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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 26, 2006

To: Law School Deans

From: Erica Moeser, NCBE President 

Re: Expansion of MEE Test Specifications

I am writing to alert you to an important change to the Multistate Essay Exam (MEE) that may affect student who take a bar examination in a jurisdiction that uses the MEE as a component of its bar examination. Effective with the July 2007 administration, the MEE will expand to include nine questions instead of seven, with three questions drawn from Multistate Bar Exam (MBE) topics.

These changes are the product of more than two years of study by NCBE's MEE Policy Committee, with input from both MEE and non-MEE jurisdictions. The current content coverage of the MEE and MBE appear below, followed on page two by the new MEE content coverage.

CURRENT MEE COVERAGE

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 A. Agency & Partnership
 B. Corporations & LLCs
Conflict of Laws
Family Law
Federal Civil Procedure
Trusts and Estates
 A. Decedents' Estates
 B. Trusts & Future Interests
Uniform Commercial Code
 A. Sales (Art. 2)
 B. Negotiable Instruments (Art. 3)
 C. Secured Transactions (Art. 9)

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Constitutional Law
Contracts
Criminal Law and Procedure
Evidence
Real Property
Torts

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NEW MEE COVERAGE

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Conflict of Laws will continue to be an "embedded" topic in any of the above areas, including the new MBE topics. Sales (UCC, Art. 2) will be eliminated as a separate subject area, as it is subsumed under the MBE Contracts outline. The detailed subject matter outlines for the new MEE will be available online and in *The MEE 2007 Information Booklet* this August.

This change should have little effect on current MEE user jurisdictions. There will still be six MEE questions focusing on current MEE topics. Current MEE jurisdictions need not change their test specifications (or, in most cases, even their rules) to use the newly added MBE-topic questions of the revamped MEE.

NCBE announced this change to all jurisdictions last week.

If you have any questions regarding the expanded MEE, please do not hesitate to contact me at emoeser@ncbex.org or 608.280.8550, ext. 360, or Judy Gundersen, NCBE Deputy Director of Testing, at jgundersen@ncbex.org or at ext. 226.

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