedback to Candidates Regarding MBE Performance and an Introduction to "Gain Scores," 74 BAR EXAMINER 28 (August 2005).

Cautions MBE test takers who fail the exam that simply relying on raw test scores may be misleading since they are not scaled scores, which take into account the difficulty of the particular questions answered.

Case, Susan M., The Testing Column: Frequently Asked Questions About Scaling Written Test Scores to the MBE, 75 BAR EXAMINER 42 (November 2006).

Explains scaling, the statistical procedure that puts essay scores on the same score scale as MBE scores.

Case, Susan M., The Testing Column: How Can We Help?, 76 BAR EXAMINER 41 (May 2007).

Describes the services offered by NCBE to jurisdictions.

Case, Susan M., *The Testing Column: MBE "Decimal Dust,"* 73 BAR EXAMINER 33 (February 2004).

Describes the differences between raw and scaled scores, with emphasis on the usefulness of the latter.

Cohen, Allan S. & Erica Moeser, Standardizing Essay Scores: Correct-

ing for Differences in Difficulty Among Essay Questions, 69 BAR EXAMINER 20 (February 2000).

Because the difficulty of essay questions can vary, this paper presents and explains the statistical method used to ensure that all questions are weighted equally in the total test score.

Harris, Deborah J., Equating the Multistate Bar Examination, 71 BAR EXAMINER 12 (August 2003).

An explanation of the need for equating (a statistical adjustment allowing examinee score comparisons over time), the equating process, and how equating affects scores.

Kane, Michael T., To Round or to Truncate? That Is the Question, 72 BAR EXAMINER 24 (November 2003).

Discusses whether to round or truncate MBE test scores with various scenario results as to the three proposed rules.

Kane, Michael T. & Andrew Mroch, *Equating the MBE*, 74 BAR EXAMINER 22 (August 2005).

Detailed description of the equating process used by NCBE in scoring the MBE. Equating procedures are used to adjust for any variability in difficulty across the different MBE test forms.

Ripkey, Douglas R., *Interpreting Performance on Bar Examinations—Which Score Types Make the Grade?*, 73 BAR EXAMINER 25 (November 2004).

Explains the most common types of scores (e.g., raw scores, percentile rank, and scaled scores) and identifies issues that may affect their proper interpretation.

Sandifer, Mary, *Testing*, *Testing*: *Avoiding Bias in Testing*, 70 BAR EXAMINER 39 (November 2001).

Provides basic background information on the nature and detection of test bias and concludes by describing the procedures taken by NCBE and others to prevent test bias.

Sandifer, Mary, Testing, Testing: Transfer Applicants and Previous MBE Scores, 70 BAR EXAMINER 40 (February 2001).

Describes possible options and statistical caveats for jurisdictions allowing transfer applicants (e.g., applicants who have already passed the MBE in another jurisdiction).

Smith, Jane, *Testing*, *Testing*, 69 BAR EXAMINER 52 (February 2000).

Briefly describes NCBE's MBE test scaling and combining service using one of two methods: the standard deviation or the equipercentile.

Wollack, James A., *Detecting Answer Copying on High-Stakes Tests*, 73 BAR EXAMINER 35 (May 2004).

A detailed discussion of copy detection analysis and how performing such analysis can bolster an allegation of answer copying. Specifically, the article describes the interpretation of answer copying indices and how they should be used in practice.

2. Standard Setting

Corneille, Margaret Fuller, Examining Passing Examination Scores, 70 BAR EXAMINER 17 (November 2001).

A description of Minnesota's attempt to use the Klein Method to increase the cut score of the Minnesota Bar Examination.

Kane, Michael T., Conducting Examinee-Centered Standard-Setting Studies Based on Standards of Practice, 71 BAR EXAMINER 6 (November 2002).

The second of two related articles on standard setting. This article's focus is on specific design aspects of examinee-centered standard-setting procedures, containing suggested ways to relate performance standards to practice.

Kane, Michael T., *Practice-Based Standard Setting*, 71 BAR EXAMINER 14 (August 2002).

The first of two related articles on standard setting. This article reviews the general issues involved in developing licensure examination standards, arguing that performance standards for bar examinations that are limited to practice requirements can be achieved by using examinee-centered standard-setting procedures.

