

## **Bar Examination and Registration Checklist Third Year**

- I have re-checked the requirements of the jurisdiction where I want to practice law because they may have changed since my first year of law school.
- I have complied with the requirements and deadlines of this jurisdiction.
- I have updated any applications I made during my first or second years of law school.
- I have negotiated with employers to pay for my bar application or bar review course fees.
- I have enrolled for a commercial bar review course.
- I have attended a presentation by the bar examiners held at the School of Law.
- I visit the law school pass blog - <http://blogs.law.siu.edu/bar>.
- I have looked for, and participated in, any workshops offered by the School of Law on essay writing.
- I have registered to take the MPRE.
- I have planned ahead financially so I will have enough money for a bar review course and for living expenses while studying for the bar exam. I have looked into applying for a bar examination loan to help cover expenses.
- I will not work (either volunteer or paid) during the period that I need to be studying for the bar exam. This includes the time during the bar review course.
- I have planned where I will live while I study for the bar exam. I will avoid changing residences while I study for the exam as it distracts from study and takes up valuable time needed to study.
- I understand that I will need to study 4-6 hours every day in addition to the time spent in the commercial bar review lectures (about 3 hours per day).
- I have looked into getting help (where applicable) with children or daycare.
- I have reserved a hotel room in Chicago, Illinois or the site of the bar exam. I have reserved a train ticket or a plane ticket, if needed.
- I have planned to arrive, at the latest, the day before the exam to allow myself time to get settled in and to familiarize myself with the test location.
- I have sought any accommodations I may need for the bar exam.
- I have sought approval for any medicine I may need to take during the bar exam, including over-the-counter medication.
- I have studied the instructions for the exam.