

**ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING
COMPUTER-BASED TESTING FOR
FEBRUARY 2010 BAR EXAMINATION**

The Board of Law Examiners will allow a limited number of applicants to use laptops to complete their answers to the essay sections of the February 2010 Bar Examination. One hundred (100) applicants will be randomly selected from those applicants whose completed 'Request to Participate' forms are received no later than November 23, 2009. A 'Request to Participate' form with directions on submitting the form for consideration is attached.

**Request to Participate in
Computer-Based Testing
For February 2010 Bar Examination**

I am interested in participating in computer-based testing (CBT) for the February 2010 Bar Examination. If chosen to participate in the program, I will provide my own laptop for the examination. In addition, I will timely complete the registration process, including the payment of the \$115.50 registration fee, and all other procedures (including the mock exam) required by ExamSoft Worldwide, Inc., the software provider which has been selected for laptop testing for the February 2010 Bar Examination. I am aware that the software may not be used with personal computer (PC) emulation software. The minimum system requirements are as follows:

CPU = 1 GHz Pentium III or industry equivalent

RAM = 1GB

Drives = 50 MB of free space

Operating System = English 32-bit Versions of Windows XP, 32-bit and 64-bit Versions of Windows Vista and Windows 7; SofTest cannot be used in virtual operating systems.

Software = Internet Browser

Internet Access for SofTest Installation, Exam Download and Upload

AOL Users – Version 6.0 or higher required

Minimum Screen Resolution = 1024 x 768 or higher

USB port

It is not possible to take secure exams through a virtual operating system such as Microsoft's Virtual Machine, Parallels or VMware, VMware Fusion or any other virtual operating system environment.

Apple Macintosh Users:

Users with Apple's Mac OSX Leopard (v. 10.5) or Mac OSX Snow Leopard (10.6) laptops can run SofTest in Windows XP or Vista installed via Apple's Boot Camp.

I understand that if I encounter hardware or software failures or other technical difficulties while taking the bar examination, no additional time will be given. If the technical difficulties cannot be resolved or are not resolved, I will continue the essay examination by handwriting. I understand that, in such cases, the Board of Law Examiners will use reasonable efforts to recover what had been saved on the laptop, but will not give credit or make accommodations for any portion of the answer(s) that cannot be recovered regardless of the reason for the

technical difficulty. I accept all risk of loss of my examination answers saved on the computer.

I accept the conditions the Supreme Court of South Carolina has specified for use of laptop computers. I will hold harmless the Board of Law Examiners, the Supreme Court of South Carolina, and ExamSoft Worldwide, Inc., and each of their employees, agents, and contract assistants (including the proctors and all technical assistants) for any and all computer and software malfunctions or other technical difficulties, regardless of the reason, relating to my use or attempted use of a laptop computer in connection with the South Carolina Bar Examination and will indemnify these entities against any and all costs, damages, and fees resulting from any claim filed by me against third parties.

Name _____ Signature _____

Date _____

Address¹ _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail Address _____

This original completed form (2 pages) must be **RECEIVED** by the Office of Bar Admissions by **November 23, 2009** in order for the applicant to be considered for participation in CBT for the February 2010 Bar Examination.

By mail: Supreme Court of South Carolina
Office of Bar Admissions
P.O. Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

By hand-delivery:

Supreme Court of South Carolina
Office of Bar Admissions
1231 Gervais Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Submission of this form via e-mail will not be accepted.

¹ This is the address at which I wish to be notified of selection or non-selection for CBT for the February 2010 Bar Examination.