

A Uniform Bar Exam for North Carolina

Q2 If you are in favor of a UBE for NC, please tell us briefly why.

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#	Responses	Date
1	I believe that testing should be consistent so that a law student can graduate from any college and pass the bar for any state.	1/2/2017 10:59 PM
2	Why make it difficult for attorneys to move and practice in other areas?	12/27/2016 10:59 AM
3	Because almost half of states are adopting it and soon all will. It is time NC catches up.	12/25/2016 1:18 PM
4	The uniformity of the testing will make studying easier for individuals looking to be licensed in multiple states. The ability to transfer to other states after being liscened in NC is attractive.	12/25/2016 12:47 PM
5	Yes! The future of legal practice is going to transcend state boundaries, and the UBE encapsulates that mentality.	12/25/2016 11:07 AM
6	I think it should be easier for me to move to another state that accepts UBE too if my wife relocates for work. I'm too recently licensed to waive in without examination.	12/23/2016 3:58 PM
7	Convenience, ease, costs.	12/22/2016 3:15 PM
8	It would be a benefit to have the ability to be able to practice in other states that also accept the UBE upon passing the UBE for NC.	12/22/2016 11:18 AM
9	Current exam places too much emphasis on NC-specific law. If the candidate intends to practice outside NC this is ultimately not helpful to their professional development or preparation. If the candidate attended law school outside NC but plans to practice in NC, they are at a disadvantage relative to candidates who attended an in-state school and were taught various aspects of NC-specific law along the way. There's no good reason I can think of why a qualified out-of-state candidate should be faced with a greater burden in learning a new jurisdiction during the limited period of Bar preparation than one who matriculated in NC.	12/22/2016 10:25 AM
10	Hopefully this could lead to licensure in all 50 states	12/21/2016 3:56 PM
11	This would provide great opportunities for NC attorneys especially considering the influx of law schools in the state in comparison to the lack of legal jobs.	12/21/2016 2:31 PM
12	We live in the UNITED states where all people should be free to move around as they please. The thought of having to pass another states' bar exam has a detrimental impact on so many relationships/families.	12/21/2016 12:29 PM
13	Bar admission is far too parochial, for no good reason.	12/21/2016 11:46 AM
14	We live in a mobile society and dual income families are now the norm rather than the exception. By implementing the UBE, licensed attorneys will now have broader career opportunities if and when they need it and will also assist in reducing the "glut" of attorneys with nowhere to go to practice without having to take another bar exam.	12/21/2016 11:33 AM
15	It reduces the amount of 'cross' studying you have to do (i.e. remembering common law tort law for the MBE and then NC tort law for the essay portion).	12/21/2016 11:28 AM
16	Portability. As the world gets smaller with people more mobile, it's important that skills are transferable across jurisdictions with a minimum of difficulty.	12/21/2016 11:23 AM
17	The multistate part of the bar exam has worked fairly well. The questions may be more uniform from year to year.	12/21/2016 11:10 AM
18	More flexibility to practice in other states. Plus, NC is not that unique in terms of its state laws.	12/21/2016 10:50 AM
19	It will bring increased uniformity to law school teaching. While I attended an out of State Law School in the late 1960's, we had sufficient general principle instruction I was able to pass the N.C. Bar on my first attempt. I did have the benefit of Robin Hinson's extraordinary pre-exam class. I doubt the pre-exam help would have been enough if I had not had the core principle teaching in Law School I attended.	12/21/2016 9:31 AM
20	Don't know much about it but it seems like it enables the bar exam score to pass to other states so that someone changing jurisdictions does not have to take a new bar examination. I believe it should be easier for attorneys to practice in other states particularly with how law is practiced now. There is also no reason why MBE scores, for example, shouldn't transfer over. Sounds like a good idea.	12/21/2016 9:30 AM
21	We live in a very mobile society.	12/21/2016 8:50 AM

