

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT

Boston, Massachusetts 02108

NOTICE OF APPROVAL

Notice is hereby given that the Supreme Judicial Court has approved and promulgated rules as further indicated below.

RODERICK L. IRELAND

Chief Justice

1. Court Submitting Rules for Approval:

Board of Bar Examiners

2. Date Rules Submitted for Approval:

September 3, 2013

3. Date Approved and Promulgated by the Supreme Judicial Court:

April 25, 2014

4. Rules or Rules, or Amendments Thereto, Approved and Promulgated:

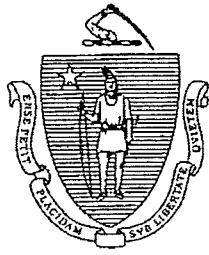
Amendment to Board of Examiners Rules (Current Rule III,

Subjects under Rule 3:01, § 3, replaced with new Rule III,

attached)

Effective date - July 1, 2016

(The original of this notice is to be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for the Commonwealth, and a copy to be sent by the Clerk to the court which requested approval of the rules.



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The Honorable Ralph D. Gants, Co-Chair
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Supreme Judicial Court
John Adams Courthouse
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Dear Justice Gants and Mr. Rosenberg,

Thank you for providing the Board of Bar Examiners (the "Board") with the Access to Justice Commission's (the "Commission") proposal to add the topic of "Access to Justice" to the Massachusetts bar examination. The Board has appreciated the opportunity to discuss this important proposal with representatives of the Commission as we work toward our shared vision of a generation of lawyers committed to service throughout their careers. We look forward to supporting the Commission in its efforts to enhance access to justice by implementing the Commission's proposal, as approved, to add the topic of "Access to Justice" to the bar examination.

The Board understands that the need for the availability of legal services to the poor is increasing at staggering rates and applauds the Commission's efforts to enhance access to justice. We look forward to participating, as the Commission deems appropriate, in identifying additional proposals and programs that may have a broad and meaningful impact on our profession, to build a legal community committed to service.

I look forward to hearing from you as this important initiative moves forward.

Sincerely,


Geoffrey R. Bok
Chairman

Rules of the Board of Bar Examiners

Rule III. Subjects under Rule 3:01, §3

Applicants will be expected to be familiar with the law in the following fields:

Access to Justice*	Federal Rules of Civil Procedure
Agency	Massachusetts Rules of Civil Procedure
Business Organizations	Professional Responsibility
Constitutional Law	Real Property (including Mortgages)
Contracts	Torts
Criminal Law	Trusts
Descent & Distribution of Estates	Unfair or Deceptive Practices (G.L. c. 93A)
Domestic Relations	Uniform Commercial Code (articles 1-9)
Evidence (including Federal Rules)	Wills
Federal Jurisdiction	

The examination will be conducted in part by written questions to be answered in writing and in part by printed questions to be answered by selections from answers submitted.

*The law to be tested in the field Access to Justice may include the following topics: Landlord-Tenant, including evictions, affirmative defenses and counterclaims, and fee-shifting statutes; Foreclosures; Divorce, including child custody, support, visitation; Termination of Parental Rights; Domestic Abuse; Guardianship and Conservatorship; Consumer Matters, including debt collection, predatory lending and unfair or deceptive practices; Health Care Proxies, Power of Attorney, Advance Directives; Due Process doctrines related to fair hearings, civil commitment and civil right to counsel; Representation of nonprofit organizations; and Ethical rules including Massachusetts Rules of Professional Responsibility 1.2, 1.5, 1.14, 1.15, 4.3, 6.1, 6.5 and Limited Assistance Representation.