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**NOTICE OF PALAU BAR EXAMINATION**

The Palau Bar Examination will be administered in the Conference Room of the Palau Supreme Court, Koror, Republic of Palau, on the following dates:

Wednesday, July 30, 2014 – Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) – 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, July 30, 2014 – Multistate Performance Test (MPT) – 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 31, 2014 – Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) – 9:30 a.m.

Friday, August 1, 2014– Palauan-based Essay Examination – 9:00 a.m.

Please note that if there are insufficient applicants registered to take the July examination by the June 16, 2014 application deadline, the examination will be postponed until July 2015.

Please also note that we have changed our examination fee refund policy such that an applicant's \$300.00 examination fee will be forfeited if the applicant fails to take the exam. In other words, an applicant who submits an examination fee for the July 2014 examination but fails to take that exam will not be permitted to apply the examination fee to the following July examination.

**Requirements**

Applicants who have taken and passed the MBE, the MEE, the MPT, the MPRE or an essay examination from a state or territorial jurisdiction of the United States within the past 5 years are not required to take that particular examination, but are required to provide evidence of a passing score from the jurisdiction in which the examination was taken. All applicants are required to take and pass the Palauan-based Essay Examination pertaining to specifically Palauan law, such as customary law and land law. Applicants who have not taken and passed the MBE, the MPRE or an essay examination within the past 5 years may take that particular examination in Palau as scheduled above or any other jurisdiction in which those examinations are administered.

### Transfer of MBE Score

To transfer your MBE score to Palau from another jurisdiction, consult that jurisdiction. Contact information for many jurisdictions can be accessed via [www.ncbex.org/offices.htm](http://www.ncbex.org/offices.htm). The National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) will transfer scores on behalf of jurisdictions that do not transfer scores. NCBE transfers scores on behalf of AL, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE (eff. 7/00), DC, FL, HI, IL, IN (eff. 2/01), KS, KY, MD, MN, MO, MT, NJ, NY, SD, UT, WY (eff. 2/99), Guam (eff. 2/01), Virgin Islands. To have the NCBE transfer scores from these jurisdictions, mail a written request and a \$25.00 check or money order payable to NCBE to: MBE Score Transfer, National Conference of Bar Examiners, 402 West Wilson Street, Madison, WI 53703-3614. The written request must include the exact name under which the applicant tested, the jurisdiction in which the testing occurred, the month and year of the MBE, the applicant's social security number, date of birth, and applicant or seat number (if known).

### Transfer of MPRE Score

Mail your request and a \$15.00 check payable to NCBE directly to: National Conference of Bar Examiners, MPRE Records Department, 301 ACT Drive, P.O. Box 451, Iowa City, IA 52243-0451. The request should include your name, address, social security number; date of birth, test date, signature, and the jurisdiction that you want to receive your score.

### Transfer of Essay Score or Combined MBE/Essay Score

Request a score transfer directly from the state or territorial jurisdiction where the Essay or Combined MBE/Essay Examination was taken and have it sent to: Clerk of Courts, Palau Supreme Court, P.O. Box 248, Koror, Palau 96940. Each jurisdiction's bar admission office address and phone number can be found at [www.ncbex.org/offices.htm](http://www.ncbex.org/offices.htm).

### Subject Matter of Examinations

**MBE:** The MBE is an objective six-hour examination containing 200 multiple choice questions covering the following subjects: federal constitutional law, contracts, criminal law and procedure, evidence, real property, and torts. The questions are designed to be answered by applying fundamental legal principles rather than local case or statutory law. A passing score in Palau is a scaled score of 120 or better.

**MPRE:** The MPRE contains 50 multiple choice questions on the law governing the conduct of lawyers, including the disciplinary rules of professional conduct as articulated in the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct, the ABA Code of Judicial Conduct, and controlling constitutional decisions, as well as generally accepted principles established in leading federal and state cases

and in the rules of procedure and evidence. A passing score in Palau is a scaled score of 75 or better.

**MEE:** The MEE is an approximately three-hour examination consisting of three to four essay questions. The MEE is designed to test an applicant's legal knowledge, ability to identify facts relevant to legal issues raised by hypothetical situations, and proficiency in writing and reasoning. Questions may include business associations (agency & partnership, corporations, and limited liability companies), conflict of law and procedure, evidence, family law, federal civil procedure, real property, torts, and trusts and estates. Some questions may include issues in more than one area of law. A passing score in Palau is a score of 65 or better.

