



**THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA  
COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS/OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS**

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**SCOPE OF THE CALIFORNIA BAR EXAMINATION  
– GENERAL BAR EXAMINATION AND ATTORNEYS' EXAMINATION –**

Applicants taking the California Bar Examination may be required to answer questions involving issues from all of the subjects listed below:

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| 1. Business Associations | 6. Criminal Law and Procedure  | 10. Remedies             |
| 2. Civil Procedure       | 7. Evidence                    | 11. Torts                |
| 3. Community Property    | 8. Professional Responsibility | 12. Trusts               |
| 4. Constitutional Law    | 9. Real Property               | 13. Wills and Succession |
| 5. Contracts             |                                |                          |

**Uniform Commercial Code**

The following provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code should be used where pertinent in answering the essay questions:

- a. All of Article 1;
- b. All of Article 2;
- c. Those provisions of Article 9 concerning Fixtures.

**Business Associations**

Applicants should be prepared to answer questions that have issues concerning a variety of Business Associations, including, but not limited to Corporations, Sole Proprietorships, Partnerships (General Partnerships, Limited Partnerships, Limited Liability Partnerships), Joint Ventures, Limited Liability Companies, and the principles of Agency inherent in business relationships.

**Civil Procedure**

Applicants should be prepared to answer questions that have issues concerning the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the California Code of Civil Procedure. Applicants should be prepared to discuss the differences between the Federal Rules and the California Rules, especially those California procedures of pleading and practice that have no specific counterparts in the Federal Rules.

## **Evidence**

Applicants should be prepared to answer questions that have issues concerning the Federal Rules of Evidence and the California Evidence Code. Applicants should be prepared to compare and contrast the differences between the Federal Rules and the California Evidence Code, especially where the California rules of evidence have no specific counterparts in the Federal Rules.

## **Professional Responsibility**

Applicants should be prepared to answer questions that test knowledge of the California Rules of Professional Conduct, relevant sections of the California Business and Professions Code, and leading federal and state case law on the subject in addition to the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct and ABA Model Code of Professional Responsibility. Professional Responsibility issues may be included in conjunction with any subject tested on the examination.

The Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) is a separate requirement for admission to practice law in California. More information concerning the MPRE can be found on the National Conference of Bar Examiners' Web site at [www.ncbex.org](http://www.ncbex.org).

## **Wills and Succession**

Applicants should be familiar with the following provisions of the California Probate Code and understand California law in the specific areas noted:

### Division 2. General Provisions

Part 1. Effect of Death of Married Person on Community and Quasi-Community Property, Sections 100-103

Part 3. Contractual Arrangements Relating to Rights at Death, Sections 140-147, 150

Part 5. Simultaneous Death, Sections 220, 222-224

Part 6. Distribution Among Heirs or Beneficiaries, Section 240

### Division 6. Wills and Intestate Succession

#### Part 1. Wills

Chapter 1. General Provisions, Sections 6100, 6101, 6104, 6105

Chapter 2. Execution of Wills, Sections 6110-6113

Chapter 3. Revocation and Revival, Sections 6120, 6121, 6123

Part 2. Intestate Succession, Sections 6400-6402

Part 3. Family Protection

Former Chapter 5. Spouse and Child Omitted from Will, Former Sections 6560-6562, 6570-6573 [for decedents dying prior to January 1, 1998]

Division 11. Construction of Wills, Trusts and Other Instruments

Part 1. Rules of Interpretation of Instruments, Sections 21105, 21109, 21110, 21137

Part 6. Family Protection: Omitted Spouses and Children [for decedents dying on or after January 1, 1998]

Chapter 2. Omitted Spouses, Sections 21610-21612

Chapter 3. Omitted Children, Sections 21620-21623

**MULTISTATE BAR EXAMINATION (MBE)**

The Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) is developed and graded by the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE). This portion of the General Bar Examination is an objective six-hour examination containing 200 questions, which is divided into two three-hour sessions during which 100 questions are administered. The MBE tests six subjects: Constitutional Law, Contracts, Criminal Law and Procedure, Evidence, Real Property, and Torts. Information regarding the MBE and an online practice examination are available through the NCBE's Web site at [www.ncbex.org](http://www.ncbex.org).