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MBE Flash Cards (Law In A Flash)



Synopsis

Study anytime, anywhere! Emanuel Law in a Flash comprehensive flash cards are ideal for reviewing legal topics point by point. Each card has a concise question on one side and an accurate answer on the reverse side. These cards are the only product of their kind.

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Customer Reviews

This set includes over 1,500 cards covering all MBE topics (except for Civil Procedure which will be added to the bar exam in 2015). Unlike most commercial flash cards, they use a Q&A format rather than a term/definition format which I found improved my retention of the correct response. I used these cards in conjunction with BARBRI and Adaptibar, and passed the bar on my first attempt. I recommend dividing them into separate subjects using rubber bands, and drilling on each subject after first listening to a lecture or reading an outline. Going through one stack of 200 cards can take up to an hour, so I recommend running through these no more than three times and at strategic points in your study schedule (beginning, middle, and a week out from the exam). They complement more comprehensive study materials and were useful to see slightly different phrasing/explanations for key terms and concepts.

Just got these today. It looks like a thorough review of essential topics. I have posted pictures so that you can see what you are actually buying.

Very helpful for discrete topics where memorization is the name of the game (which is most of the MBE) -- e.g. the various odd constitutional clauses, or the 5 elements of larceny. Obviously not helpful for learning topics where an in-depth understanding is truly necessary (e.g. if you're studying Hearsay for the first time, don't start with these). I agree with reviewers who recommend it as a complement to a larger study toolkit, to be used subject-by-subject *after* doing your main studying-- drill by subject, and hold onto the cards you got wrong, and then drill once more towards the end of your studying. Cards are in Q&A format, e.g. "What are the two ways to establish intent for an intentional tort?", which is very different from the "Law in a Flash" Evidence flash cards, which contained full hypotheticals on each card. I believe the Q&A format is faster, and better for memorizing black letter law, which is particularly useful for the MBE, because the MBE contains zero theory or thoughtfulness--instead, success relies on robotic, mechanical application of black letter law. A small number, maybe 1-2% of the cards are slightly incomplete or unsatisfying in their answers; for instance, a card's answer might say "No" when the real answer is "No, except in [X tiny exception]" or "No, but...". And of course, Civil Procedure is missing. With those caveats, I highly recommend it as an extra aid and, if nothing else, a helpful, low-stress thing to do while you're on the subway/metro! P.S. To those reviewers saying that First Amendment is not covered, that is incorrect -- they're in there!! The packaging is just a little weird (groups of cards are individually wrapped in plastic), and they're separated from the other Con Law cards. Keep looking, you'll find them!

I'm the kind of person that thinks the action of making flashcards is just as important as actually learning what's on the flashcards. However, studying for the bar is so time consuming (at least it should be, if you're doing it right!) that it's just impractical to go to class, do your assignments and make flashcards at the same time. These cards saved me so much time, and are actually quite helpful in learning the black letter law for the MBE subjects. I'd highly recommend getting these at the start of your studying and using them throughout the process if you respond well to flashcards like I do. They can be a little repetitive, and that are just so many of them that it's impossible to learn them all perfectly, but that's just the nature of the exam.

I am sitting for the South Carolina bar exam in about a week (July 2016), and I picked this up to refresh my memory since my last bar exam (2012). The cards are very good and thorough. I have only three complaints. First and foremost, for anyone taking the MBE/UBE at or after the time of

taking this, know that this is the older version of the flash cards and reflects the MBE when civil procedure was not a tested subject. As such, the cards will do well for the six topics covered, but be sure to balance out with some civil procedure on the side. Second, a couple of the cards have questions which make it completely unable to ascertain what they are asking. The point of law on the back of the card in the answer is accurate and you'll learn the concept, but I would mark those which do not make sense so as to not waste your time. Third, I was missing a card in my set (number 83 I think). Not a big deal, as most topics are covered in various ways usually about three times throughout the set, but I just think that people should be on notice for the potential of a missing card. Even with those three caveats, however, I don't see how you can beat the reduced price, even without the civ pro.

If you like studying with flash cards, this is a great set. The sheer amount of cards is really overwhelming. I segmented them out by topic, and then again in random small piles. I am studying for the bar exam, and grab a small pile to carry in my purse when I'm out. If I have down time, standing in lines, waiting for something, then cards. I can see how people would be completely overwhelmed though- so many cards. It's almost impossible to get through them all. For me, the fact that I will never get to all of them not a concern- I didn't buy them to learn from them, I bought them to make small portable piles so I am constantly thinking about this stuff.

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