2014 3L Bar Session
If you have any questions that are specific to your situation or that you do not want to share in front of the group, please schedule an appointment with someone from the Office of Student Services.
What do you need to do?

- Take the MPRE
- Complete a Character and Fitness Application
- Take the Bar Exam
MPRE

- Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam:
  - 2 hours: 60 multiple choice questions
  - 50 scored questions
  - 10 non-scored pretest questions
MPRE Dates and Application Deadlines

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<th>Test Date</th>
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<td>Saturday, November 1, 2014</td>
<td>September 10, 2014</td>
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- Regular Registration: $80
- Late Registration: $160
- An applicant whose religious beliefs preclude him or her from taking the examination on a Saturday may apply to take the MPRE on the following Monday. Applicants requesting to take the exam on Monday must provide a letter on official stationery from the applicant's cleric confirming the applicant's affiliation with a recognized religious entity that observes its Sabbath throughout the year on Saturday. This letter must be received by the late registration deadline or the applicant will not be allowed to test.

www.ncbex.org for additional information
When is the Bar Exam?

- Last Wednesday in July and the preceding Tuesday
  - 2015: **July 28 and 29, 2015**
- Last Wednesday in February and the preceding Tuesday
  - 2015: **February 24 and 25, 2015**
  - 2016: **February 23 and 24, 2016**
- Some jurisdictions continue to Thursday
What is on the Bar Exam?

- **Local Jurisdictions**
  - State specific law – Tested on Tuesday – first day of the Bar Exam
  - Format
    - Some jurisdictions have essay and MC,
    - Others, like NC, have only essay
  - 6 hours (3 in a.m., 3 in p.m.)
What is on the Bar Exam?

- **MBE** – Multistate Bar Exam – 2nd day – Wednesday
  - 6 hour - Multiple choice – scaled, weighted
    - 3 hours a.m. and 3 hours p.m.
  - 200 questions covering Constitutional Law, Contracts, Criminal Law and Procedure, Evidence, Real Property, and Torts
  - Beginning with the February 2015 exam
    - MBE will include: Civil Procedure
What is on the Bar Exam?

- Multistate Performance Test (MPT)
- Multistate Essay Exam (MEE)
What fun! How do I sign up?

- Find applications online (e.g. www.ncble.org)
- KNOW Deadlines – also available online

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<td>Filing Period: This year, it is April 1 – April 30, 2014. I would predict the same next year.</td>
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<td>Note – character &amp; fitness portion is after applicants sit for the bar exam</td>
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<td>GA</td>
<td><strong>December 3, 2014</strong></td>
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What fun! How do I sign up?

- Start Early! – applications are very involved and require a lot of information.
  - Know costs (NC - $700, late $950)
  - Addresses, employment, references, financial records, etc
    - Use family resources for address and employment history
    - You can contact the Social Security Administration to get employment, but it takes time and money
    - [http://www.socialsecurity.gov/online/ssa-7050.pdf](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/online/ssa-7050.pdf)

- Character & Fitness – criminal records, traffic record, civil suit record, fingerprint cards

- Know other costs associated with bar applications and your career transition
  - studying time, bar prep course, moving expenses, local bar dues, etc.
The CliffsNotes Version

- Four certificate of moral character people
- Eight other moral character references
- Driving record from NC
- Driving record(s) from out-of-state
- Fingerprint cards
- Passport photo (you might already have one from the MPRE)
- Undergrad transcript order
- List of employment since age 18
- List of places lived since age 18
- 2 authentication and release forms
- Certified birth certificate
- Student loan account info and other debts
- Traffic tickets and litigation
Law School Application

Amendments

- If you have question, see someone from the Office of Student Services.
New York Bar Pro Bono Requirement?

- Effective January 2015, the New York bar requires 50 hours of pro bono work as a condition of licensure.

- For additional information: [www.nycourts.gov/attorneys/probono/baradmissionrequirements.shtml](http://www.nycourts.gov/attorneys/probono/baradmissionrequirements.shtml)

- Questions, see Sylvia Novinsky
Bar Review Courses

- Provide students with most up-to-date version of the law tested on a given bar exam.
- Provide sample questions, test-taking techniques, study habits & scheduling.
- To take or not to take
  - Things to consider:
    - self-discipline, access to practice questions, access to updated law, lifestyle
    - Most bar review courses offer live or taped lectures on the substantive law, practice questions, simulated bar exam (MBE)
UNC Specific Resources

- SOAR (Supplementary Opportunities to Achieve Results)
  - Run by Professor McClanahan
  - What is it?
    - An online interactive forum where students can learn more about the bar exam, use bar preparation resources, and monitor their progress
    - Workshops on critical preparation topics, such as bar study strategies, essay exam-writing, time management and stress management
    - Individualized practice essay feedback and tutoring
    - One-on-one and small-group bar coaching
Miscellaneous Info

- Reciprocity – DC
- Concurrent Exams in another jurisdiction – (e.g. NY and NJ)
- Taking different exams in July and February