INTRODUCTION

The Council of Legal Education has established an Admissions Board to set and conduct an annual entrance examination for the purpose of selecting applicants to fill available spaces at its Law Schools in The Bahamas, Trinidad, and Jamaica. The Board is the final sanctioning authority in respect of all matters concerning the examination and the allocation of places to successful candidates.

THE EXAMINATION

The Examination will be by way of testing in selected core subject areas in essay/problem format. There will be one paper comprising the following:

TRADITIONAL CORE SUBJECTS

- Contract
- Tort
- Property
- Equity; and
- Criminal Law

Two questions will be set in each subject area and applicants will be required to answer five questions, one question from each of the subject areas.

CANDIDATES MUST ATTAIN A MINIMUM PASS MARK OF 50% IN EACH OF THE FIVE COURSES.

This paper will be of three hours duration.

N.B. A manual relating to the examination, including model questions, will be made available on the website www.nmls.edu.jm by the end of January 2016.
VENUE

Examinations will be held at approved University Centers in the following countries:

Bahamas
Barbados
Belize
Guyana
Jamaica
Organization of Eastern Caribbean States; and
Trinidad and Tobago

Applicants will be advised in due course of their assigned Centre.

DATE

The examination will be held in the first week July and applicants will be duly notified of the date. The list of candidates who have been awarded places will be published at each Law School by August 31st. Notification of individual results will be available by September 30th.

APPLICATIONS

The application forms is available from the website: www.nmls.edu.jm

or

The Registrar, Admissions Board
Norman Manley Law School
8 King Road
P.O. Box 231
Kingston 7
JAMAICA
Tel: (876) 927-1899/1235

The Registrar
Eugene Dupuch Law School
Administration Office
Old National Insurance Bldg.
Farrington Road
P.O. Box SS-6394
Nassau, N.P.
THE BAHAMAS
Tel: (242)-326-8507/8

The Registrar
Hugh Wooding Law School
27 Gordon Street
P.O. Bag 323
Tunapuna
TRINIDAD
Tel: (868) 662-5835/5860

N.B. THE DEADLINE for the submission of applications is JANUARY 31, 2016.
QUALIFICATIONS

The examination is open to persons who are holders of the approved qualifications or who expect to receive that qualification prior to the commencement in September of the Law Schools’ Academic year.

The approved qualification, subject to the Agreement Establishing the Council of Legal Education as amended, is:

(i) A first degree in law obtained from a recognized institution in a common law jurisdiction in accordance with Article 3 of the Agreement establishing the Council of Legal Education which states:

“every person who holds a University of the West Indies LL B degree shall be eligible for admission to the Law Schools and every person who holds a degree of a University or Institution which is recognized by the Council as being equivalent to the University of the West Indies LL B degree shall, subject to the availability of places and to such conditions (if any) as the Council may require, be eligible for admission to the Law Schools: Provided that any national who prior to 1st October, 1972 was the holder of a University Degree or had commenced upon a degree programme other than in law and completed that programme before 1st October, 1975, shall be eligible to be admitted to one of the Professional Law Schools without being required to obtain a degree of LL B from the University of the West Indies or a Law Degree recognized by the Council of Legal Education as equivalent thereto but subject to such other terms and conditions as the Council of Legal Education shall after consultation with the Faculty of Law of the University of the West Indies determine”; or

(ii) the Common Professional Examination Certificate or Graduate Diploma in Law from a recognized institution (UK) together with vocational training.

APPLICATION FEE

There is a non-refundable and non-transferrable application fee of US$150.00. A Bank Draft/Manager’s Cheque in United States Dollars (US4) should be made payable to the NORMAN MANLEY LAW SCHOOL and must accompany the completed application form.

Personal cheques, company cheques or money orders will not be accepted.
ENQUIRIES

All further enquiries should be directed to:

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