MEMORANDUM

TO: Florida State Law Students

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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
- Business Entities
- Contracts
- Criminal Law, Constitutional
- Criminal Procedure, &
- Juvenile Delinquency
- Evidence
- Family Law, Dependency
- FL Rules of Civil Procedure
- FL Rules of Criminal Procedure
- FL Rules of Judicial Administration
- Professionalism
- Real Property
- Rules of Professional Conduct
- Torts
- Trusts
- FL Constitutional Law
- FL Rules of Criminal Procedure
- FL Rules of Judicial Administration
- Wills, Administration of Estates

**Bold** = tested on every Florida bar exam  **Italics** = tested in multiple-choice format since 1996

**Multistate Portion Format:** 200 Multiple Choice Questions.

**Multistate Subjects:**
- Contracts
- Federal Constitutional Law
- Federal Civil Procedure
- Criminal Law
- Criminal Procedure
- Real Property
- Evidence
- Torts
- Closely Held Business Organizations
- Criminal Procedure—Police

**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 or 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.