PREPARING FOR THE 2013 HAWAII BAR EXAM APPLICATION
Key Requirements

• Submit completed application and pay all fees no later than April 1, 2013 for the July 2013 Bar Exam.
• Take and pass the MPRE (Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam) within 2 years before taking and passing the bar exam and 1 year after taking and passing the bar exam.
• Pass the Character and Fitness Requirements
• Graduate
Where to start:

Go To Students web page: https://www.law.hawaii.edu/students
See Bar Exam Preparation column at far right.

Key links:
Information on Bar Application: http://www.courts.state.hi.us/legal_references/bar_application.html
Information on the MPRE Professional Responsibility Test information: http://www.ncbex.org/multistate-tests/mpre/ (MPRE Test dates and registration)
http://www.courts.state.hi.us/legal_references/attorneys/hlffcp/ncbe_online_practice_exams.html (MPRE practice tests)

Information on the NCBE Character and Fitness Requirements: http://www.ncbex.org/
Information on Bar Application: [http://www.courts.state.hi.us/legal_references/bar_application.html](http://www.courts.state.hi.us/legal_references/bar_application.html)

- Online application are targeted to be available in March.
- See middle column; Click on link [NCBE Character and Fitness application](http://www.courts.state.hi.us/legal_references/bar_application.html) and print to get started NOW.
- What do I need on the application:
  - 10 years of your life (employment, residence, driver’s abstract, credit history)
  - All civil and criminal litigation history as an adult
- How do I get the information:
  - DMV record in every state you resided (not vacation): [http://www.courts.state.hi.us/self-help/traffic/traffic_abstracts.html](http://www.courts.state.hi.us/self-help/traffic/traffic_abstracts.html)
  - Your credit report: [http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0155-free-credit-reports](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0155-free-credit-reports)
  - Criminal History: Department of Attorney General: [http://hawaii.gov/ag/hcjdc](http://hawaii.gov/ag/hcjdc)
  - Civil Litigation: Hawaii State Judiciary: [http://www.courts.state.hi.us/legal_references/records/search_court_records.html](http://www.courts.state.hi.us/legal_references/records/search_court_records.html)
- What will be a problem:
  - Unaccounted Time
  - Pending litigation/sentences/outstanding liens
What is the NCBE?

http://www.ncbex.org/

• Conducts the character and fitness review and administers MPRE.
• Website has information on exam preparation.
• Go to middle column.
• Click on Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) to create an account to register for the MPRE.
• Click on Character and Fitness Application to see information on application process. This site is under construction for Hawaii. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED WHEN THE SITE IS READY TO UPLOAD YOUR INFORMATION.
Scroll to the bottom: Click on Sample NCBE Character and Fitness Application link.

• Print it. (It is the same link provided on the Hawaii State Judiciary website).
NCBE Sample Character and Fitness Application

• Print and review it.
• This will be the Application you will have to fill out online once the website is up.
• Fill it out.
• Find your ‘pukas’ and get working on finding that info asap.

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF BAR EXAMINERS (NCBE)
Request for Preparation of a Character Report

#### Fee Schedule

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### V: SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT (see fees below)
If NCBE has previously completed a character report, the applicant may be eligible for a reduced supplemental fee.

#### CONDITIONS

→ The original jurisdiction releases the original report; AND → The jurisdiction to which application is being made is willing to accept
Character and Fitness

Standard of Review and Burden of Proof

Standard of Review:
Supreme Court Rule 1.3(c)(1)
• Honesty
• Trustworthiness
• Diligence
• Reliability
• Financial responsibility
• Professional responsibility
• Respect for the law

Burden of Proof:
Supreme Court Rule 1.3(c)(2)
The burden of proving good character and fitness is on the applicant.
What is the MPRE?
http://www.ncbex.org/multistate-tests/mpre/

• This is not PR.
• You must study for it.
• You can take it as many times as necessary to pass within the three year window:
  • 2 year before you pass the exam
  • 1 year after you pass the bar exam
• You must create an account in order to register. See far left column.
How to Register for MPRE
http://www.ncbex.org/multistate-tests/mpre/mpre-registration/

• See far right column.
• Click on NCBE Number Request/Login
Where to create your account

https://secure.ncbex2.org/php/ncbe_number/views/home.php
MPRE Schedule: 3 times a year

Link:
http://www.ncbex.org/multistate-tests/mpre/mpre-test-dates-and-registration-deadlines/
What comprises the 2–day Bar Exam?

- Essays
- Practicuum
- Hawaii Professional Responsibility
- Multiple Choice
Multistate Essay Examination (MEE)

- 7 content area essays
- 7 essays (plus PR) in four hours
- Day One of the Hawaii bar (AM)
- **Tests both broad concepts and details**
Hawaii Professional Responsibility

- 15 multiple choice questions
- Less than 1/2 hour of the MEE portion
- Day One of the Hawaii bar (AM)
- First thing you finish on the exam
- First (and last) thing you finish in your study plan
Multistate Performance Test (MPT)

• 2 90-minute performance essays
• Day One of the Hawaii bar (PM)
• Variety of forms: memo, brief, letter, cause of action, jury instructions
• Test of writing and analysis skill, not legal knowledge
Multistate Bar Examination (MBE)

- 200 multiple choice questions
- Two 100-question three-hour sections
- 1.8 minutes/question average
- Day Two of the Hawaii bar
- Evidence, Real Property, Contracts, Criminal Law & Procedure, Torts, Constitutional Law
- Tests minute details of law
Coming Soon!

Bar Exam Prep Sessions
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