

## **GRADING OF THE RHODE ISLAND BAR EXAMINATION**

### **Article II, Rule 1 Applicants**

The Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) portion of the Rhode Island Bar Examination is graded by the National Conference of Bar Examiners on a scaled scoring system with scores ranging from 0 to 200. The remaining portions of the bar examination (Multistate Performance Test (MPT), Multistate Essay Examination (MEE), and local essay questions) are graded on a six-point scale, with 6 being the highest score and 0 being the lowest score. Each MPT score is multiplied by 2 so as to be given the same weight as the essays, and is then added to the aggregate essay score. The maximum raw score for the MPT and the essay answers is 66 (9 X 6 on the essays and 2 X 6 on the MPT). The aggregate score is then scaled against the MBE scores of the Rhode Island applicants. The scaled scores of the MBE, essays and MPT are then totaled. *A score of 276 is required to pass the bar examination.*

### **Article II, Rule 2(a) Applicants**

The Multistate Performance Test (MPT), Multistate Essay Examination (MEE), and local essay questions are graded on a six-point scale, with 6 being the highest score and 0 being the lowest score. Each MPT score is multiplied by 2 so as to be given the same weight as the essays, and is then added to the aggregate essay score. The maximum raw score for the MPT and the essay answers is 66 (9 X 6 on the essays and 2 X 6 on the MPT). *A total scaled score of 138 is required to pass the bar examination.*