



# The State Bar *of California*

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**OPEN SESSION  
AGENDA ITEM O-203  
OCTOBER 2022  
COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS**

**DATE:** October 14, 2022

**TO:** Members, Committee of Bar Examiners

**FROM:** Christina Doell, Program Manager

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Report on 2021-2022 Examination Goals

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Below is the report on the goals for Examinations in 2022.

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## **BACKGROUND**

The Examinations Subcommittee's goals for the 2022 Committee year are listed below.

1. Edit and approve final versions of the essay questions and select performance test questions for administration on California Bar Examinations.

**Completed**

2. In conjunction with Operations and Management, review reports on administration of the California First-Year Law Students' Examination.

**Completed**

3. Training from Subject Matter Expert on the Principles of Scaling Written Test Scores on the California Bar Examination to the Multistate Bar Examination.

**Completed - January 2022**

4. Consider draft reports to the Supreme Court of California on the July 2021 and February 2022 California Bar Examinations.

**Completed**

5. In conjunction with Operations and Management, review reports on the administration of the California Bar Examination.

**October 2022**

6. Training from Subject Matter Expert on Substantive Issues in Determining Accessibility and Disability for Purposes of Testing Accommodations

**December 2022**

7. Consider next steps with regard to conducting additional studies relative to the content, format and scope of the California Bar Examination, including any recommended by the Blue Ribbon Commission on the Future of the California Bar Exam and other studies as mandated by the California Supreme Court.

**Ongoing**

8. Work with the State Bar's Office of Access & Inclusion and the Council on Access and Fairness to develop processes and procedures in Examination Development and Examination Grading that advance the Mission of the State Bar to support efforts for greater access to, and inclusion in, the legal system; including, but not limited to, participating in the Differential Item Functioning (DIF) Working Group in its charge to review flagged items from the DIF Analysis Report and to develop guiding principles to mitigate against DIF prospectively.

**Ongoing**

**Differential Item Functioning (DIF) Working Group completed -March 2022**

9. Consider petitions seeking waivers of the Committee's examinations-related policies, procedures and rules.

**Monthly, per Committee meeting schedule**

10. Review appeals from applicants with disabilities who are appealing the Director for Admissions' decisions with respect to their requests for testing accommodations.

**Monthly, per Committee meeting schedule**

## **FISCAL/PERSONNEL IMPACT**

None

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee of Bar Examiners approve the report on the 2021-2022 Examination Subcommittee goals set forth above.

## **PROPOSED MOTION**

Should the Committee of Bar Examiners agree with the staff recommendation, the following motion should be made:

**MOVE**, that the report on the 2021-2022 Examination Subcommittee goals be approved.

## **ATTACHMENT(S) LIST**

A. None