

**SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA**

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**ORDER**

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Acting in accordance with Article V, Sections 1 and 5 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, and the inherent power of this Court, and considering the need to amend Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XVII regarding Admission to the Bar of the State of Louisiana,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:**

Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XVII, Section 7 be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 7. Written Examination.**

The Committee shall administer a written examination, consisting of two parts: the nine-part written examination (Part I) and the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (Part II).

(A) The multi-part written examination (Part I) shall consist of separate examinations in the following subjects:

1. Civil Code I
2. Civil Code II
3. Civil Code III
4. Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure
5. Torts
6. Business Entities and Negotiable Instruments
7. Constitutional Law
8. Criminal Law, Procedure and Evidence

## 9. Federal Jurisdiction and Procedure.

Examinations 1-5 are "Code" examinations; examinations 6-9 are "Non-Code" examinations. The Committee shall designate and publish the scope of each examination and provide such information to each applicant.

An applicant must receive a score of 70 or higher to pass each subject examination in Part I.

An applicant who passes at least seven (7) separate subject examinations, including four (4) Code examinations, passes Part I.

An applicant who passes at least seven (7) separate subject examinations, but who does not pass at least four (4) Code examinations, fails Part I.

(B) The Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) is administered by the NCBE. An applicant may take the MPRE at any time after successfully completing his/her required law school course work in legal ethics or professional responsibility, and must complete the examination with a passing score prior to and as a condition precedent to admission to the Bar of this state.

An applicant must receive a scaled score of 80 or higher to have passed the MPRE.

Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XVII, Section 8 be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 8. Re-examination/Time Limits.**

(A) Transition Rule: Conditional Failure. Part I. An applicant who has conditionally failed Part I within three years of the February 2012 Bar examination shall be entitled to sit for those separate subject examinations that were not passed only at the February 2012 Bar examination, provided that such applicant has not previously sat more than two times for such separate subject examinations. If such applicant shall pass at least seven separate subject examinations, including at least four (4) Code examinations, the applicant shall pass Part I.

(B) Failure. Part I. An applicant who fails Part I may reapply to take Part I, but shall not receive credit for any separate subject examination passed during any prior examination.

(C) Reapplication. Every applicant who fails Part I and who desires to re-take the examination must submit the application(s) and pay the fee(s) required by this Rule. After failing to pass five examinations, an applicant shall never be permitted to reapply.

Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XVII, Section 12(B) be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 12. Review Procedure for Part I of the Louisiana State Bar Examination.**

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(B) Review. All failing Part I subject examination booklets will be retained by the Bar Admissions Administrator. Any applicant who fails Part I shall have the right to review his or her failing examination booklets and the representative good answers for the failed examinations after making a written request in accordance with this Section.

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(2) The Bar Admissions Administrator shall send a notice to each applicant who submitted a written request for review by the applicable deadline, which notice will set forth the date and time on which the applicant may review his or her failed examination booklets. The Bar Admissions Administrator shall also designate one makeup day for those unable to review failed examination booklets at the assigned time.

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These rule changes shall become effective upon signing, and shall remain in full force and effect thereafter, until amended or changed through future Orders of this Court.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2011.

FOR THE COURT:

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Catherine D. Kimball, Chief Justice