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22	It eliminates the appearance of corruption, i.e. the Board cannot stack the deck in favor of their alma mater by manipulating what weight goes to which questions. You will recall in the 1985 Bar Exam the Board raised the score an extra 3 points and changed the weight afforded to multiple choice vs. essay type questions. As certain schools have students who do better in one vs. the other these changes would have a predictable effect on those schools, resulting in some schools having a higher passing percentage, others having a lower pass percentage, etc. Corruption.	12/21/2016 8:46 AM
23	We have moved past a time where it makes sense to keep individual state bars.	12/21/2016 6:59 AM
24	Uniformity and fairness	12/21/2016 1:13 AM
25	It makes sense, keeps us competitive with other states who are adopting it	12/21/2016 12:32 AM
26	I moved to N.C. two years after being admitted to practice in another state and had to take a second bar exam to be licensed here. A common exam would save time and money.	12/21/2016 12:06 AM
27	Increased portability for law degrees	12/20/2016 9:45 PM
28	It allows for more portability for today's mobile millennials. It permits a psychometric based model to replace a more subjective model. And, let's not forget, in NC, we have previously changed our method from oral questioning by the Supreme Court.	12/20/2016 9:26 PM
29	I think it is an idea whose time has come, evidenced by the growing number of states that have adopted and especially the adoption by NY this year. I also think that young lawyers, especially, are hampered by the inability to move to another state to practice without sitting for another ar. In a tight jo market, that is a big barrier.	12/20/2016 9:01 PM
30	Mobility in the profession across state lines will create competition which will lead to better client representation.	12/20/2016 8:17 PM
31	We need more uniformity in all legal areas in this country.	12/20/2016 8:15 PM
32	The UBE allows North Carolina to use a well-constructed, professionally validated exam that allows candidate scores to be compared with bar candidates nationally. And it makes provides NC lawyers entree to practice in other states. NC can easily provide mandatory training in NC differences as part of the first year practice requirements.	12/20/2016 7:52 PM
33	consistency across the nation; portability of licensure	12/20/2016 7:41 PM
34	The world is so mobile now that it doesn't make sense for so many barriers to practice across jurisdiction.	12/20/2016 7:34 PM
35	It just makes sense. The practice of law is changing just like everything else and it is important that the bar exam reflect that.	12/20/2016 7:22 PM
36	Portability to other states	12/20/2016 6:57 PM
37	Being "stuck" in one state to practice can make it very difficult to fully pursue a meaningful personal life. It may be great for professional practice, but it makes it very difficult for families who may need to relocate for other jobs or other opportunities.	12/20/2016 6:05 PM
38	I think it would make legal practice more efficient for the overall network.	12/20/2016 6:00 PM
39	Could create greater mobility in seeking alternative employment. Put more people on a level playing field	12/20/2016 5:54 PM
40	Law students at top law schools learn general or uniform laws, and are not "taught the bar exam." Switching to the UBE will allow the UNC School of Law to achieve higher standards (I'm not a UNC grad).	12/20/2016 5:43 PM
41	This would make the NC bar exam less arbitrary.	12/20/2016 5:41 PM
42	It would be nice if all attorneys in ALL states passed the same bar exam to show that all are equally qualified to practice.	12/20/2016 5:41 PM
43	Insufficient information. See No. 3 below.	12/20/2016 5:30 PM
44	As a young, newly practicing lawyer, I am still reeling from the inane number of hurdles, roadblocks and obstacles that stood between me and a profession that should be open to all- that of understanding and practicing the laws of our country. Preventing malpractice is important, but in 2016, state specific knowledge has nothing to do with an individual's fitness to practice in that state, and everything to do with an individual's access to time and money. I feel confident that the North Carolina specific items I learned for the bar will be of absolutely zero use to me in my career, and if they were, I would re-learn them with more care and attention at the appropriate time regardless.	12/20/2016 5:26 PM
45	We are too mobile to have difficulties with licensure state to state.	12/20/2016 5:17 PM
46	Seems like it helps standardize the licensing process for lawyers and develops a shared understanding of some legal issues. It also seems like it will assist the Board of Law Examiners in the testing and grading process which should be a big help to them given the increasing number of Bar applicants.	12/20/2016 5:15 PM
