

MLER BAR PREPARATION PROGRAM

MINORITY LEGAL EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES, INC. ("MLER") IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ILLINOIS CORPORATION DEDICATED TO INCREASING DIVERSITY IN THE LEGAL COMMUNITY. MLER'S PRIMARY ACTIVITY IS THE ADMINISTRATION OF ITS BAR PREPARATION PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO SUPPORT MINORITY LAW SCHOOL GRADUATES PREPARING FOR THE ILLINOIS BAR EXAM, HOWEVER, ALL ARE WELCOME. THIS PROGRAM DOES NOT COMPETE WITH COMMERCIAL BAR REVIEW COURSES AND DOES NOT REVIEW SUBSTANTIVE LAW. THE PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE STRUCTURED STUDY TIME WITH AN EMPHASIS ON TEST-TAKING TECHNIQUES AND ESSAY-WRITING SKILLS.

THE PROGRAM CONSISTS OF SMALL GROUP SESSIONS, LECTURES, AND MOCK EXAMS. MLER TRAINS AND CERTIFIES INSTRUCTORS TO LEAD THE SMALL GROUP SESSIONS. THE WEEKLY PRACTICE EXAMS ARE GRADED BY AN INSTRUCTOR. ALL INSTRUCTORS ARE ATTORNEYS IN GOOD STANDING, LICENSED TO PRACTICE IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, WHO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME TO THE PROGRAM.

CLASSES COMMENCE ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2010, AND WILL BE HELD EVERY THURSDAY FOR SIX WEEKS. THERE WILL ALSO BE AT LEAST TWO SATURDAY OR SUNDAY CLASSES (SEE SCHEDULE). ALL SESSIONS ARE HELD AT NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL.

PROGRAM COST

EARLY REGISTRATION

11.16.09 THRU 12.07.09 \$300.00

STANDARD REGISTRATION

12.08.09 THRU 12.28.09 \$350.00

ON-SITE REGISTRATION (LIMITED)

01.07.10 \$400.00

ALL PROGRAM COSTS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE

REGISTRATION PROCESS

PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM IS LIMITED TO STUDENTS PREPARING FOR THE WINTER 2010 ILLINOIS BAR EXAM. TO ENROLL IN THE PROGRAM, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE ATTACHED REGISTRATION APPLICATION. MAIL THE COMPLETED FORM WITH YOUR CHECK TO THE MLER ADDRESS (CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE TO MLER). TO PAY THE **\$300.00** FEE, THE APPLICATION AND CHECK MUST BE **POSTMARKED** BY DECEMBER 7, 2009. STUDENTS MAY REGISTER AT THE COST OF **\$350.00** FROM DECEMBER 8, 2009, THRU DECEMBER 28, 2009. THE REGISTRATION MUST BE **POSTMARKED** BY DECEMBER 28, 2009. ON-SITE REGISTRATION IS \$400.00 AND IS VERY LIMITED. ON-SITE REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE ON JANUARY 7, 2010, AT 5:30 P.M.

RETURN CHECK POLICY

MLER WILL CHARGE STUDENTS A \$50.00 FEE FOR A RETURNED CHECK. IF A CHECK IS RETURNED, THE STUDENT MUST SATISFY THE COST OF THE PROGRAM PLUS THE RETURN CHECK FEE BY THE NEXT PROGRAM DATE. MLER WILL REPORT ANY STUDENT TO CHARACTER AND FITNESS WHO FAILS TO SATISFY THE COST OF THE PROGRAM AND THE RETURN CHECK FEE.

HARDSHIP REQUESTS

THE MLER BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL GRANT A VERY LIMITED AMOUNT OF HARDSHIP REQUESTS FOR EACH PROGRAM. HARDSHIP APPLICANTS MUST REQUEST A HARDSHIP PACKET FROM THE COORDINATOR. COMPLETE HARDSHIP PACKETS MUST BE **RECEIVED** BY DECEMBER 17, 2009. STUDENTS MUST PAY THE FULL PROGRAM COST IF THEIR HARDSHIP REQUEST IS DENIED.

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MLER WINTER 2010 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
357 E. CHICAGO AVENUE
CHICAGO, IL 60611

PROGRAM COORDINATORS

CONSTANCE WRIGHT, COORDINATOR
JOSELYNNE GARDNER, ASSISTANT COORDINATOR
MARQUES RICE, ASSISTANT COORDINATOR

TENTATIVE PROGRAM DATES:

JANUARY 7, 2010 THROUGH FEBRUARY 11, 2010
EVERY THURSDAY FROM 6:00 P.M. UNTIL APPROX. 10:00 P.M.
PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL STUDENTS MUST ATTEND THE DIRAC/MPT CLINIC TO STAY ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2010

