Strategies & Tactics For The MBE (Multistate Bar Exam)
Synopsis

Strategies and Tactics for the MBE is packed with the most valuable advice you can find on how to analyze MBE questions. You get details on how to handle each MBE subject, specific step-by-step strategies for analyzing different question types...how subtle differences in wording can completely change the meaning of an answer...how to "reword" questions in your mind to make them easier to analyze. With Strategies and Tactics you also get a full-length, 200 question practice MBE, as well as over 350 additional questions broken down by subject. Before each subject, you get detailed advice on how to handle MBE questions on that subject, and how to focus your studies on the most popular - and trickiest - MBE topics. For every question, you get a fully-explained answer that analyzes, in detail, every answer option. After all, it's just as important to know why you chose a wrong answer - and how to avoid doing it again! - as it is to know why the correct response was the best choice. With Strategies & Tactics for the MBE, you'll enter the MBE with the skills to succeed...and the confidence to excel.

Key Points About this Book:

- Covers all the new MBE specifications tested on the MBE as of July 2003
- Every one of the over 550 questions in this book represents an actual question asked on a past MBE
- This edition was personally prepared by Steve Emanuel to reflect the most recently released MBE questions and the most up-to-date substantive legal rules
- Strategies and Tactics is written under the assumption that you haven't seen any of the substantive law on the MBE since your first year in law school. For instance, if an answer addresses the M'Naghten Rule or quantum Meruit or vested remainders, the answer will refresh your memory for what those concepts mean before it analyzes how they relate to the question
- The answers in Strategies and Tactics don't quote long, convoluted passages of codes and treatises. Instead, you get explanations in simple, easy-to-understand language.
- A lot of Multistate guides claim to give you in-depth analysis of answers. Open this book to an answer section, and compare it to any other Multistate book...and you'll see that Strategies and Tactics is the only book that gives you the detailed insight you need.

Book Information

Paperback: 688 pages
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This book provides a strategic way to take MBE questions with an intro of what topics are tested within each subject and then an exam tactics section of what to look for in the questions. Then there are detailed answers for each question so you can look to see why the wrong answers are not correct. I would recommend this to anyone preparing for the Bar Exam, my bar study professor recommended to begin using this book our last semester of school before we actually began heavily studying for the exam, it was good advice!

Contrary to what another reviewer said, this book doesn't have two full-length exams, or at least not the edition I have (2005). It has the AM and PM sections of a full-length exam. Other reviews also mention the tips in this book, but the real value in this book is all the actual MBE questions from past exams as well as the explanation to those questions (including the full-length exam). I have found that the barbri and PMBR questions and answer choices are noticeably different much of the time from these past questions and their answer choices. Both companies make their questions long, and barbri’s are unnecessarily long. But most actual questions are short. Barbri’s explanations are also long and repetitive, whereas the explanations in this book are more concise. Most importantly, these questions are harder than the ones you’re doing from barbri and even PMBR. Even the majority of the questions in the one barbri book that has past MBE questions in it are easier in comparison. If you can understand the questions/explanations in this book, you will be prepared for the bar. As for the tips, I have found around two or three extremely valuable ones in each section that I’ve read so far. This is not to say the majority of the tips/writing in the book is helpful or that you can use this book without barbri/subject outlines. But the helpful tips that I got out of this book are ones that barbri doesn’t spell out and I wouldn’t have figured out on my own. Those tips alone really
will raise your score, because you will get at least a few more questions right in every single subject from them. I agree that this book is pricey, but if you can find a cheaper copy somewhere then that's your best bet because you need this book.

I bought this around 3 weeks before NY exam (July 2010), the sample MBE in the book felt similar in difficulty and timing to the real thing. (which was NOT my experience with BarBri.) The reviews of the subjects are concise and easily digestable and I found the pointers/tips in the introduction really helpful throughout the exam. Just wish I'd gotten my hands on this book earlier in the game.

Here is the deal. I took the MBE and failed. I then purchased this book, read it, did the practice questions over and over, applied the advice, and passed the MBE (on my way to passing the Tennessee Bar Exam). If you've ever failed the bar exam, then you understand me when I say that I would've paid twice as much for this resource. 'Nuff said.

I am finding this book very useful for bar study. The book has been recommended by many people at my school as a good study guide with realistic bar questions. After doing research it seemed like the newest edition would be the best to prep for the July 2010 bar as the older edition was published a few years earlier. The explanations are clear and the sample problems are quite challenging. However, a word of caution. This edition of the book is not very well edited. There are some answer explanations that are clearly incomplete (missing explanations of one or two answers) and numerous typos. Sometimes sentences just end or are out of context without explanation. I do not find that this is a poor study guide at all but the typos make me wonder if all the information is correct.

I did a Kaplan bar review course, did MBE questions everyday and still failed the New York Bar Exam. Then one of my professors who also teaches for BarBri told be about this book and that he felt it was better than any of the MBE materials that accompanies the bar prep courses. I couldn’t agree more. I retook the bar exam in February with Kaplan and I used this book as a supplement towards the end. I was still a little nervous so I used the kaplan questions during most of my bar prep, so I did not get to do all of the questions in this book. I found the questions in this book to be more representative to the actual MBE questions. My MBE score increased and I passed the Bar. Although this book is amazing and far better than the Kaplan MBE questions, but I would advise you to only use it as supplement to an actual full bar review course. The book works best if you have
already studied the subjects before using the book. And you will still need your bar review course for
the essay, state multiple choice and MPT portions of the exam. But you should make room in your
schedule to do the questions in this book, even if it means replacing it with your bar review course
MBE questions towards the end. I am now studying for Florida Bar and I will definitely be using to
book.

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