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INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS PARTICIPATING IN LAPTOP TESTING FOR THE FEBRUARY 2010 MAINE BAR EXAMINATION

The following instructions apply to applicants participating in Laptop Testing for the February 2010 Maine Bar Examination. Applicants participating in the program will be responsible for complying with all instructions contained herein, as well as any oral instructions provided during the exam.

- In order to be eligible to participate in the program, you must return the Laptop Testing Form and Release of Liability Form to the Board **no later than Friday, February 5, 2010.**
- You **MUST** provide your own laptop with a USB port, power cord and a six-foot (or longer) extension cord.
- You will be required to download, install and verify the operation of the February 2010 Maine bar examination version of the Exam4 software between January 26 and January 29, 2010, to make certain your laptop will function properly. Only applicants who download and verify the software during the specified dates will be eligible to participate in laptop testing. Applicants are responsible for payment of the \$110.00 exam software license fee charged by Extegrity/Exam4 (non-refundable; exceptions for military service and medical emergency only).
NOTE: Previously installed versions of Exam4 used during law school or on prior bar examinations will not be permitted – you must install the February 2010 version approved by the Maine Board of Bar Examiners.
- System Requirements:

Your laptop **MUST** meet the following specifications:

1. Must be running one of the following operating systems:
 - a. Windows Vista
 - b. Windows XP
 - c. Mac 10.4 Tiger
 - d. Mac 10.5 Leopard

No other versions of Microsoft Windows or Mac will be allowed.
Windows must be native on the computer and not within a virtual operation system under Macintosh, Linux, etc., nor on Apple laptops using Boot Camp.

2. Must have a working USB port on your computer.
 3. Must have 10 MB free hard disk space, and minimum 800x600 screen resolution.
 4. Must be able to download the software from the Internet and install it on your laptop.
 5. Must have a fully charged battery on the day of the exam. You are also required to bring a six-foot (minimum) extension cord to the exam.
- Technical Specifications -- You will be responsible for the operation of your own computer, including but not limited to the following:
 1. updated operating system with latest patches and updates from Microsoft;
 2. ensuring computer is free of viruses and worms on the basis of a recent virus scan with up-to-date virus software;
 3. removal of spyware, adware and peer-to-peer file sharing software, all of which can interfere with normal operation of the computer.

It is your responsibility to make sure you have installed the software during the specified dates, and can run it on your laptop prior to the exam. You must test the software by following the vendor's instructions for taking a practice exam to test the software's compatibility with your computer, to make sure your computer passes the security check, and to familiarize yourself with the keyboard functions. There are no questions for the practice exam. Applicants should enter an Exam ID and then type random material in the answer section until they are comfortable using the keyboard functions.

A User Guide will be available online at the Exam4 website (www.exam4.com) when you download the software. Only limited technical support will be provided at the bar exam test site immediately prior to the start of the exam.

- Use of an external keyboard or external mouse is not permitted.
- If you do not own the laptop you intend to use, you should make sure that there are no restrictions in place (for that laptop) which will prevent you from downloading the Exam4 version for the Maine bar examination.

- Electrical hookups will be provided in the laptop testing area. You are not permitted to take the bar exam using your laptop battery, although it must be fully charged on the day of the exam.
- Should your laptop malfunction on the day of the examination, you will be required to handwrite your examination answers in answer packets for the remainder of the exam (see Instructions to Applicants for the February 2010 Maine Bar Examination which will be mailed to all applicants sometime around February 5th). In the event of a laptop malfunction, every effort will be made to retrieve an applicant's essay answers from their laptop to the point of malfunction. Such attempts are usually successful, except in the case of a catastrophic failure of the laptop.
- You are required to be experienced working with your laptop computer.
- Keyboard Functions:

While using the Exam4 word processor, control over the cursor via mouse, trackpoint or touchpad has been limited. You should become familiar with the following during your practice exam:

1. Use the arrow keys to move the cursor through your text;
2. Hold the Shift key and press an arrow key to highlight text for formatting or deletion;
3. Hold the Ctrl key and press an arrow key to move the cursor one word at a time;
4. Make sure you have your keyboard set to insert, not typeover, so that you can make changes to previously typed material;
5. There is no cut, copy or paste feature, nor is spell check available;
6. If you go to one of the Help screens or otherwise click away from the text window, your cursor might seem to disappear. Press the Tab key and the cursor will return.

Make sure you have done several practice exams using the Exam4 software prior to the exam to become extremely familiar with all functions.

The software limits access to anything other than the word processing function provided by the software, and facilitates essential administrative functions.

- You will not receive a printed copy of your essay answers. All editing will be

done on your computer screen. Your answers will be saved to a USB drive provided by the Board, printed on-site by Exam4 staff, and provided to the Board of Bar Examiners for grading.

- Laptop users will be tested in a designated area within the main examination room. Laptop applicants will not be permitted to leave the examination room early if they finish any session prior to the ten-minute warning. Once time is called, applicants will be required to remain seated until all materials are collected and verified for printing.
- Laptop applicants will be required to report to the examination room at the Holiday Inn By the Bay for registration and laptop setup between 7:15 and 7:30 a.m. on February 23, 2010. Proper identification will be required as noted in the Instructions to Applicants for the February 2010 Maine Bar Examination.
- Computer bags, cases, backpacks and other carrying cases will be stored at the sides of the examination room after unpacking and may not be accessed during any testing session. Laptops may be left in the testing room during the lunch break. The testing room will be staffed or locked at all times.
- Laptop applicants will receive instructions and exam materials along with all other applicants in the main testing room.
- You will only use your laptop to take the essay portion of the Maine bar examination. Applicants taking the MBE as part of the February 2010 Maine bar examination will return to the Main Examination Room on Day 2 for the MBE.
- If you withdraw from taking the essay by laptop computer and wish to write the exam, you must notify the Executive Director in writing (by mail or e-mail) no later than Friday, February 19, 2010.
- Questions concerning laptop testing should be directed to the Executive Director at execdir@mainebarexaminers.org or by calling 207-623-2464.