

## SYLLABUS

Course number:	C538
Course Name:	Multistate Bar Exam (MBE) Preparation
Units:	One unit
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Semester:	Fall, 2011
Date/Time:	Tuesday evenings, 5:00-6:00 p.m., beginning 8/30/2011.
Required Text:	<i>Strategies &amp; Tactics for the MBE (Multistate Bar Exam)</i> [2010] by Kimm Walton and Steve Emanuel; Revised by Schonbrun, Emanuel, Rapoport, Wonsowicz and Hirschberg. Aspen/Emanuel Bar Review; ISBN 978-0-7355-7063-4
Optional:	Additional MBE texts or questions from other sources.
Course Description:	<p>Discussions and practice in preparation for taking the MBE portion of the California Bar Exam.</p> <p>The instructor believes that the crux of effective MBE preparation is for students (1) to do many hundreds of practice questions, and (2) to study the answers until it is thoroughly understood why the correct answer is considered correct and the incorrect answers are considered incorrect.</p> <p>Accordingly, classes will be devoted to discussing strategies for successfully navigating MBE questions, analyzing sample questions and answers, and practice, practice, practice. Initially, practice tests will not be timed. For the last few classes we will practice with timed tests.</p>
Goals of the Course	To assist students in preparing for the MBE portion of the California Bar Exam.
Class attendance:	Students are expected to attend all classes. Roll will be taken. Students should be aware that California State Bar Association rules require that students who miss more than <b>three hours of class time</b> be dropped from the class.
Grading:	Pass/Fail
Grade determination:	Attendance; class participation; completion of practice exams; final exam (to simulate MBE portion of Bar Exam).

## Schedule

August 30, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Introduction; goals of the class.</li> <li>▪ Brief discussion of the MBE portion of Cal. Bar Exam. The peculiar cruelty of MBEs. Good and bad news about MBEs. How to make MBEs work in your favor. Is it possible to make friends with MBEs?</li> <li>▪ Begin practice of Constitutional Law MBEs.</li>   <li>▪ HOMEWORK: (1) Read pp. vii – xxxix; and pp. 1-17. (2) Do Con. Law MBE questions nos. 1-22, pp. 20-26.</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTE: Students are advised to use a separate sheet of paper to record answers and <i>NOT</i> to circle answers or otherwise write in their texts. It's your book and the final decision is yours, of course; but if you keep your text un-marked, the re-sale value of your text will be higher, and you will also be able to re-take the same questions in the future without the presence of prejudicial information (good or bad).</b></p>
Sept. 6	Constitutional Law MBEs. HOMEWORK: To be announced
Sept. 13 & 20	Criminal Law and Procedure MBEs. HOMEWORK: To be announced
Sept. 27 & Oct. 4	Evidence MBEs HOMEWORK: To be announced
Oct. 11 & 18	Real Property MBEs. HOMEWORK: To be announced.
Oct. 25 & Nov. 1	Torts MBEs. HOMEWORK: To be announced.
Nov. 8 & 15	Contracts MBEs. HOMEWORK: To be announced
Nov. 22 & 29	Practice tests, combined MBEs.
TBA	Final exam.