

Congratulations on your graduation! Texas Law is here to support you in your bar preparation efforts. Most of you are enrolled in a summer bar prep program, such as Kaplan, BarBri or Themis. The summer Bar Prep offered by Texas Law is meant to supplement any program that you are already participating in.

What is it?

The Texas Law Summer Bar Prep program offers additional essay and MPT feedback. Your essays will be reviewed for correct identification and application of rules, as well as general analytic ability and writing skills.

Additionally, we will offer an "in class" mini bar opportunity in July. More on the date and time will be administered via email.

Who's administering the program?

Brandi Welch, Director of Academic Advising and Student Affairs in the SAO, will grade and return all practice questions. Brandi has passed both the New York and Texas bar exams, and has been working with students studying for bar exams for almost 10 years.

How does it work?

Suggest essays for practice were emailed to everyone and are posted on the "Bar Preparation" section of the <u>Student Affairs website</u>. The essays are past Texas essay questions and MPTs. Turn in answers via email. Brandi will review your essay and provide feedback. If you are in Austin over the summer, you are welcome to come in to Brandi's office to review your work in person. You may submit as many essays as you like – be it one or twenty.

For the MBE, helpful tracking sheets are provided to help you keep track of what you're getting wrong and why. Brandi is available to meet with you to discuss your approach to the MBE and to review strategies.

Why should I participate?

As you know, the bar exam is an incredibly high stakes test. You'll need to use every resource available to you in your preparation. This is not the time to do the bare minimum. The Texas Law Bar Prep program is another tool you can use to make the most of the time you'll spend this summer. Get advice and feedback. Brandi will get to know what you're doing well and will be able to look for your individual improvement; bar prep providers typically don't offer this kind of individualized feedback over time.

Do I have to be taking the Texas bar to participate?

No. Brandi can work with you on a study plan for any bar exam. Just email her at bwelch@law.utexas.edu to make arrangements.