Kane, Michael T., Standard Setting for Licensure Examination, 70 BAR EXAMINER 6 (November 2001).

Describes test-centered versus examinee-centered standard-setting methods while concluding that the choice of a passing-level score is a matter of public policy.

Klein, Stephen P., Setting Bar Exam Passing Scores and Standards, 70 BAR EXAMINER 12 (November 2001).

Explains his bar examination standard-setting method, known as the Klein Method.

Link, Frederick, Rational Standard Setting in Lawyer Qualification: A Critical Look at the Proposal of the New York Board of Law Examiners to Increase the Passing Score on the Bar Examination, 23 Buffalo Public Interest Law Journal 51 (2004–2005).

Unlike other critiques of the methodology of Stephen Klein (a nationally recognized expert in psychometric testing), this piece applies to his methodology a cost-benefit analysis, viewed in light of New York's raising the bar examination passage score. The author also offers suggestions to improve the Klein Method.

Merritt, Deborah J. et al., Raising the Bar: A Social Science Critique of Recent Increases to Passing Scores on the Bar Exam, 69 UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI LAW REVIEW 929 (Spring 2001).

A critique of the movement by certain states in the 1990s to raise the passing scores on their bar examinations.

Merritt, Deborah J., Raising the Bar: Limiting Entry Into the Legal Profession, 70 BAR EXAMINER 9 (November 2001).

Argues that raising the bar examination passage scores hampers the diversification of the bar.

Pobjecky, Thomas A., The Long and Winding Road: Determining the Pass/Fail Line for Florida's Bar Examination, 72 BAR EXAMINER 25 (May 2003).

Provides background and explanation of the 2003 Florida Supreme Court's decision to raise the pass/fail line from 131 to 136.

Sandifer, Mary, *Testing*, *Testing*, 69 BAR EXAMINER 35 (May 2000).

Presents some general guidelines for setting pass/fail scores and describes some of the more persistent myths about this procedure.

3. Test Security

Dows, Mark S., One Administrator's Thoughts on—and Experiences with—Security of Test Materials, 74 BAR EXAMINER 6 (August 2005).

A state bar examiner provides security tips to bar examiners.

Gundersen, Judith A., Testing, Testing: Exam Security: A Constant Among the Variables in Bar Admissions, 71 BAR EXAMINER 34 (February 2002).

Offers descriptions of bar examination security: (1) current security steps taken by NCBE with respect to test development and administration, (2) suggested practices to enhance security, and (3) suggested procedures in case of a security breach.

Lamb, Richard R., *How to Avoid Losing a Test Book: Interviews with the Experts*, 70 BAR EXAMINER 18 (August 2001).

This piece uses a question-and-answer format to provide advice on examination security by experts on the consequences of losing a test book, the techniques used to steal test books, and the investigative process.

Newton, Thomas, Recent Developments in High-Tech Cheating, 74 BAR EXAMINER 10 (August 2005).

Briefly summarizes and describes how applicants might use technology to cheat on bar examinations and touches on suggested procedures to deal with this kind of cheating.

4. The Multistate Bar Examination (MBE)

Bonner, Sarah M., A Think-Aloud Approach to Understanding Performance on the Multistate Bar Examination, 75 BAR EXAMINER 6 (February 2006).

A report of research conducted on 25 recent law graduates preparing for the Multistate Bar Examination, entailing audio recording of examinee reactions to practice exams. The study found that high performance on selected items was associated with effective use of legal principles in analyzing fact situations rather than on factors such as reading comprehension and test-taking techniques.

Case, Susan M., *The Testing Column*, 71 BAR EXAMINER 36 (August 2002).

Reviews the MBE results from the February 2002 examination and explains the various analyses conducted to validate the exam.

Case, Susan M., *The Testing Column: A New Study Guide for the MBE*, 76 BAR EXAMINER 32 (February 2007).

Describes the newly released National Conference of Bar Examiners MBE-AP (the MBE Annotated Preview), designed as an Internet tool to assist subscribers/test takers in preparing for the MBE.