47	It should make it easier to be admitted in more than one state. In today's legal marketplace, few lawyers can expect to spend their whole career with one employer. This should facilitate mobility.	12/20/2016 5:09 PM

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48	The potential for a more portable law practice. My husband routinely turns down promotions simply because my career isn't easily portable.	12/20/2016 5:08 PM
49	Professionally developed questions, grading transparency, and score portability make adoption of the UBE a more favorable alternative to the current DIY model.	12/20/2016 4:57 PM
50	Makes a lot more sense in this day and age, other professions moving in that direction.	12/20/2016 4:56 PM
51	Provides more opportunities for lawyers. Avoids taking multiple bar exams.	12/20/2016 4:55 PM
52	By not adopting the UBE, I believe that NC continues to harm both North Carolina attorneys and attorneys moving to North Carolina. It is a drain on firms recruiting out of state attorneys from UBE jurisdictions. Additionally, new NC attorneys are denied the reasonable opportunity to move to a state without taking ANOTHER bar exam (which is a phenomenally difficult task, as we all know). I believe the biggest reason to extend the UBE in NC (and to all states) is to allow lawyers the freedom to practice their trade in the state of their choosing with a minimal number of obstacles.	12/20/2016 4:52 PM
53	It'll be easier for attorneys to obtain employment in other states if they move. Everyone learns basically the same legal principals in law school, and really being a lawyer is about practice experience, not a test.	12/20/2016 4:51 PM
54	Think its good to have a national standard.	12/20/2016 4:50 PM
55	Yes	12/20/2016 4:48 PM
56	I am not at all informed about this, but would very much like the ability to easily join bars of other states as relocations due to new jobs (or one spouse following the other for a relocation) occur frequently.	12/20/2016 4:46 PM
57	I assume the UBE is going to be distinct from the Multi-state which was another reasonably good idea that was implemented questionably. If the UBE is going to be well-designed to measure competence and implemented to facilitate comity, I think it is positive.	12/20/2016 4:44 PM
58	portability of scores continuity of testing among jurisdictions better vetting of questions to use for testing	12/20/2016 4:44 PM
59	It provides reciprocity to other states.	12/20/2016 4:44 PM
60	If a law graduate can demonstrate a grasp of the law sufficient to pass any exam, it should suffice to accept that ability as an indication that he or she possesses the skills to use that knowledge to practice law competently in any jurisdiction, with the understanding that some additional training will be necessary to learn the law in the jurisdiction where a practice is undertaken.	12/20/2016 4:43 PM
61	Practitioner submitted questions too often test obscure subject areas and give confusing model answers making them hard to grade with too many variables to fairly judge. Presumably those creating the UBE are experienced examiners/question drafters with academic expertise which will better lend itself to more mainstream results.	12/20/2016 4:41 PM
62	It ensures sufficient competency for new lawyers and portability practice, should that become necessary or desirable in one's career.	12/20/2016 4:39 PM
63	A law degree should be easily portable from state to state, especially in today's world where professionals often move from state to state in their careers. I had to undergo the expense and considerable effort to take the nc bar exam only a year after completing the much more difficult ca bar exam. That was a total waste of time and effort.	12/20/2016 4:39 PM
64	With such a mobile society, it would be nice to be able to transfer our attorney licenses to other states without having to take full bar exams again.	12/20/2016 4:39 PM
65	Yes. Many attorneys practice only federal law. This enables attorneys who practice federal law to move and not have to worry about bar exams.	12/20/2016 4:38 PM
66	There is a huge disjunct between the bar exam and the practice of law. Should entry-level lawyers have a foundation in basic law? Of course. Would it be malpractice to not actually do the research and consult the statutes and cases for an entry-level lawyer? Absolutely. So the notion that NC needs a state-specific bar exam to prove competence is illogical.	12/20/2016 4:37 PM
67	yes. Consistent with mobility of lawyer across state lines.	12/20/2016 4:36 PM
68	More uniformity is better in my opinion.	12/20/2016 4:36 PM
