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MEMORANDUM

TO: Florida State Law Students

FROM: Don Weidner, Dean
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RE: Course Selection and Bar Preparation

The Florida Bar Exam is administered on the last Tuesday and Wednesday in February and July. It has two parts: Part A (Florida portion) and Part B (Multistate portion).

Florida Portion Format: 3 Essay Questions and 100 Multiple Choice Questions.

Florida Subjects:

Articles 2, 3 & 9 of the UCC	<i>Evidence</i>	Professionalism
<i>Business Entities</i>	Family Law, Dependency	Real Property
Contracts	<i>FL Rules of Civil Procedure</i>	Rules of Professional Conduct
Criminal Law, Constitutional	FL Constitutional Law	Torts
Criminal Procedure, &	<i>FL Rules of Criminal Procedure</i>	Trusts
Juvenile Delinquency	<i>FL Rules of Judicial Administration</i>	<i>Wills, Administration of Estates</i>

Bold = tested on every Florida bar exam <i>Italics</i> = tested in multiple-choice format since 1996

Multistate Portion Format: 200 Multiple Choice Questions.

Multistate Subjects:

Contracts	Federal Constitutional Law
Criminal Law	Federal Civil Procedure
Criminal Procedure	Real Property
Evidence	Torts

Strongly Recommended Courses: After studying information about the performance of FSU graduates on recent bar exams, we strongly recommend that students take the following 4 courses:

Gratuitous Transfers	Closely Held Business Organizations
Evidence	Criminal Procedure—Police

We have found that students in the bottom ½ of the class face significantly greater challenges in passing the bar. Thus, if your GPA is below an 83.5, we strongly recommend that you take **Topics in Florida Practice**.

Additional Recommended Courses:

Commercial Paper	Florida Constitutional Law	Remedies
Corporations	Florida Dissolution of Marriage <i>or</i> Family Law	Sales and Leases
Florida Civil Practice	Land Transfer	Secured Transactions

We are here to help. Please see Dean Utset, Dean Benavides, or Dean Ingram if you have any questions about what courses to take, about the best ways to prepare for the bar exam, or about the exam generally.