**MPT:**

The MPT is a three hour examination (consisting of two 90-minute fact patterns) designed to test an applicant's ability to use fundamental lawyering skills in realistic situations. Each test evaluates an applicant's ability to complete a task that a beginning lawyer should be able to accomplish.

The materials for each MPT include a File and a Library. The File consists of source documents containing all the facts of the case. The specific assignment the examinee is to complete is described in a memorandum from a supervising attorney. The File might also include transcripts of interviews, depositions, hearings or trials, pleadings, correspondence, client documents, contracts, newspaper articles, medical records, police reports, or lawyer's notes. Relevant as well as irrelevant facts are included. Facts are sometimes ambiguous, incomplete, or even conflicting. The Library consists of substantive legal materials. The applicant is expected to extract from the Library the legal principles necessary to analyze the problem and perform the task. The MPT is not a test of substantive law; the Library materials provide sufficient substantive information to complete the task.

The MPT requires applicants to (1) sort detailed factual materials and separate relevant from irrelevant facts; (2) analyze statutory, case, and administrative materials for applicable principles of law; (3) apply the relevant law to the relevant facts in a manner likely to resolve a client's problem; (4) identify and resolve ethical dilemmas, when present; (5) communicate effectively in writing; and (6) complete a lawyering task within time constraints. These skills are tested by requiring applicants to perform one or more of a variety of lawyering tasks. For example, applicants might be instructed to complete any of the following: a memorandum to a supervising attorney, a letter to a client, a persuasive memorandum or brief, a statement of facts, a contract provision, a will, a counseling plan, a proposal for settlement or agreement, a discovery plan, a witness examination plan, or a closing argument.

Palauan-based Essay Examination: This portion of the examination consists of questions specifically on Palauan law. Questions may cover customary law, land law, the constitution, statutes, the Compact of Free Association, and case law. A passing score for this portion of the examination is a score of 65 or better.

Requirements for Admission to the Palau Bar: To be admitted to the Palau Bar an applicant must: (1) provide a certificate of good standing from jurisdiction(s) in which the applicant is admitted to practice or, if not a member of any bar, a letter from the dean or dean's designee of the applicant's law school attesting to the applicant's good moral character; (2) not have been convicted of a felony, or if convicted, the applicant must have been granted a full pardon; (3) have graduated from an accredited law school; and (4) take and pass the Bar Examination as required in Palau and as explained above.

Costs of the Bar Examination: The application fee is \$10 and the examination fee is \$300 for a total cost of \$310 made payable the Palau Supreme Court, P.O. Box 248, Koror, Palau 96940. This fee includes the cost for purchasing, administering, and grading the MBE and Essay Examination, copying, postage, and other administrative costs. This fee will not be applied to future Examinations should the applicant fail to sit for the Examination.

Palau Community College, rather than the Supreme Court, administers the MPRE. If an applicant wishes to take the MPRE, there is an additional fee of \$80.00 for applications received before the regular receipt deadline and \$160 for applications received after the regular receipt deadline but before the late receipt deadline. The check should be made payable to the National Conference of Bar Examiners and mailed with the MPRE application directly to the National Conference of Bar Examiners, MPRE Application Department, 101 ACT Drive, P.O. Box 4001, Iowa City, IA 52243-4001. For MPRE application deadlines, late registration information, or online registration using MasterCard or VISA visit [www.ncbex.org/about-ncbe-exams/mpre/test-dates-deadlines-and-fees/](http://www.ncbex.org/about-ncbe-exams/mpre/test-dates-deadlines-and-fees/)

Application Deadline for the Bar Examination in Palau: The deadline to apply to take the MBE, MPT and/or Essay Examination(s) in Palau is Monday, June 16, 2014. To receive an application form, send a letter and check for \$10.00 payable to the Clerk of Courts and mail it to the Clerk of Courts, Palau Supreme Court, P.O. Box 248, Koror, Palau 96940. The application form can also be downloaded from the website and mailed with necessary fees mentioned. After receiving the completed forms, we will provide applicants with additional information to assist in preparing and studying for the examinations.

Information on Palau: The Palau Visitor's Authority website at [www.visit-palau.com](http://www.visit-palau.com) is a good source of information.

Further Information on the Palau Bar Examination: For further information or questions regarding the Palau Bar Examination, you may contact the Court by e-mail: [asengebau@palausupremecourt.net](mailto:asengebau@palausupremecourt.net) or by phone at (680) 488-2607 or (680) 488-1585 or the court website: [www.palausupremecourt.net](http://www.palausupremecourt.net).