

7.2 Discussion of Communication Strategies to Maximize Participation in Bar Exam Preparation
Complementary Programs: Bar Strategies and Stories, Reset: Bar Exam Retaker Support
Program, PEAK Performance Program

Reset: Bar Examination Retaker Support Program Overview (July 2025)

The State Bar of California Lawyer Assistance Program invites bar examination retakers to participate in [Reset: Bar Examination Retaker Support Program](#), designed to help candidates regain focus and resilience in their next attempt at the July 2025 California Bar Exam. This initiative is distinct from the [Strategies and Stories Program](#) but complements that learning—retakers are encouraged to consider participating in both programs when possible.

The General Bar Exam Retaker Support Program consists of five (5) one and a half-hour sessions:

- 1. Resilience Reset (June 9, 2025, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.)**
- 2. Essays (June 16, 2025, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)**
- 3. Performance Test (June 23, 2025, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)**
- 4. Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) (June 30, 2025, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)**
- 5. End Game Study Strategies & Self-Care for the Final Push (July 7, 2025, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)**

By participating, retakers will gain valuable insights and strategies to help approach the bar exam with renewed confidence and resilience, learning from experienced professionals who understand the unique challenges of retaking the bar exam. [REGISTER HERE](#).

Please contact the Lawyer Assistance Program (LAP@calbar.ca.gov) with any questions.



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Topic 1: Resilience Reset

- **When:** Jun 9, 2025, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
- **Presenter:** Lara Lisbe LCSW, State Bar of California LAP Group Support Leader and private practitioner
- **Description:** This session explores techniques to reset mentally and build resilience, helping to reset approaching studies with renewed focus.

Topic 2: Essays

- **When:** Jun 16, 2025, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- **Presenter:** Lindsay Harrington, Director of Bar Support, Assistant Professor of Law, Legal Practice, McGeorge School of Law
- **Description:** This session will provide participants with practical strategies for improving their essay writing skills, including issue spotting, organizing responses, and crafting clear, concise answers. The session also will offer skills maintaining momentum through the new year, with tips on staying positive and motivated.

Topic 3: Performance Test

- **When:** Jun 23, 2025, 6:30 – 8:00 pm
- **Presenter:** Mary Basick, Assistant Dean of Academic Skills, UC Irvine Law School
- **Description:** In this session, participants will dive into effective strategies for the Performance Test, including tips on reading and analyzing the materials, structuring responses, and managing time efficiently. The session will include a focus on maximizing performance under timed conditions.

Topic 4: Multistate Bar Examination (MBE)

- **When:** Jun 30, 2025, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- **Presenter:** Tina Schindler, Associate Professor of Law, Western State College of Law
- **Description:** This session will focus on mastering the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE). Participants will learn strategies to improve accuracy, recognize common traps, and build confidence in tackling this portion of the exam. The session will also cover time management techniques to ensure that each question is approached with focus and efficiency.

Topic 5: End Game Strategies & Self-Care for the Final Push

- **When:** Jul 7, 2025, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- **Presenters:** Mary Basick, Assistant Dean of Academic Skills, UC Irvine Law School; Lara Lisbe LCSW, State Bar of California LAP Group Support Leader and private practitioner
- **Description:** In this final session, participants will learn how to fine-tune their study plans for the last weeks leading up to the bar exam. In addition, self-care techniques will be discussed to manage stress and maintain well-being during the intense final stretch of preparation.



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