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**Request for District of Columbia Bar Examination**  
**Testing Accommodations**

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BAR EXAMINATION TEST DAY POLICIES**

A. Reporting time will be listed in applicants' Admission Letters. It is usually 8:00 am, and each day's testing is typically complete by 5:30 pm. Late arrivals will not be admitted. An applicant who does not appear for the morning session will NOT be permitted to participate in that afternoon's session.

B. Each examinee must present a valid, government-issued photo ID (e.g., driver's license, employment identification card, passport, etc.) to gain admission to EACH testing session. The ID must contain a recent, recognizable photo and the examinee's first and last name and date of birth. The name on the ID must match the name in the application. The following are NOT acceptable forms of ID: Social Security card, Social Insurance card, birth certificate, credit card (including those with photo), employee ID (including government employees), or student ID.

C. What to Bring. Each examinee may bring a sealed clear plastic bag, maximum size one gallon (3.79 liters), into the examination room. It must remain stored under the examinee's chair and may only be accessed with permission by and in the presence of a Proctor or the Committee's staff. The sealed bag may contain only the following items:

1. admission ticket;
2. ink pens on Tuesday (blue or black);
3. pencils and sharpener on Wednesday (No. 2 lead, non-mechanical);
4. valid ID;
5. wallet;
6. keys;
7. car key fob (provided it does not feature a data port);
8. hygiene/medical products;
9. tissues;
10. medication;
11. glucose tablets or gel

Examinees may bring water in a clear, colorless bottle with a "sport" or "spout" top (to avoid spills) and without a label (i.e. any label must be removed before coming to the exam site).

In addition, medical aids that are necessary to ambulate (cane, crutches, walker, wheelchair, service animal, prosthetic limb, cast, brace, or sling), are necessary to communicate (hearing aid, voice amplifier), or are required for medical or health reasons (heart monitor, Epinephrine auto-injector, insulin pump, glucose monitor, blood sugar testing kit, TENS unit) are allowed but may be inspected by test center supervisors.

### **Prohibited Items**

D. Prohibited Items. The following items will not be permitted inside the examination room:

1. electronic devices (e.g. cell phones, smart phones, text messaging devices, personal digital assistants);
2. cameras;
3. earphones or headsets;
4. watches of any kind;
5. books;
6. notes;
7. briefcases;
8. purses;
9. backpacks;
10. luggage;
11. packages;
12. alarm clocks;
13. highlighters;
14. mechanical pencils;
15. sticky tabs;
16. hats (except religious apparel);
17. hoodies;
18. jackets, sweaters, or sweatshirts with pockets;
19. food or beverages, except as noted above (unless pre-authorized for medical reasons);
20. smoking materials (smoking is not permitted in the Convention Center, and examinees may not take a “smoke break” during the testing sessions);  
or
21. such other items deemed by testing personnel to be non-essential.

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