Case, Susan M., The Testing Column: Men and Women: Differences in Performance on the MBE, 75 BAR EXAMINER 44 (May 2006).

A study conducted by NCBE showing that men outperformed women on the MBE by about five points.

Case, Susan M., *The Testing Column: The MBE Turns* 30, 71 BAR
EXAMINER 29 (November 2002).

Briefly describes the development of the MBE, concentrating on justification for the examination. Sandifer, Mary M. & Charles S. Kunce, Repeated Use of MBE Items: Are Scores Affected?, 67 BAR EXAMINER 15 (February 1998).

The authors found that repeat takers do not benefit from reuse of selected previously used MBE test questions.

Solove, Daniel J., *The Multistate Bar Exam as a Theory of Law*, 104 MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW 1403 (May 2006).

A tongue-in-cheek piece poking fun at the MBE.

5. The Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE)

Hayden, Paul T., Putting Ethics to the (National Standardized) Test: Tracing the Origins of the MPRE, 71 FORDHAM LAW REVIEW 1299 (March 2003).

Provides a detailed account of the history, development, implementation, and possible future of the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE).

Levin, Leslie C., The MPRE Reconsidered, 86 KENTUCKY LAW JOURNAL 395 (1997–1998).

After describing the background of the MPRE, the author questions whether it is the best instrument for ensuring that bar applicants acquire and demonstrate knowledge of professional responsibility concepts.

6. Essay Examinations

Duhl, Stuart, *Drafting Bar Exam Questions in Historical Perspective— Are Today's Essay Questions Better?*,
75 BAR EXAMINER 25 (November 2006).

Encourages jurisdictions to use the Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) or develop their own similar questions rather than use questions from an exam bank.

Early, Kellie R., Practices and Procedures to Improve Grading Reliability on Essay Examinations: A Guide to the Care and Feeding of Graders, 73 BAR EXAMINER 6 (November 2004).

The executive director of the Missouri Board of Law Examiners describes the implementation and administration of the board's grading conference, whereby all graders come together for 2½ days to grade bar examinations, which appears to improve test reliability.

Gundersen, Judith A., A New Mix of Questions on the Multistate Essay Examination, 75 BAR EXAMINER 6 (August 2006).

A description of the revamped MEE with brief discussions of its history, purpose, content, features, and pricing structures.

Walljasper, Annie & Marlyce Gholston, Drafting and Grading Essay Questions in Oregon, 68 BAR EXAMINER 23 (November 1999).

A detailed account of the drafting and grading of the Oregon bar examination essay questions.

7. Performance Tests

Anscher, Barbara M., Turning Novices into Experts: Honing Skills for the Performance Test, 24 Hamline Law REVIEW 224 (Winter 2001).

Describes the Multistate Performance Test (MPT), designed as a test of fundamental lawyering skills, and presents test-taking strategies for the MPT based on the author's experience using the California Performance Test (CPT).

Askew, Hulett H., Why Georgia Adopted Performance Testing, 67 BAR EXAMINER 30 (February 1998).

Outlines the rationale expressed by the Georgia Board of Bar Examiners C. Minority Applicants for adopting the MPT.

Darrow-Kleinhaus, Suzanne, Incorporating Bar Pass Strategies into Routine Teaching Practices, 37 GONZAGA LAW REVIEW 17 (2001– 2002).

Over half of the jurisdictions now test lawyering skills through the MPT. The author describes this test and analyzes how its components can be incorporated into the classroom.

Gundersen, Judith A., Happy Birthday, MPT!, 76 BAR EXAMINER 18 (November 2007).

Recounts the history of the MPT; explains how a typical MPT item is developed, administered, and graded; and provides an example of a recent MPT task memorandum.

Kordesh, Maureen Straub, Reinterpreting ABA Standard 302(f) in Light of the Multistate Performance Test, 30 University of Memphis LAW REVIEW 299 (Winter 2000).

The author attempts to develop a framework in the law school curriculum for including the skills of practice that are tested by the MPT.

Smetanka, Stella L., The Multistate Performance Test: A Measure of Law Schools' Competence to Prepare Lawyers, 62 University OF PITTSBURGH LAW REVIEW 747 (Summer 2001).

