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Dear Dean,

In conjunction with the adoption of the Uniform Bar Examination (UBE) in New York, the State Board of Law Examiners was directed by the Court of Appeals to create an on-line course, known as the New York Law Course (NYLC), and an on-line, open book exam on New York specific law, known as the New York Law Exam (NYLE).

A candidate seeking admission in New York must take the NYLC and take and pass the NYLE, in addition to earning a score satisfying New York's passing score on the UBE, prior to being certified to one of our Appellate Division departments for a character and fitness investigation.

The Board expects to make the NYLC available by early April. Applicants will be required to view recorded lectures on 12 subjects covered by the NYLC and NYLE. When viewing the lectures the first time, applicants will be required to answer questions during the course of each lecture, to assure that they are attentive to and gaining an understanding of the material presented. Applicants will be able to review the lectures again, if they wish, at a later time, without answering the embedded questions.

The NYLE will be administered this year on May 26<sup>th</sup>, August 18<sup>th</sup>, October 13<sup>th</sup>, and December 15<sup>th</sup>. Details regarding the NYLC and NYLE requirements can be found on our website at <http://www.nybarexam.org/UBE/UBE.html>.

The Board has prepared comprehensive Course Materials for the NYLC and NYLE. Those materials are now also available on our website at <https://www.nybarexam.org/Content/CourseMaterials.htm>. All of the questions that will appear on the NYLE will be based on these materials and can be answered by reference to them.

Although the NYLE is an open book exam, it will be a rigorous one. Time will not permit an applicant to research the materials for the answer to every question. Preparation for the NYLE by taking the NYLC and studying the Course Materials will be necessary.

The Course Materials, as well as the NYLC itself, will be periodically revised. To assist us in that on-going project, we invite your comments. Please submit comments to [CommentsABALawSchools@nybarexam.org](mailto:CommentsABALawSchools@nybarexam.org).

We express our gratitude to the many law professors, practitioners and judges who have assisted us in this endeavor and particularly to the faculty of the NYLC. A list of those lecturers is available on our website.

It is our firm belief that the combination of the UBE, the NYLC and the NYLE will improve both our ability to assess the competence of those seeking the privilege of practicing law in New York and the competence of those attaining that privilege.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Diane F. Bosse".

Diane F. Bosse