

## **Changes to Grading of the Multistate Bar Exam (MBE) and Real Property Scope of Coverage for the MBE and the Multistate Essay Exam (MEE).**

Effective with the February 2017 administration, there will be changes to the scoring of the MBE and the scope of coverage on Real Property. Only 175 of the 200 questions will be counted toward your total score, *making the MBE a much more important element of your total score!* The questions will be distributed evenly among the seven MBE subjects tested: Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law, Contracts (incl. UCC), Criminal Law (incl. Criminal Procedure), Evidence, Real Property, and Torts.

The Real Property topics will be slightly reordered and revised, both for the MBE and the MEE. New topics will include conflicts of law (I.D.4.); property owners' associations and common interest ownership communities (II.A.6.); drafting, review, and negotiation of closing documents (V.B.3.); and persons authorized to execute real estate documents (V.B.4.).

Minor modifications will include providing specific examples of rules affecting future interests (I.A.2.e.); including security deposits in termination of tenancies (I.C.4.); providing more detailed zoning topics (II.D.1.–3.); and including as separate topics transfers of restrictive covenants (II.A.4.), transfers of easements, profits, and licenses (II.B.4.), and acceleration of loans before foreclosure (IV.E.2.).

Note that the Real Property topics will no longer include (1) application of Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code to fixtures (previously included in II.C.) or (2) abatement of devises (previously V.C.5.).

For the revised scope of coverage, see the [2017 MBE/MEE Real Property Subject Matter Outline](http://ncbex.org) at ncbex.org.