

**PROCEDURES FOR
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
TO PRACTICE BEFORE THE
MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT TRIBAL COURT**



Mashantucket Pequot
Tribal Nation
Tribal Court

INFORMATION

Before taking the bar exam, every Tribal Bar candidate must complete and submit an Application for Admission to Practice Before the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Court. There is a one-time \$125.00 fee for taking the bar exam. To remain in good standing, all attorneys must pay annual Court fees of \$75.00 for each of their first three years of practice before the Tribal Court; thereafter, attorneys must pay annual Court fees of \$125.00.

The Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Court Bar Examination is given by appointment only. Call the Clerk of Courts at (860) 396-6115 to make an appointment.

STUDY MATERIALS

In preparation for the examination, applicants should *carefully study* the following relevant laws and cases. The items below marked with an asterisk (*) are included in this packet for your convenience; ***the remainder are available online at www.mptnlaw.org***.

*Constitution and By-Laws

*Father v. Mother, **3 Mash. 204 (1999)**

*Charles v. Charles, **243 Conn. 255 (1997)**

*Drumm v. Brown, **245 Conn. 657 (1998)**

From the General Laws of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Laws:

Judiciary, **Title I, chs. 1, 2**

Criminal Law, **Title II, chs. 1, 4**

Gaming, **Title III, ch. 1**

Tort Claims, **Title IV (including Legislative History)**

Child Welfare, **Title V**

Family Relations, **Title VI**

Employment, **Title VIII**

Arbitration, **Title X**

Civil Actions, **Title XII (including Legislative History)**

Civil Rights Code, **Title XX (including Legislative History)**

Probate Code, **Title XXIV chs. 2, 5, 6, 7**

From the Rules of Court:

Mashantucket Rules of Civil Procedure

Mashantucket Pequot Rules of Evidence

Mashantucket Rules of Appellate Procedure

Mashantucket Rules of Legal Counsel Conduct

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Applicants should take the time to familiarize themselves with the actual bar exam instructions, which appear below.

INSTRUCTIONS

The examination* is closed book. No bags, briefcases, notebooks, notes, papers, computers, or any other such aid will be allowed into the examination room. For your convenience, the Court will provide scratch paper, which will be collected along with your completed examination books when time is called.

You have up to three hours to complete the exam. You will not be permitted to remove the exam materials or any portion thereof from the examination room until you have fully completed the examination. Should you complete the exam before time is called, please leave the exam room quietly and return your completed exam booklets to the Clerk.

Pay careful attention to the exam instructions and follow them closely. Read each question carefully before answering. No credit will be given for illegible answers, so please take care to write neatly and legibly. Because only information found in the study guide will be tested upon, please limit your answers to matter found in the study materials.

The exam has four parts: true/false, multiple choice, short answer and one essay question. Please mark your answers in the examination booklet and write your short answers in the spaces provided. Write your essay answer in the separate booklet provided.

You must earn at least 72% of the possible points in order to pass this examination. Within three weeks of completing the exam, you will be notified by mail of your test results. Upon passage of the exam, you will be invited to attend a swearing-in ceremony for formal admission to practice before the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Court.

Good luck!

*This exam is valid only for those applicants who have successfully completed the criminal background check and fitness-for-practice portion of the bar application.