

**Important Announcement Regarding the Bar Exam:**

**The Louisiana Supreme Court has issued two orders amending La. Sup. Ct. Rule XVII, which governs admission to the Louisiana Bar.**

**Rule XVII Feb. 2012**

**Rule XVII July 2012**

The first Order is effective immediately and amends the February 2012 Bar examination. The current scoring structure is retained, except that the conditional failure status has been eliminated. Therefore, applicants who have conditionally failed the examination will have one final chance to sit for the separate subject examinations required to pass at the February 2012 examination. Thereafter, all applicants will be required to take all nine subject examinations. The Court has also placed a limitation on the number of times an applicant may sit for the Louisiana Bar examination. Applicants shall have only five (5) attempts to pass the examination.

The second Order is effective on July 1, 2012 and implements a compensatory scoring model commencing with the July 2012 Bar examination. The passing score is set at 650 with Code subjects to be weighted twice as much as Non-Code subjects. Applicants must make a good faith effort to take and pass each subject examination or they will fail Part I of the Bar Examination.