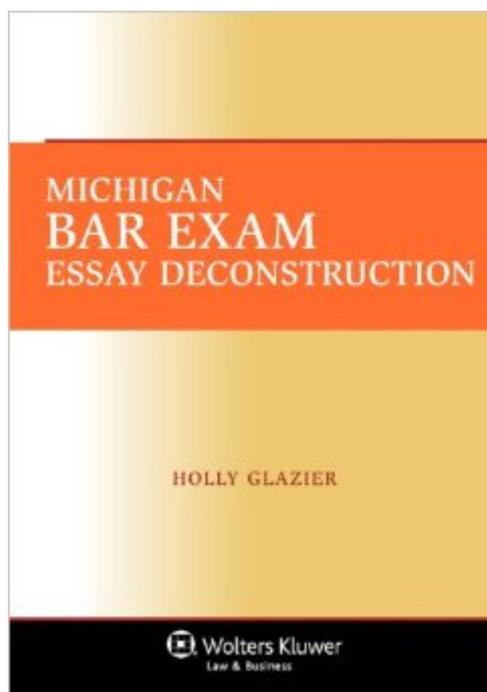


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# Michigan Bar Exam Essay Deconstruction



## **Synopsis**

Often overlooked and under-emphasized in commercial bar review courses, the essay portion of the Michigan Bar can truly save examinees on the Michigan Bar Exam. While the bar examiners claim the essay score is worth the same as your MBE score, after the scaling and conversion of your scores, the essays are actually worth more than your MBE score. It is far easier to improve your essay score on the bar exam than your MBE score--and this book is designed to do just that! Michigan Bar Exam Essay Deconstruction gives you the extensive instruction and skill-building practice needed to write 15 strong essays in six-and-a-half hours. Learn how to attack each essay to get the most points, write according to what the graders are looking for, and stay ahead of the clock. With over a decade of experience working with the Michigan Bar Exam, Holly Glazier has helped thousands of students successfully pass the bar on their first try. She has also helped over a hundred students pass the exam on appeal. Therefore, she knows exactly what the graders are looking for and shares her expertise and inside tips in this book. With clear guidelines and instructions specific to the MI Bar Exam, this dynamic study tool features:

- The Fundamentals of the Michigan Bar Exam --including important administrative information that is often lacking from commercial bar review courses.
- How to grade your own essays like a Michigan Bar examiner--learn how they think
- What is most likely to turn up on your essay exam--how to make the best use of your study time
- Essay Deconstruction--how to break down and attack each essay to gain the most points
- How to Build a Great Essay--hone your writing skills with practice exercises that teach you how to write a great answer when you know what you--re talking about (Plan A) and how to get the most points when you don't (Plan B)!
- Previous MI Bar Exam questions and model answers--familiarity breeds success
- Organized in clusters, like the exam itself each focuses on a different subject
- Actual essays by students and the grades they received--reveal what graders expect, which reduces anxiety by showing you that what is expected by the graders is doable!
- Sample MI Bar Exams --makes you familiar with the actual essay exam format

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This book is indispensable less for any contribution of the author than for (1) actual past bar exam questions beginning in July 2011 and going back about ten years, and (2) the student answers that accompany the questions, along with the score each answer received. The scores will confound you, but they'll make you confident. The answers are so terrible -- often just plain misstating the law (and the author helpfully makes it clear that getting the rule right is not necessary for a good score) -- that you'll be reassured that you'll do well even if you're not at the top of your game during the exam. That being said, don't get prematurely complacent. Buy the book and read all of the answers. By then, you'll have holistically developed a sense of what constitutes fair, good, and great answers, even if you aren't able to put the standard into words. The author's advice is also helpful, and I don't think I'm violating fair use by mentioning that it boils down to the old IRAC method. If you make a decent effort at a standard law school exam IRAC-formatted answer, you'll stumble your way into a passing score, if not a great one. In absolute terms, the book is expensive, but keep in mind that individual exams from the Board of Law Examiners are \$10 to \$15 each, and this book includes (what I assume are) all of the questions dating back to 2001. So you can justify it that way, if you'd like. And if it's needed, here's something else: spare no reasonable expense when it comes to passing the bar. Appealing is expensive, to say nothing of the eyebrows that will be raised when people are informed that you are the one of five applicants who requires two tries instead of one.

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