

## Supreme Court

In re Board of Bar Examiners :  
(Rule Regarding Content and Grading of Bar :  
Exams) :

### ORDER

Pursuant to Article II, Rule 5 of the Supreme Court Rules, the Board of Bar Examiners' (the Board's) attached rule of practice and procedures regarding the content and grading of bar examinations, which rule a) amends certain provisions of the current Temporary Rule (for provisions of the current Temporary Rule, see Note to Article II, Rule 1 of the Supreme Court Rules Annotated, 2008) and b) makes the current Temporary Rule permanent, is hereby approved by the Rhode Island Supreme Court.

Entered as an Order of this Court this 28<sup>th</sup> day of *May 2008*.

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/s/  
Williams, C. J.

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/s/  
Goldberg, J.

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/s/  
Flaherty, J.

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/s/  
Suttell, J.

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/s/  
Robinson, J.

**~~TEMPORARY~~ RULE OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURES OF RHODE ISLAND  
BOARD OF BAR EXAMINERS PROPOSED REVISIONS TO REGARDING  
CONTENT AND GRADING**

The following Temporary Rule ~~will~~ shall govern the content and grading of bar examinations beginning with the July 2006 examination ~~through the February 2008 examination. The Board of Bar Examiners invites written comments on this Temporary Rule and the use on a permanent basis of the six (6) Multi-State Essay Examination (MEE).~~

~~As a result, t~~ The Rhode Island Bar Examination ~~would~~ shall be administered twice yearly on two consecutive days. It shall consist of one day of the Multi-State Bar Exam (MEE), and a second day consisting of one Multi-State Practice Test problem, (MPT) representing two essay questions; in addition to six Multi-State EE e Essay (MEE) questions; and three essay questions ~~originated~~ composed and corrected by members of the Board of Bar Examiners.

The Multi-State Essay Examination ~~will~~ shall consist of six questions drawn from a number of subject matters which include the following: Agency and Partnership; Criminal Law, Commercial Paper (negotiable interests); Conflict of Laws; Constitutional Law; Contracts; Corporations and Limited Liability Companies; Decedents' Estates; Evidence, Family Law; Federal Civil Procedure; Real Property; Sales; Secured Transactions; Torts and Trusts and Future Interests. This portion of the examination is administered in one three-hour session, which is timed for the afternoon in the Central and Eastern Time Zones on the Tuesday before the last Wednesday in February and July.

~~The number of locally generated essay questions will now be three. These three questions will be prepared and graded~~ The essay questions composed by members of the Board of Bar Examiners shall test based upon subject matter questions which are is not included in the MEE examination for that testing cycle and which are- is within the standard statutory authorization for subject matter controlling this Board.