

PATENT BAR

WHAT:

An examination required to *practice in front of the USPTO* (United States Patent and Trademark Office). The *cost* for the exam including all fees is **\$240**.

WHO CAN TAKE THE EXAM:

Applicant must have a *bachelor's degree* in a recognized *technical subject* (e.g. engineering, biology, chemistry, physics, etc.). For more information consult the "General Requirements Bulletin" on the USPTO website at: <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/dcom/olia/oed/examregist.htm> - page 3.

WHEN:

The exam is offered within a 90-day window of when your registration is complete. Consult the latest "General Requirements Bulletin" for details. Keep in mind that the USPTO needs to receive *all materials* to register – this includes your *undergraduate transcripts, application and payment*.

WHERE:

The exam is now administered commercially by Prometric. A listing of test sites can be found at - <http://www.prometric.com/Default.htm>.

WHY:

The passage of this exam may be of some help when trying to *procure a clerkship and/or summer associate position* in the patent law field. If you choose to practice patent law, you will need to take this exam before you are able to practice in front of the USPTO. Upon passage of the exam (while still in school), you will be *listed as a patent agent* and will be able to *practice in front of the USPTO for life*. Your name will be listed on the USPTO website as a patent agent until you pass a state bar exam.

ONLINE RESOURCES:

United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) – www.uspto.gov

General Requirements Bulletin - <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/dcom/olia/oed/examregist.htm>

Past Patent Bar exam questions - <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/dcom/gcounsel/oed.htm>

Patent Searches - <http://www.uspto.gov/patft/index.html>

Patent Bar Courses –

Patent Resources Group (Dr. Kayton) - <http://www.patentresources.com/>

PLI's Patent Bar Review - <http://www.patentbarreview.com/>

PATBAR.com - <http://patbar.com/>

BAR/BRI Patent Bar Review - <http://www.patentbarbri.com/>