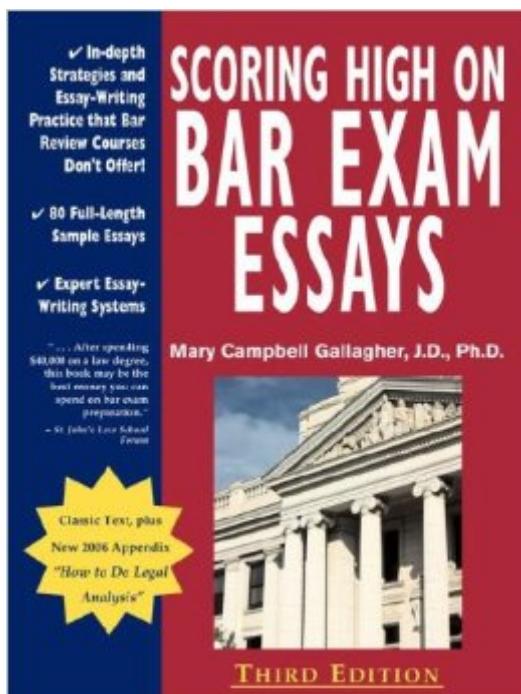


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## **Synopsis**

Essay-writing can account for fifty per cent or more of your bar exam score, yet even the best bar review courses often don't teach how to write lawyer-like essays. Now, at last, you will find the step-by-step instruction you need in this unique reference, which includes 80 real bar exam essays from states around the country. Packed with expert essay-writing systems and confidence-building practice, it features: Quick Key Outlining system for hitting the issues, focusing on the law, and scoring high with less writing Model Paragraph system for "writing like a lawyer"--even though you don't know your conclusion when you start writing 80 actual bar exam practice questions on the most frequently tested areas of law, including crucial state law subjects, with sample answers A review of how state bar examiners have graded actual essays--and real examples of the best and worst ways to respond to essay questions

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I recently used this book to prepare for New York's bar exam essays. This book gives you a viable succinct format for writing bar exam essays. I took the BarBri workshop and this book was far more useful. It has many practice questions and essays (includes most states). For those of us who do not have the luxury of time to spend in endless workshops, this book allows you to learn the methodology at your own pace, and practice, practice, practice. Definitely worth every penny of the price.

I took BarBri and PMBR. However, neither taught a SYSTEM for writing essay responses. So, I searched for a system and found this book. After practicing the author's "Under Here Therefor" method, and her question-outlining method, I felt much more prepared. I just passed Nevada's bar exam...one of the more difficult exams. I used the system. I credit this book for making the exam manageable. Spend the fifty bucks now, and avoid failing!

This is a good product, and gave good insights into how to write bar essays. It is not specifically geared to CA, which is fine if you aren't in CA. I learned some techniques and strategies that I have applied and improved my essays. It does not provide a lot of samples that I found helpful, but the instruction part is good.

When I studied for the bar this time around, I changed a number of different things. The bar prep, the amount of time I devoted to it, even when I studied. I bought this book on a recommendation. It only took me the first two chapters to get the gist of what was being advised, and the bar prep instructors echoed the advice. It might be intuitive for some of us, but for those struggling with the bar exam (or even law school essays), it might provide the missing link to your writing. I know it did for me. PS, I passed both states I sat for.

Dr. Gallagher uses a "unique" style to help us understand where our writing is going astray. The Bar Examiners can be your friends, if you practice writing like a lawyer. Her method is made easy to understand, unlike other techniques which must be read and practiced without any support. Her CD gives helpful advice in general and helps you through the writing process. If you can afford to spend thousands of dollars on additional Bar Prep, consider an alternative. Otherwise, try Dr. Gallagher's techniques and you WILL become a better legal thinker and writer.

I used this book to prepare for the July 2013 NY & MA bar. It has some very very helpful tips on how to approach certain types of questions. Mary also gives great insight on looking at your own essay critically from the grader's point of view. While taking a substance bar exam prep course, for all my essay writing practices, I used the tips that Mary gave in this book. I received good scores from the bar review course before sitting for the bar. Results? I passed both NY and MA. It's definitely worth the money. It's a small investment considering the amount of points you may accumulate on your bar essay questions.

I found this book to be incredibly unhelpful. The author does not offer good strategies for approaching the exam, and includes essays from a range of jurisdictions, which can be confusing at worst and just unhelpful at best. I thought the Adachi books were much better.

Very thorough well written exercise that helps prepare people for any bar exam question. I would recommend it for anyone taking the bar in any state. It covers several topics, and includes actual sample essays from a variety of states. THESE ARE ACTUAL BAR EXAM QUESTIONS THAT WERE USED ON PAST BAR EXAMS. No matter what state you are in, it will still be helpful. It is very beneficial to actually get hands on practice and write out the essays.

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