Will your name be here???
Speaks for itself

- **July 2008**
  - Missouri
    - 1st time takers – 98.31%
    - Overall rate – 96.69%

- **Participate in UMKC Program?**
  - 1st time takers – 99.15% or 100% (depends upon definition of participate)
  - Repeaters rate – 100%
Trust us.

- You can do this.
- You have the skills to do it.
- We know what it takes to pass.
- Our advice is time-tested with many students, not what worked for one individual person.
ADVICE

- Everyone will give it.
- Most has value
  - If they succeeded on the bar, it probably helped them.
  - May or may not work for you.
Understanding Your Bar Exam

- MBE
- Essays
  - MPT
  - MEE
  - State-drafted
MBE

- 200 Multiple choice questions
  - 100 in am
  - 100 in pm
- Second Day of Bar Exam
- Nation-wide
- Drafted by National Conference of Bar Examiners
MBE Subjects

- Constitutional Law
- Contracts
- Criminal Law & Procedure
- Evidence
- Real Property
- Torts
Kansas Essays

- 1st day of exam
- 8 questions in am (22.5 minutes each)
- 8 questions in pm
- All drafted by Kansas Board of Law Examiners
Kansas Essay Topics

- Agency and employment
- Conflict of laws
- Constitutional Law
- Contracts
- Corporations
- Criminal Law/Criminal Procedure
- Evidence
- Family law
- Kansas and federal civil procedure
- Legal ethics
- Noncorporate business organizations
- Personal property
- Real property
- Torts
- Trusts and administrations
- UCC and commercial transactions
- Wills

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Missouri Essay Exam

- 1st Day of Exam
- Starts with four 30-minute questions
Missouri Essay Exam (cont.)

- Next – 90 minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT)
  - Given the law and fact pattern
  - Draft document requested
    - No memorization
    - Test of ability to discern applicable law, choose relevant facts, and draft document
Missouri Essay Exam (cont.)

- Afternoon – six 30-minute questions
Who drafts questions?

- Missouri Board of Law Examiners
  - Missouri Civil Procedure
  - Missouri Administrative Law
  - Equity/Remedies
The rest?

- Drafted by National Conference of Bar Examiners (Multistate Essay Examination)
- Missouri Board can rewrite/substitute their own question
MEE Topics

- Agency & Partnership
- Commercial Paper
- Conflicts
- Constitutional Law
- Contracts
- Corporations
- Criminal Law/Criminal Procedure
- Estates & Future Interests
- Evidence
- Family Law
- Federal Jurisdiction
- Real Property
- Sales
- Secured Transactions
- Torts
- Trusts
Bar Prep Courses

- BarBri
- PMBR
- UMKC Bar Prep
BarBri

- Only provider of complete substantive review.
- All other commercial providers in this region focus on the six MBE topics only.
BarBri Schedule

- Choice of morning or evening lectures
- We recommend morning.
- Five or six days a week; 3-4 hours a piece.
- Early July or early February – all-day MBE practice
BarBri practice questions

- Provides both MBE and essay practice questions
- All are self-graded, except for three essays
PMBR

- Focuses on MBE topics and questions
Early Bird Program

■ Six-day
  ● Different MBE topic each day
  ● Do 25 practice questions
  ● Then those questions reviewed
  ● Designed to give you a jump start

■ Three-day
  ● One full-day practice exam
  ● Two days of review
  ● Held two weeks before exam
UMKC Bar Prep

- Focus on both MBE and essay portions of the exam
- Focus is on strategies and tactics to answer questions
- Lots of practice with individual feedback and encouragement
UMKC Schedule

- February bar – held two evenings a week (on average)
- July bar – held two afternoons a week (on average). Lectures are video-taped for replay in the evening or for check-out.
- Coordinate topics with BarBri’s schedule.
Practice Essay Questions

- Weekly essays and two/three half-day practice exams
- Periodic individual conferences
- Small group conferences
- Will coordinate with BarBri
MPT Practice and Grading

- Will do practice MPTs with each half-day practice essay exam
What is “participating”?

- Key to our success – individualized feedback on practice essays
- If you don’t do them, don’t do enough, or try to cram a bunch in at the end, it doesn’t work as well
- Do them every week. Remember, your score isn’t what matters – it’s the process.
Best part of this learning experience

- Our goals are identical.
- We are not your evaluators.
- We want each and every one of you to succeed.
- Helping you succeed helps us.
- Not rest until we have a 100% pass rate.
Top Risk Factors for Bar Failure

- Working during bar prep.
- Taking a summer class to fulfill graduation requirements.
- Finishing R&W during bar preparation.
- Low GPA.
- Anxiety/stress
New Addition

- Get course credit – counts towards graduation and is residency credit
- Get a jump start on bar prep
Legal Analysis and Methods

- Two credit hours
- Credit/no credit grading
- 3:00 – 4:50 - Mondays
Not a substitute for summer bar prep
Slow & steady wins this race

- Can’t sprint a marathon
- Can’t cram for the bar
Participating in the UMKC Program

- Your first step to success.
- Coach.
  - Motivation
  - Encouragement
  - Skill-building
  - Kick-butt
- We are here for you.
YOU CAN DO THIS!