Resources for Passing the Bar

North Carolina Bar Exams

One of the best ways to prepare for the bar is to study old bar exams. The library has copies of all bar exams from 1986 to July 2011 exam on Reserve. Some include sample answers.

Books

Annual Compilation of Bar Examination Questions and Answers (1969-present).

MBE: Beginning your Campaign to Pass the Bar Exam, by Keith Elkin (2011).
KF303.E428
A helpful book that covers general bar information (sections, topics covered), as well as strategies for studying and taking the bar. Includes many sample questions and answers.

KF303.T35 Reserve
This book focuses more on tricks and techniques for scoring well, such as when to guess on a question and when not, what to focus on if you can’t learn it all, and how to answer questions more quickly.

KF303.D37
Tips on everything from how to study to how to handle your personal life while preparing for the bar. Includes sample problems.

The Zen of Passing the Bar Exam, by Chad Noreuil (2011).
KF303.N673
This book recommends a philosophical approach to taking the bar exam, and covers topics from dealing with family and friends while preparing and handling fear of failing, to more practical advice on how to word your answers so they sound more “lawyer-y”
Online Resources

**North Carolina Board of Law Examiners**
The North Carolina Board of Law Examiners websites provides a lot of helpful information, including the following:

- Select past-exams (July 2005 – February 2007)
- Selected Answers (February 2006 – February 2007)
- FAQs
- Helpful Hints

**National Conference of Bar Examiners**
Provides a lot of information about the MBE, including online practice exams available for purchase.

**Other States’ Bar Exams Online**

**Findlaw Bar Resources**
Provides selective pas exams and answers for Arkansas, Delaware, Maryland, Minnesota and Texas.

- **California** (Feb. 2007 – Present)
- **New York** (July 2005 – Present)
- **Ohio** (July 1997 – Present)
- **Pennsylvania** (2009 – Present)
- **Vermont** (Feb. 1996 – Present)
- **Virginia** (Feb. 1995 – Present)

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