An argument for including the MPT alongside the MBE and essay examinations.

Smith, Jane, Testing, 7esting, 68 BAR Examiner 46 (May 1999).

The column provides responses to frequently asked questions about the MPT, emphasizing the procedures used in its development.

Clydesdale, Timothy T., A Forked River Runs Through Law School: Understanding Toward Gender, Age, and Related Gaps in Law School Performance and Bar Passage, 29 LAW & SOCIAL INQUIRY 711 (Fall 2004).

Using the National Longitudinal Bar Passage study data, the author demonstrates that a gap exists in bar passage rates across racial categories. He concludes that law schools exacerbate the gap, but offers several suggestions on how to minimize this gap.

Colton, Milo, What Is Wrong with the Texas Bar Exam? A Minority Report, 28 Thurgood Marshall LAW REVIEW 53 (Fall 2002).

Traces the history of the current Texas bar examination and criticizes it based on the large number of minority test takers who fail it each year.

Cross, Jane E., The Bar Examination in Black and White: The Black-White Bar Passage Gap and the Implications for Minority Admissions to the Legal Profession, 18 NATIONAL BLACK LAW JOURNAL 63 (2004–2005).

Presents evidence that the bar examination has had an adverse impact on diversification of the legal profession due to the lower pass rates of minority examinees as compared to non-minority examinees.

Gregory, Rachel L., Florida's Bar Exam: Ensuring Racial Disparity, Not Competence, 18 Georgetown JOURNAL OF LEGAL ETHICS 771 (Summer 2005).

Critical of the Florida Supreme Court's stated 2003 decision to raise the passing bar examination score from 131 to 136, the author challenges the motives of the court based on statistical and other data, concluding that the decision to raise the passing score ignored the likely disparate impact and was not supported by the stated evidence.

Ho, Daniel E., Why Affirmative Action Does Not Cause Black Students to Fail the Bar, 114 YALE LAW JOURNAL 1997 (June 2005).

Criticizes and challenges the assertion made by Richard Sander (in Affirmative Action in American Law Schools, 57 STANFORD LAW REVIEW 367 (2004)) that affirmative action in U.S. law schools causes black students to fail the bar examination. Sander's response to this assertion can be found in Mismeasuring the Mismatch: A Response to Ho, 114 YALE LAW JOURNAL 2005 (2005). Ho replied to this response in Affirmative Action's Affirmative Actions: A Reply to Sander, 114 YALE LAW JOURNAL 2011 (2005).

Kane, Michael T. et al., Pass Rates and Persistence on the New York Bar Examination Including Breakdowns for Racial/Ethnic Groups, 76 BAR EXAMINER 6 (November 2007).

Summarizes some of the main results of the New York State Board of Law Examiners' studies. The findings show that the difference in pass rates between the Caucasian/ White and Black/African American groups was fairly large.

Kidder, William C., The Bar Examination and the Dream Deferred: A Critical Analysis of the MBE, Social Closure, and Racial and Ethnic Stratification, 29 LAW & Social Inquiry 547 (Summer 2004).

During the 1990s, several states raised their bar passage scores, causing the author to question the phenomenon using social closure theory and labor market analysis and to conclude that the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) should minimize the disparate impact of the MBE for people of color.

Ripkey, Douglas R. & Susan M. Case, A National Look at MBE Performance Differences Among Ethnic Groups, 76 BAR EXAMINER 21 (August 2007).

A report of NCBE's initial research on ethnic group performance on the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) showing significant differences between black, white, and Hispanic examinees.

D. Applicants with Disabilities and the ADA

Ballard, Robin S. & Amiram Elwork, Accommodating Learning Disabled Applicants During Bar Examinations: What Is Reasonable Under the ADA?, 74 BAR EXAMINER 31 (November 2005).

Discusses the legal implications of learning disabilities and whether they impede the practice of law.

Brown, Jeff, A Learning Disabled Lawyer's Perspective: A Response to "Lowering the Bar": Integrity, Stereotypical Attitudes, and Reasonable Accommodations, 42 SOUTH TEXAS LAW REVIEW 129 (Winter 2000).