69	You're all involved in the same scam anyway, why not streamline it...	12/18/2016 2:19 PM
70	All states should go to the UBE	12/16/2016 12:25 PM
71	Personally, I am a military spouse (graduating 2017) and still do not know where our duty stations will be for the next five years; because North Carolina does not have a UBE, I am anticipating having to take at least two bar exams in the short term. The UBE is a total game changer for military/military spouses. On a larger scale, there are many people that move frequently, not just military. The UBE is critical in making location changes feasible for everyone.	12/16/2016 11:29 AM

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72	At the outset of law school, one may be entirely unsure of where one intends to wind up geographically, let alone in terms of practice area (which could lead almost anywhere unexpectedly). A UBE would take away the burden of making these decisions early -- perhaps far earlier than when you have all the data about where you might want to be - - and give future lawyers the flexibility to make the right career choices for them, rather than feeling confined by where they took the bar. It would also preclude people taking a bar exam that might prove useless to them if circumstances change, and potentially make the timeline of taking other employment difficult if they have to rush to take a different bar exam	12/15/2016 6:30 PM
73	I took and passed the Bar in Alabama (UBE); then had take and pass a differentBar in North Carolina. The material tested was the same.	12/15/2016 2:46 PM
74	Because there is no reason to have such restraints on where a lawyer can practice. I am graduating in May and will not be taking the NC Bar because I want the flexibility the UBE provides. Instead, I'm taking the bar in a UBE state so that I have more options after my clerkship.	12/15/2016 2:29 PM
75	I am a military spouse; my husband is active duty army. I am currently a law student, and I am not taking the NC Bar and do not plan to practice in NC because NC does not use the UBE. My husband and I are both from NC and he has spent eight years of his military career at Fort Bragg. The UBE will more easily transfer my credentials from duty station to duty station, however, and we know we will continue to have to move. Instead of taking the NC bar and only being able to work as a lawyer if and when we are in NC, I will take the UBE and we will try to live in states that accept the exam for reciprocity. The UBE, especially in a state with a high military population, will enable military spouses with law degrees to obtain and retain jobs here. Short-term, it decreases the pressure on the service member to leave the military (to allow the spouse to also have a career), and it allows the spouse to work in a position closer to the pay and grade of civilians with similar experience (I urge you to look at those statistics). Long-term, it places NC in contention for post-military residence, and residence for the growing mobile civilian population, as well. NC's current military spouse reciprocity is helpful, but not sufficient to provide an opportunity for all military spouses, as it requires that a spouse has practiced four of the previous eight years (often difficult when moving, in both obtaining licensure and obtaining a new job at each duty station), and does not provide licensure until the service member has official orders, often just before the move. The timeline to receive licensure, find a job, and begin work is long--and our duty station assignments often aren't. Additionally, it doesn't make any accommodations for spouses whose service members have retired; it does not allow retired military families to move to NC without taking the NC bar exam. The UBE would help simplify this process and allow educated professionals to more seamlessly enter the legal field in NC.	12/15/2016 11:45 AM
76	Flexibility, the ease of an attorney moving to another state and practicing. Why wouldn't we?	12/15/2016 2:47 AM
77	We should be moving to a national bar admission standard, with a single exam nationwide and uniform standards for admission nationwide. At most, there should be a short test on state distinctions, or certification that one is familiar with them, when passing from one state to another. Federal courts, after all, do not require a test on local rules in order to be admitted to their bar, though the consequences of failure to adhere to those local rules can be just as devastating as failure to recognize an unusual state law.	12/15/2016 2:16 AM
78	Law practice is becoming relatively uniform across the country.	12/14/2016 10:15 PM
