Brief Summary of Bar Exam Subjects – NM Uniform Bar Exam

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Summary of Bar Subject Outlines

NCBE MBE Subject Matter Outline and MEE Subject Matter Outline



A. MBE & MEE Subjects

1. Civil Procedure

- i. Jurisdiction and venue
- ii. Law applied by federal courts
- iii. Pretrial procedures
- iv. Jury trials
- v. Motions
- vi. Verdicts and judgments
- vii. Appealability and review

2. Constitutional Law

- i. The nature of judicial review
- ii. The separation of powers
- iii. The relation of nation and states in a federal system
- iv. Individual rights

3. Contracts

- i. Formation of contracts
- ii. Defenses to enforceability
- iii. Contract content and meaning
- iv. Performance, breach, and discharge
- v. Remedies
- vi. Third-party rights

4. Criminal Law and Procedure

- i. Homicide
- ii. Other crimes
- iii. Inchoate crimes; parties
- iv. General principles
- v. Constitutional protection of accused persons

5. Evidence

- i. Presentation of evidence
- ii. Relevancy and reasons for excluding relevant evidence
- iii. Privileges and other policy exclusions
- iv. Writings, recordings, and photographs
- v. Hearsay and circumstances of its admissibility

6. Real Property

- i. Ownership of real property
- ii. Rights in real property
- iii. Real estate contracts
- iv. Mortgages/security devices
- v. Titles

7. Torts

- i. Intentional torts
- ii. Negligence
- iii. Strict liability and products liability (including claims against manufacturers)
- iv. Other torts

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B. MEE Only Subjects

1. Business Associations

- i. Agency and partnership
- ii. Corporations and limited liability companies

2. Conflict of Laws

- i. Domicile
- ii. Jurisdiction of courts
- iii. Choice of law
- iv. Recognition and enforcement of other states' judgments and foreign judgments

3. Family Law

- i. Getting married
- ii. Being married
- iii. Separation, divorce, dissolution, and annulment
- iv. Child custody
- v. Rights of unmarried cohabitants
- vi. Parent, child, and state
- vii. Adoption
- viii. Alternatives to adoption

4. Secured Transactions

- i. General UCC principles
- ii. Applicability and definitions (Sec. 9-101, et seq.)
- iii. Validity of security agreements and rights of parties
- iv. Rights of third parties; perfected and unperfected security interests; rules of priority
- v. Default

5. Trusts and Estates

- i. Decedents' estates
- ii. Trusts and future interests