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PENNSYLVANIA BAR EXAM – ESSAY SUBJECT FREQUENCY

The first chart below provides a list of the subjects tested on recent Pennsylvania bar examinations.
The chart on the next page details how often each subject has appeared in the essays from July 1995 to Feb 2011.

JULY 2007	FEBRUARY 2008
AM Session	**AM Session**
PT: Draft Petition for Post Conviction Relief 1. Professional Responsibility / Federal Income Taxation / Decedents' Estates 2. Family Law / Evidence / Criminal Law & Procedure	PT: Prepare an Internal Legal Memorandum 1. Family Law / Decedents' Estates / Professional Responsibility / Federal Income Taxation 2. Criminal Law & Procedure / Family Law
PM Session	**PM Session**
3. PA Civil Procedure / Torts / Professional Responsibility 4. Con. Law / Employment Discrimination / Fed. Civ. Pro. 5. Contracts / Property 6. Corporations / Sales	3. Torts / PA Civil Procedure 4. Constitutional Law / Federal Civil Procedure / Evidence Employment Discrimination 5. Property / Contracts 6. Partnerships / Sales
JULY 2008	**FEBRUARY 2009**
AM Session	**AM Session**
PT: Draft Brief in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment 1. Decedents' Estates / Prof. Responsibility / Fed Tax 2. Criminal Procedure / PA Con Law / PA DUI Law / Torts / PA Evidence	PT: Draft Persuasive Letter to Opposing Counsel 1. Decedents' Estates / Fed Tax / Prof. Responsibility 2. Criminal Procedure / Family Law
PM Session	**PM Session**
3. Criminal Law / Torts / Family Law 4. Con. Law / Employment Discrimination / Fed. Civ. Pro. 5. Contracts / Property 6. Corporations / Sales / Professional Responsibility	3. PA Civil Procedure / Torts / PA Evidence 4. Employment Discrimination / Constitutional Law 5. Property / Contracts 6. Corporations / Sales / Conflict of Laws
JULY 2009	**FEBRUARY 2010**
AM Session	**AM Session**
PT: Prepare Internal Legal Memoranda for Zoning Hearing 1. Decedents' Estates / Prof. Responsibility / Fed Tax 2. Criminal Law / Prof. Responsibility / Evidence	PT: Draft Opinion Letter to Clients 1. Decedents' Estates / Fed Tax / Prof. Responsibility 2. Family Law / Evidence / Criminal Law/Procedure
PM Session	**PM Session**
3. Torts / Evidence / Family Law 4. Fed. Civ. Pro. / Constitutional Law / Employment Law 5. Contracts / Property 6. Corporations / Sales	3. Torts / PA Civil Procedure / PA Evidence 4. Con. Law / Employment Discrimination / Contracts 5. Property / Contracts 6. Conflicts of Laws / Corporations / Sales
JULY 2010	**FEBRUARY 2011**
AM Session	**AM Session**
PT: Prepare Internal Legal Memoranda on compelling arbitration 1. Decedents' Estates / Prof. Responsibility / Fed Tax 2. Evidence / PA Civil Procedure / Torts	PT: Draft Answer & New Matter to Complaint & Provide Analysis of Each Defense Raised 1. Decedents' Estates / Prof. Responsibility / Fed Tax 2. Torts / Evidence / PA Civil Procedure
PM Session	**PM Session**
3. Criminal Law / Evidence / Family Law 4. Fed. Civ. Pro. / Constitutional Law / Employment Law 5. Contracts / Property 6. Corporations / Sales	3. Criminal Law / Criminal Procedure / Family Law 4. Fed. Civ. Pro. / Con. Law / Employment Discrimination 5. Property / Contracts 6. Sales / Corporations / Prof. Responsibility

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How Frequently Each Subject Has Appeared on the PA bar exam

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The chart below demonstrates how often each subject has appeared on the essay section from July 1995 to February 2011.

TOPIC	Number of Bar Exams on which this subject has been tested (Out of 32 Total Exams)	Number of times this subject has been tested (Out of 847 Total Issues Tested)
Contracts & UCC Article 2 (Sales)	32	119
Constitutional Law	32	74
Real Property	32	73
Criminal Law & Crim. Procedure Including issues of Pennsylvania Constitutional Law & PA DUI Law	32	71
Civil Procedure Pennsylvania Civil Procedure Federal Civil Procedure	31 (Federal or PA or both) (26 Pennsylvania Rules) (19 Federal Rules)	68 (42 issues testing Pennsylvania Rules) (26 issues testing Federal Rules)
Torts	32	66
Professional Responsibility	32	61
Evidence Pennsylvania Evidence Federal Rules of Evidence	32 (Federal or PA or both) (24 in a Pennsylvania Court) (17 in a Federal Court)	56 (33 issues arising in a PA Court) (23 issues arising in Federal Court)
Decedents' Estates Wills & Trusts	32	56
Family Law	30	46
Business Organizations Corporations & Partnerships	28	45
Federal Personal Income Tax	32	37
Employment Discrimination *	9	13
Conflicts	10	10
(Subjects no longer tested)	(16)	(31)

* Employment Discrimination was added in July 2006 and it has been tested on every exam after being added as a testable subject

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