79	Transferability and fairness	12/14/2016 9:43 PM
80	I think the UBE moves NC in the right direction for providing a fair and equitable exam for law students.	12/14/2016 3:32 PM
81	The NCBLE has a history of drafting poorly written questions which do not achieve the goal of testing minimal competency.	12/14/2016 3:24 PM
82	Portability of scores is nice, even as law differs from state to state.	12/14/2016 3:14 PM
83	A degree of consistency across jurisdictions.	12/14/2016 3:03 PM
84	Even with the state-specific supplements, it's much more comforting for a person graduating to know they can take the UBE in a state and have an easier time transferring to a different state if they aren't lucky enough to get a job in NC.	12/14/2016 2:14 PM
85	Like medical doctors It will allow attorneys to practice in other states as they wish or when the need is of the essence.	12/14/2016 1:35 PM
86	Ease of transerring for lawyers, whether you with new job offer, or older & want to change location and type of of law... offers flexibility to providers as well as greater chance of access for consumers.	12/14/2016 1:25 PM
87	I'm not sure this is a good idea. Would there be state specific correct answers? For example, NC has contributory negligence; most states do not. How would that work?	12/14/2016 1:02 PM
88	Provides a much better evaluation of applicants and improves ability to move about.	12/14/2016 11:10 AM
89	To make practicing nationwide more feasible - seems like it would allow waiving into other bars simpler, more widely accepted and available, etc.	12/14/2016 10:47 AM
90	We are halfway there with the multistate but the various bar examiners do not use prior multistate results when reviewing already licensed lawyers coming in from other states.	12/14/2016 10:34 AM

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91	Portability of scores to allow greater mobility for lawyers.	12/14/2016 10:25 AM
92	should not make it so difficult to practice in other states especially if move from one state to another and been practicing for long period of time	12/14/2016 10:19 AM
93	I believe it will be a fairer exam and will be a huge benefit to lawyers who need to practice in a jurisdiction other than NC. Also may help relieve some burden on Board of Law Examiners.	12/14/2016 10:13 AM
94	Portability of scores	12/14/2016 9:52 AM
95	States should make admission simpler if the UBE is ratified by all states.	12/14/2016 9:52 AM
96	Portability of employment for attorneys without the need to sit for additional bar exams.	12/14/2016 9:46 AM
97	The only valid reason for initial licensing is public protection, and the UBE will provide it adequately. Monitoring of licensees by the NC State Bar can continue for public protection.	12/14/2016 9:23 AM
98	It will consume fewer resources to produce and grade the exam. Courses for preparatory fees could be lower as providers of such courses realize increasing economies of scale. This could set the stage for an easier comity/reciprocity/admission by motion so that lawyers could more easily move between states and so that states could be more confident about admitting lawyers from other jurisdictions.	12/14/2016 9:18 AM
99	With practically all states coming from the common law and the adoption of so many uniform laws, the basis of legal knowledge is fairly uniform.	12/14/2016 8:38 AM
100	I believe it's a better policy than reciprocity.	12/14/2016 8:32 AM
101	The UBE allows lawyers the ability to practice in any state, which is invaluable in today's job market.	12/14/2016 7:18 AM
102	It will increase a lawyers marketability and ability to waive into neighboring states automatically.	12/13/2016 11:29 PM
103	Any move that takes away any small amount of discretion from the bar examiners would make me happy. They may be a better group now than they were in the 70's and 80's, when, for the most part, they were a bunch of jerks.	12/13/2016 9:39 PM
104	Makes sense that there is national standard for attorneys.	12/13/2016 9:27 PM
105	Standardized testing could assist in multistate licensure which is much-needed in this global society.	12/13/2016 8:45 PM
106	The only way NC should adopt the UBE if the pass score is as high as NY. At least a 266 to be comparable to SC.	12/13/2016 7:51 PM
107	The practice of law has expanded across state lines as has all business and travel. I have tried cases from Brownsville, TX to Philadelphia. Doug Connor	12/13/2016 7:14 PM
108	Law schools continue to grow in number and expand in training new lawyers. It makes little sense to use the bar exam to control the population, which is how our current exam works. Let the market place drive them to other professions. Our chosen profession has already become the joke of society.	12/13/2016 7:12 PM
