ACADEMIC SUCCESS AND BAR PREPARATION
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **What is the BEST Program?**

The Bar Exam Success Training (BEST) Program provides a new level of individualized structure and support for FAMU graduates who are taking the bar exam in Florida or another jurisdiction. The program is free, available to all full-time and part-time students, begins immediately after students graduate and continues to the bar examination. The BEST Program is not a substitute for the need of a commercial bar review course. Rather, the BEST program helps students prepare for the bar exam by providing:

- An all-day BEST Orientation via Zoom on Wednesday, May 13, 2020
- An assigned ASBP Faculty bar coach who meets weekly with students to provide individual counseling
- Assistance developing study plans
- Unlimited essay grading and feedback
- Progress tracking
- Instruction on framework development
- Individualized guidance, and much needed support during the bar exam study period
- Faculty conducting multiple-choice strategies and essay writing skills workshops
- Faculty conducting Multistate Bar Exam (MBE) skills workshops
- Administering Four (4) simulated exams

2. **How do I register for the BEST Program for 2020?**

The ASBP BEST Program thanks everyone for their interest in the FAMU COL BEST Program for July 2020. Please register by completing the application from the link below:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=PNsmJQPV_k2g5gxBogtS0vE8gHsELi1DkSj6MbSArxZUN0JXWF1NUhGQIA2QUYyMU5QUzhPQVFmW5C4u

If you have already completed a prior Adobe Acrobat fillable pdf form this semester, don't worry about completing another form via the above-provided link.

3. **How do students get help selecting their upcoming classes?**

Students can either seek direct assistance with course selection from their assigned faculty advisor who they can determine in their iRattler account; or they can meet with the AFAMU College of Law Academic Success Advisor. Students wanting to meet with the Academic Success Advisor should contact Sharon Shelton, Administrative Assistant to Phyllis Taite, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and she will schedule a session with the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. ASBP faculty also advise students with questions concerning bar-related courses.
4. What was the recent change to the first-year academic success courses Introduction to Analytical Skills (IAS) as it relates to credit?

In addition to teaching critical skills during the SCALE post-admit program and lawyering fundamentals classes during Foundations, the ASBP faculty interface with all first-year law students to bolster their analytical thinking skills. Weekly Introduction to Analytical Skill (IAS) classes are conducted for first-year students with a focus on essential law school skills such as: understanding course frameworks, creating course outlines, stating proper legal rules, developing thorough analyses, issue-spotting, enhancing multiple-choice exam skills and so much more.

Beginning in Fall 2020, all first-year students are required to complete the two-semester Introduction to Analytical Skills course (“IAS”). Both semesters of the IAS course are taught by full-time faculty in the Academic Success and Bar Preparation Program. IAS shall be graded on a letter basis and will be a 1-credit hour course. The IAS Classes coordinate with the doctrinal professors to bring substantive law practice exercises in subjects like Civil Procedure, Torts, Contracts and Constitutional Law. Students must attend at least one mandatory meeting, then an optional meeting depending on their Interim Exam performance in the Fall or Spring. Finally, additional optional Skill Labs are provided to all students on subjects such as: Briefing Revisited, IRAC +, Exam Strategies & Tactics, Advanced Analysis, MPT (Part I), Analysis Mastery, Multi-State Performance Test (MPT) (Part II), & Essay Re-Writing.

5. How do I contact the ASBP Faculty and Staff during this Covid-19 pandemic quarantine?

Due to COVID-19 restrictions requiring social distancing to help curb the spread of the virus, the ASBP instructors are all working remotely currently. We will respond promptly to all email messages, as we are committed to continuing to provide the same level of service. If, however, you want to reach a faculty or staff member directly, please contact us at the following numbers or addresses:

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