Explains learning disabilities as they relate to lawyers, the legal balance between the individual and the institution, and stereotypes about learning disabled students. Burgoyne, Robert A., *ADA Update*: Bartlett V, Gonzales, Garrett, Buckhannon, *and* Edwards, 70 BAR EXAMINER 31 (November 2001).

Discusses the five titled cases and their possible impact on bar examiners when confronted with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accommodation requests on the bar examination.

Burgoyne, Robert, ADA Update: Bartlett Decided on Remand from the Supreme Court, Two Other Noteworthy Decisions, and the Supreme Court Hears Argument on the ADA and the 11th Amendment, 69 BAR EXAMINER 7 (November 2000).

A review of several noteworthy cases involving ADA and professional licensure issues.

Carson, Janet Duffy, *Testing Individuals Who Have Non-Disabing Conditions*, 76 BAR EXAMINER 36 (November 2007).

Describes the appropriate treatment of examinees with temporary or non-disabling conditions who request accommodations.

Duhl, Stuart & Gregory M. Duhl, Testing Applicants with Disabilities,73 BAR EXAMINER 7 (February 2004).

A description of various testing accommodations for bar examination applicants with disabilities, including suggestions as to how bar examiners should address requests for accommodations.

Goldstein, David B., Ethical Implications of the Learning Disabled Lawyer, 42 SOUTH TEXAS LAW REVIEW 111 (Winter 2000).

This short essay calls for the integration of learning disabled attorneys into the profession.

Gordon, Michael et al., Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and Test Accommodations, 67 BAR EXAMINER 26 (November 1998).

Offers guidelines for bar examiners in dealing with the seeming explosion of requests for accommodations from applicants with ADHD.

Haight, Marilyn et al., Ensuring Access to the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination: High-Stakes Professional Testing and Accommodations Under the Americans with Disabilities Act. 76 BAR EXAMINER 19 (February 2007).

Describes four considerations when accommodating MPRE examinees with disabilities: request, review process, test validity, and security.

Hazen, Edwin R. & Robert D. Dinerstein, The Rights of Bar Examination Applicants with Disabilities in the United States, 6 HUMAN RIGHTS BRIEF 5 (Winter 1999).

Briefly reviews the Bartlett v. New York Board of Law Examiners case in which the Second Circuit concluded that the defendant violated the plaintiff's right under the ADA to reasonable accommodation to take the bar examination.

Heywood, Samuel S., Note, Without Lowering the Bar: Eligibility for Reasonable Accommodations on the Bar Exam for Learning Disabled Individuals Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, 33 Georgia LAW REVIEW 603 (Winter 1999).

Argues that persons with learning disabilities are entitled under the ADA to reasonable accommodations on the bar examination.

Freedley, Learning Hunsicker. Disabilities, Law Schools, and the Lowering of the Bar, 42 South Texas Law Review 1 (Winter 2000).

The author questions and takes issue with the rationale and validity of the ADA as it pertains to disabilities that impair reading, writing, and organizational skills, claiming that these skills are central to the lawyer's craft.

Kelso, R. Randall, Reflections on the Learning Disabled Lawyer: Or, On the Importance of Being Swift—A Modest Proposal, 42 South Texas LAW REVIEW 119 (Winter 2000).

The author is not convinced that the current balance between speed and accuracy in traditional professional examinations for law is justified in terms of measuring skills essential for the practice of law. He argues that accuracy ultimately is more important for most tasks performed by an attorney than is the speed of the response.

Mew, Caroline M. & Robert A. Burgoyne, ADA Update: The Status of Eleventh Amendment Immunity and the Rooker-Feldman Doctrine as Defenses to Claims Asserted Against Bar Examiners Under the ADA, 76 BAR EXAMINER 13 (August 2007).

The ability to raise Eleventh Amendment and Rooker-Feldman defenses to claims asserted in federal court under the ADA was curtailed by certain Supreme Court decisions. The article provides an overview of these decisions and discusses the likely effects for bar examiners and administrators.

Ranseen, John D., Reviewing ADHD Accommodation Requests: An Update, 69 BAR EXAMINER 6 (August 2000).

Provides an update on ADA procedures and cases as they pertain to Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).