109	Anything to get the BLE out of the process of determining who's qualified to practice law in NC.	12/13/2016 6:26 PM
110	Folks move around more.	12/13/2016 6:21 PM
111	Yes, absolutely! People move across state lines so often now. Aside from attorneys moving, my clients also move and I have cases in multiple states. I would like to be able to represent them in both states but I'm limited. Also, creates a fair playing ground for attorneys when companies like Legal Zoom who aren't lawyers are able to offer services in all states.	12/13/2016 6:10 PM
112	Because of the close borders that the NC shares with SC, it would make for an easier transition if both states were UBE instead of just SC.	12/13/2016 6:04 PM
113	Attorneys should have a uniformed bar test that allows them to practice law in every state.	12/13/2016 5:57 PM
114	The practice of law is transcending state borders. The time has come to have a national standard for general practice.	12/13/2016 5:54 PM
115	Its prudent to use a uniform exam and will be much more efficient.	12/13/2016 5:49 PM
116	Consistency and transparency	12/13/2016 5:39 PM
117	I believe that the practice of law is increasingly becoming at least regional and often is national in scope, so it seems to me to make sense to have more uniformity to the administration of the bar exam.	12/13/2016 5:35 PM
118	standardized across the country	12/13/2016 5:32 PM
119	As a finance transactional attorney almost none of the agreements I deal with are governed by NC law. The practice of law is not well constrained by state borders anymore.	12/13/2016 5:29 PM

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120	Provides great flexibility to each lawyer.	12/13/2016 5:24 PM
121	Transferrability between states for law school grads who are not sure where they will be working right after law school and admittance to other states by attorneys who have reason to be barred in multiple states.	12/13/2016 5:23 PM
122	There has been a growing uniformity of laws among the states (e.g. Uniform Laws in various fields) so that if an issue in given uniform law has been addressed by a courting one state, this could assist a court in another state faced with the same issue which had not been addressed in the latter state. Over time this could reduce uncertainty in how citizens conduct their business.	12/13/2016 5:22 PM
123	Because it allows for easy mobility for attorneys out of the state of NC	12/13/2016 5:21 PM
124	It will be easier to recruit young lawyers into practices in NC if they can transfer their UBE scores.	12/13/2016 5:11 PM
125	simplifies and makes uniform admittance to the Bar	12/13/2016 5:11 PM
126	Adopting the UBE will streamline teaching in law school and will provide graduates who pass the UBE more options and flexibility with respect to work options. N.C. should get on board with this positive shift in assessing the knowledge of law school graduates.	12/13/2016 5:08 PM
127	nothing wrong with testing legal concepts that are not founded in NC nuances.	12/13/2016 5:05 PM
128	Reduction in subjective grading and over-emphasis on distinctions in NC law.	12/13/2016 5:03 PM
129	I have taken two bar exams (FL & NC) and I may have to take a third. Any concerns about not knowing the laws of a state is somewhat of a silly notion. Any practitioner has to teach themselves the law in any state regardless of whether they take a state specific bar exam or not. The bar respectfully cannot cover all aspects of the law in their respective states. If you meet the minimum standards to show you are fit to practice law in a state you should be able to practice law in all 50 states. Akin to the medical profession, there are regional differences to the practice of medicine but once lincensed in one state you can get licensure in all 50 states. They are both practices in which you are continually learning. Taking a bar in each state make no rational sense. Especially with the uniform codes adopted across a majority of the 50 states. The only exception may be Louisiana.	12/13/2016 5:02 PM
130	I'm in favor, as long as us old-timers get to use it to become licensed in all other states that are parties to the UBE.	12/13/2016 4:58 PM
131	The flexibility of being able to move to and from different states for jobs.	12/13/2016 4:56 PM
132	Uniformity and standardization. Removes some of the subjectivity of the exam grading process.	12/13/2016 4:55 PM
133	The UBE is nicely standardized, and it makes it easier to find employment since the score can be used in more than one state. Given the current employment prospects, this would be such an improvement.	12/13/2016 4:55 PM