5:00 P.M. — 6:00 P.M.	CHECK-IN: LOWDEN HALL
6:00 P.M. — 10:00 P.M.	MANDATORY ORIENTATION EXAM SESSION 1 (2 HOURS) STRAWN HALL

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2010

9:00 A.M. — 5:00 P.M.	MANDATORY WORKSHOP DIRAC AND MPT CLINIC STRAWN HALL
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LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2010

6:00 P.M. — 6:55 P.M.	SMALL GROUP SESSIONS LIBRARY ROOMS
7:00 P.M. — 8:00 P.M.	LECTURE: GUEST SPEAKER STRAWN HALL
8:00 P.M. — 10:00 P.M.	EXAM SESSION 2 (2 HOURS)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2010

6:00 P.M. — 6:55 P.M.	SMALL GROUP SESSIONS LIBRARY ROOMS
7:00 P.M. — 10:00 P.M.	EXAM SESSION 3 (3 HOURS) STRAWN HALL

TUTOR MEETING
STRAWN HALL

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7:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2010

6:00P.M. – 6:55 P.M.

SMALL GROUP SESSIONS

LIBRARY ROOMS

7:00P.M. – 10:00 P.M.

EXAM SESSION 4 (3 HOURS)

STRAWN HALL

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2010

9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

SIMULATED BAR EXAM

STRAWN HALL

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2010

6:00P.M. – 6:55 P.M.

SMALL GROUP SESSIONS

LIBRARY ROOMS

7:00P.M. – 10:00 P.M.

EXAM SESSION 5 (3 HOURS)

STRAWN HALL

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2010

6:00 PM. – 10:00 P.M.

BOOT CAMP

STRAWN HALL

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2010

6:00P.M. – 6:55 P.M.

SMALL GROUP SESSIONS

LIBRARY ROOMS

7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

LECTURE: GUEST SPEAKER

STRAWN HALL

8:00P.M. – 10:00 P.M.

EXAM SESSION 6 (2 HOURS)

TUTOR APPRECIATION RECEPTION

STRAWN HALL

7:00 P.M.

GOOD LUCK ON PASSING THE WINTER 2010 ILLINOIS BAR EXAMINATION!

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ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2010

5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.	REGISTRATION (LOWDEN HALL)
6:00 P.M. – 6:20 P.M.	MANDATORY ORIENTATION (STRAWN HALL) CLAIMING SUCCESS: GUEST SPEAKER
6:20 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.	WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS CONSTANCE WRIGHT, WINTER COORDINATOR
6:30 P.M. – 6:40 P.M.	MLER GRADUATE WELCOME
6:40 P.M. – 6:50 P.M.	OVERVIEW OF PROGRAM SCHEDULING, CALENDARS & STUDY HABITS JOSELYNNE GARDNER, FIRST ASST. COORDINATOR
6:50 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.	DIRAC OVERVIEW MARQUES RICE, SECOND ASST. COORDINATOR
7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.	LECTURE: GUEST SPEAKER MANAGING STRESS
8:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.	EXAM SESSION 1 (2 HOURS)

TUTOR CERTIFICATION

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2010

6:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.	TUTOR CERTIFICATION & DINNER LOWDEN HALL
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APPLICANT INFORMATION:

NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____
STREET APT.

_____ CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE (____) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

ARE YOU TAKING THE BAR EXAM UNDER ANY SPECIAL PHYSICAL CONDITIONS (I.E. ADDITIONAL TIME OR TYPING YOUR EXAM) IF YES WHAT ARE THOSE CONDITIONS. PLEASE USE AN ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NEEDED.

LAW SCHOOL: _____

HAVE YOU EVER SAT FOR THE ILLINOIS BAR EXAM? () YES () NO

HAVE YOU EVER TAKEN MLER BEFORE: () YES () NO

ARE YOU TAKING A BAR REVIEW COURSE: () YES () NO

IF YES, WHICH ONE(S)? _____

ARE YOU ADMITTED TO PRACTICE IN ANOTHER STATE? () YES () NO

IF YES, WHAT STATE(S) _____

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT MLER? _____

FOR MLER STAFF ONLY

DATE _____ FORM OF PAYMENT: () CASH () CHECK

CHECK NO. _____ GROUP NUMBER: _____

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STUDENT COMMITMENT FORM

THIS FORM **MUST** BE COMPLETED AND TURNED IN ALONG WITH THE STUDENT APPLICATION.

I COMMIT TO HAVE NOT MORE THAN ONE UNEXCUSED ABSENCE DURING THE WINTER 2010 PROGRAM. I UNDERSTAND THAT FAILURE TO COMPLY *MAY* AFFECT MY FUTURE PARTICIPATION IN THE MLER PROGRAM.

PRINT NAME

SIGNATURE

THE COORDINATOR AND YOUR GROUP LEADER MUST BE NOTIFIED FOR ALL EXCUSED ABSENCES.

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