

# Stakeholder Concerns and Engagement



Time



Quality

Psychometrics



Measure Learning



# Process



Initial exploration of possible vendors to draft MCQs

Modeling cost saving measures for CBE consideration  
-one day remote, one day in person

Looking to reduce sites in 2024, and increase fees

**Jan:** RFI for a new vendor to produce MCQs  
CBE discussion at **March** meeting on a new vendor **April** meeting recommends to BOT (post multiple stakeholder mtgs & post exam surveys)



2022

2022

2023

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2024

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Return to in-person administration from pandemic with escalating costs



BOT May meeting  
BOT July meeting  
Contract signed August (Kaplan)  
Vendor for exam delivery

# Implementation Timeline February 2025 Bar Exam



Sept



Oct



Nov



Dec



Jan



Feb

- Approval to move to contract with ML
- CBE meeting 9/30
- Bar exam experiment webpage/FAQs launched
- Ongoing content validation of the MCQs
- Resubmit petition to SC
- Free faculty guide for MCQs available
- Feb bar exam application opens
- FAQs for applicants
- Q&A sessions with law schools and applicants
- Ongoing content validation of the MCQs
- Buildout of new exam platform
- Free student guide for MCQs available
- Pretest of MCQs Nov 8/9 on ML platform– (3000+ applications received)
- Ongoing content validation of the MCQs
- CBE meeting 12/6, Question Selection 12/7
- Ongoing content validation of the MCQs
- Begin QA and load questions into the item bank for the exam
- Applicants can start scheduling practice exams
- Ongoing content validation of the MCQs
- Question bank is finalized for February
- Countdown emails to applicants and law schools start 6 weeks prior to exam
- Exam delivered February 25, 26 (unless approved for ext time)



## Current vendor

- Multi-year process
- Meet with committees semiannually
- Changed significantly over time, many times



# MBE first given in 1972, 5 subjects

1975 Con Law Added

- Equating changed in 2005 from linear to item response theory
- Pretesting did not even begin until 2007, with 10 questions per administration
- NCBE takes over test development from ACT in 2009
- Civil procedure added as the seventh subject in 2015
- Move from 10 to 25 pretest questions in 2017
- Set to sunset in 2028