Snyder, Michael T., Comment, An Examination of the New York State Board of Law Examiners' Policy Towards Individuals with Learning Disabilities, 62 ALBANY LAW REVIEW 737 (1998).

Examines a variety of issues that arise when learning disabled applicants seek accommodations for the bar examination and offers suggestions aimed at the New York Board of Law Examiners, but perhaps applicable to other boards as well.

Torain, Tony W. et al., Assisting Law Students with Disabilities in the 21st Century: Brass Tacks: Panel 3: The Bar Examination, 15 AMERICAN University Journal of Gender, SOCIAL POLICY AND THE LAW 861 (2007).

A transcribed podcast of a panel discussion featuring various experts, including the director of character and fitness for the Maryland Board of Law Examiners, on students with disabilities and the bar examination, specifically addressing the issue of how to work with students with particular ADA issues in such a way as to level the playing field without being unfair to other exam takers.

Tucker, Douglas E., Accommodations for Psychiatric Disabilities on the Bar Examination: Perspectives from an Expert Reviewer, 71 BAR EXAMINER 14 (November 2002).

A description of procedures used by an expert in evaluating requests for accommodations for psychiatric disabilities, with a section on test anxiety.

Williams, Justin G., The ADA and Bar Examinations: The Relationship Between Applicants, Physicians, and Law Examination Boards in Light of Ware v. Wyoming Board of Law Examiners, 25 JOURNAL OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION 249 (2001).

Examines the ADA as applied to bar examinations in light of *Ware v. Wyoming Board of Law Examiners*.

Williams, W. Ray, Hand-up or Handout? The Americans with Disabilities Act and "Unreasonable Accommodation" of Learning Disabled Bar Applicants: Toward a New Paradigm, 34 CREIGHTON LAW REVIEW 611 (April 2001).

Reviews the background surrounding the term "learning disability," concluding that learning disabled individuals should not be given extra time in the bar examination because it is unfair to individuals with comparable academic disabilities.

Zuriff, G.E., Accommodations for Test Anxiety Under the ADA?, 68 BAR EXAMINER 15 (February 1999).

With increasing numbers of test takers requesting accommodations under the ADA for an array of reasons, the author explores whether test anxiety may fall within the ADA purview, concluding that it may under certain circumstances.

E. Legal Education

Bahls, Steven, Standard Setting: The Impact of Higher Standards on the Quality of Legal Education, 70 BAR EXAMINER 15 (November 2001).

Description by a law school dean of what one law school did in response to the raised passing score for the Ohio Bar Examination.

Bratman, Ben, For-Credit Bar Exam Preparation: A Legal Writing Model, 76 BAR EXAMINER 26 (November 2007).

The author describes his law school's for-credit bar preparation course, which focuses on the written portions of the bar examination.

Cabrera, Richard, Working to Improve:

A Plan of Action for Improving the
Bar Exam Pass Rate, 27 WILLIAM
MITCHELL LAW REVIEW 1169
(2000).

After providing a brief history of the bar examination and an explanation of the need for bar preparation courses, this essay describes the William Mitchell College of Law's bar preparation workshop.

Carpenter, Catherine L., Recent Developments in Law School Curricula: What Bar Examiners May Want to Know, 74 Bar Examiner 39 (November 2005).

A summary of the ABA's *A Survey* of Law School Curricula (2005), finding little evidence to suggest that the "bar factor" drove law school curricular decision making regarding graduation requirements.

Committee on Bar Admissions and Lawyer Performance & Richard A. White, AALS Survey of Law Schools on Programs and Courses Designed to Enhance Bar Examination Performance, 52 JOURNAL OF LEGAL EDUCATION 453 (September 2002).

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Day, Christian C., Law Schools Can Solve the "Bar Pass Problem"—"Do the Work!", 40 CALIFORNIA WESTERN LAW REVIEW 321 (Spring 2004).

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Alikhan, Mariam, Note, The ADA Is Narrowing Mental Health Inquiries on Bar Applications: Looking to the Medical Profession to Decide Where to Go from Here, 14 GEORGETOWN JOURNAL OF LEGAL ETHICS 159 (Fall 2000).

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