

## JULY 2025 MINORITY SUPPLEMENTAL BAR REVIEW PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE MULTICULTURAL JUDGES AND LAWYERS SECTION OF THE DELAWARE STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The purpose of the Minority Supplemental Bar Review Program is to increase the diversity of the Delaware Bar and to enhance the success of minority applicants. It is designed to provide instruction and support to any law school graduate who is registered to take the Delaware Bar Examination *and* who has taken or will be enrolling in a commercial substantive bar review course. The Program does not compete with commercial bar review courses. It focuses upon the identification and teaching of bar examination essay test-taking skills, meant to aid in the applicant's substantive bar review preparation. This includes mental preparation skills to enhance bar examination performance. The Program is carried out through a series of lectures, discussion groups, one-on-one interactions, coaching, intensive practice essay exams and critiques, and review of questions and answers to previous Delaware bar exams. Members of the Delaware Bar volunteer to serve as teachers, mentors, and coaches. The Program focuses on time and stress management, analytical skills, writing style for the bar examination, and answer structure. While some substantive Delaware law will be covered, it is not the focus of the Program. Student attendance and participation at each session is expected.

The Multicultural Judges and Lawyers ("MJL") Section of the Delaware State Bar Association sponsors and administers the Program. The MJL Section's Vice-Chair of Law School Outreach is responsible for planning the Program, including establishing the Program schedule, circulating registration forms and choosing and copying past exams for use in the evening sessions. The Vice-Chair also chooses and assigns a mentor for each Program participant, selects graders for practice exams and attends Program sessions. Members of the MJL Section and former Program participants volunteer to serve as guest speakers, mentors and graders.

There are two major rules to which we adhere for this Program. First, attendance is crucial. Those who are absent from more than one class may be asked to withdraw from the Program. Second, enrollment in a commercial bar review course is required in to participate because this is a supplemental bar review program. If you cannot comply with these rules, please do not attempt to register for the Program. Due to logistical constraints, the MJL can only provide additional test time for Program participants requiring accommodations during the Saturday session of the Program as requested.

The Program meets every **Thursday** evening for seven consecutive weeks prior to the bar exam and culminates with a **Saturday**, four-essay session two weeks before the exam. Attendance and participation is expected and required. The cost to Program participants is a minimal \$150.00.

If you plan on taking the Delaware Bar Examination in May 2025 and would like more information about the Program, please send an email to Charmi Patel (<a href="mailto:cpatel@bergermcdermott.com">cpatel@bergermcdermott.com</a>) or Chamyra Upshur (<a href="mailto:cupshur@potteranderson.com">cupshur@potteranderson.com</a>). Registration for the Program opens at 12:00 p.m. (ET) on May 1, 2025 and will close no later than 12:00 p.m. (ET) on May 9, 2025. <a href="mailto:Alimited number of slots are available, and registration is on a first come, first served basis.">cput first served basis.</a>

## INFORMATION ON JULY 2025 PROGRAM IS AS FOLLOWS:

**PROGRAM DATES:** May 22, 2025 to July 19, 2025

Thursday classes start promptly at 6:00 p.m. (ET). The Saturday class

will begin at 9:00 a.m. (ET).

**LOCATION:** Widener University Delaware Law School

4601 Concord Pike Wilmington, DE 19803

Room: TBA

**REGISTRATION:** May 1, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. (ET) and closes on May 9, 2025 at 12:00

p.m. (ET), or until capacity is reached. Register online at:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1316323431819?aff=oddtdtcreator

COST: \$150.00 (non-refundable)

Due to generous sponsorships from the Delaware legal community, the MJL is excited to announce financial need-based scholarships for the May 2025 Program. The scholarships are for those who are experiencing financial hardships and will cover the cost of the Program fee (\$150.00). In order to apply, please submit a statement (no more than 500 words) addressing the following:

- Why you want to participate in the MJL Supplemental Bar Review Program;
- How participating in the Program will impact you;
- Briefly share your financial hardships; and
- Your commitment to the MJL Section.

Please email all scholarship statements to suppbarreview.mjl@gmail.com by 5 p.m. on April 28, 2025.

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May 29, 2025 (Thursday)
June 5, 2025 (Thursday)
June 12, 2025 (Thursday)
June 26, 2025 (Thursday)
July 10, 2025 (Thursday)
July 17, 2025 (Thursday)
July 19, 2025 (Saturday)\*\*

\*\*Accommodations for additional test time available

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<u>Questions to</u>: Charmi Patel (<u>cpatel@bergermcdermott.com</u>) or Chamyra Upshur (<u>cupshur@potteranderson.com</u>)