

Preface

Dear Bar Exam Taker,

This book includes everything you need to know to write a passing essay answer for the California bar exam. After much experience working with potential bar takers and extensive analysis of past California bar exams, we have created this book to be a condensed, yet thorough, review of all subjects covered on the exam, including instruction in the skill of essay writing.

The introduction covers the skills involved in successfully writing a passing California bar essay. In particular, this section includes valuable information on how to successfully organize and write a passing answer within the allotted time frame.

The substantive law is presented in several ways to assist you in understanding the law and then using it to solve the problem posed by an essay question. Each chapter includes the law in a checklist format for use in issue spotting, a memorization attack sheet to aid in memorizing the rules and their elements, and an efficient rule outline annotated throughout with exam, issue spotting, and memorization tips.

Practice essay questions and sample passing answers are included for each subject, and all crossover questions are identified as such. We also include our assessment of each question to point out additional subject-specific tips and essay-taking strategies. In addition, each question has a corresponding grid identifying the issues, rules, analysis, and conclusions that were required of a passing answer to aid you in assessing your own performance.

We wish you the best of luck on the upcoming bar exam!

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