134	It allows for bar passage in multiple states in a reasonable amount of time.	12/13/2016 4:51 PM
135	No one should have to take multiple bar exams to be licensed in each state.	12/13/2016 4:50 PM
136	Actually, not sure how I feel. Since state laws vary greatly, not sure that a UBE will result in determining whether a lawyer is qualified to practice law in a particular state.	12/13/2016 4:50 PM
137	There are 3 reasons. First, uniform codes in many areas of the law have been and are being adopted across the country. Thus, we have uniformity in many areas such as commercial transactions, trusts, enforcing judgments, etc. Second, the very few areas of the law that are learned for the state specific portion of the bar exam are soon forgotten. Any lawyer worth their salt looks up the elements of their claims (caselaw, treatises, pattern jury instructions, etc.). Third, a large number of law graduates do not have jobs at the time they are applying to take the bar exam and could use the flexibility offered by the UBE. For example, the student does not need to spend additional money to travel across the country to take a bar exam for a state they may not even end up practicing in or just to take the UBE.	12/13/2016 4:48 PM
138	It's costly and cumbersome for attorneys to take the bar exam in multiple states, but with the economy and the multitude of attorneys, sometimes moving to another state is where the job is--if the attorney were licensed there. It would also be great for military spouses who are attorneys.	12/13/2016 4:46 PM
139	Law is practiced on a national basis with a great deal of uniformity in the laws nationwide. It makes to require students to retake bar exams if the find another job in another state or if they are associated in a firm with offices in different states.	12/13/2016 4:46 PM
140	Lawyers need to be as portable in today's economy as other professionals.	12/13/2016 4:45 PM
141	Because it makes moving to another state easier because the score would transfer. NC would still have the authority to set their own passing score, decide who can sit for the bar, decide prerequisite educational requirements, etc. It's a win-win situation because we learn NC law in law school so being tested on a national basis would increase job opportunities while still allowing NC to have control over most of the aspects of the examination.	12/13/2016 4:45 PM
142	Because the current bar exam is ridiculous.	12/13/2016 4:43 PM

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143	Mobility	12/13/2016 4:43 PM
144	This will eliminate the high cost of obtaining a law degree as only the highly selective law schools will still be able to justify their tuition cost.	12/13/2016 4:43 PM
145	The bar exam does not reflect or support an attorney's ability to practice in her or her chosen area of law. The ability to practice comes with experience in a jurisdiction.	12/13/2016 4:41 PM
146	If it would allow me to practice in other states then I think it is a great idea. A lot of my practice is standard from state to state but the process of pro hac admission is daunting for clients.	12/13/2016 4:40 PM
147	With restatements and uniform codes, law is becoming more uniform across the country. Uniformity and bar exams is an idea whose time has come.	12/13/2016 4:40 PM
148	I am not sure of my opinion. I have not seen any data to support or challenge its use. Not sure what NC examiners are looking for and if the UBE will meet those standards.	12/13/2016 4:40 PM
149	The practice of law goes beyond state borders. Time to allow attorneys to practice in multiple states without having to pass the bar in each state.	12/13/2016 4:38 PM
150	State-specific bar exams serve primarily as a barrier to attorney mobility; apart from the possible exception of Louisiana, there does not appear to be enough difference between state law structures to justify state-specific bar exams.	12/13/2016 4:38 PM
151	The UBE tests the necessary skills required of future attorneys, without overloading them with unnecessary legal information.	12/13/2016 4:37 PM

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Q3 If you oppose a UBE for NC, please tell us briefly why.

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1	n/a	1/2/2017 10:59 PM
2	Could potentially weaken the amount of NC specific law on the exam.	12/28/2016 3:25 PM
3	I am unsure how eliminating knowing NC specific law can be beneficial for future lawyers of NC.	12/22/2016 8:53 PM
4	Last I checked, NC is still a state with its own laws. To determine fitness for practice to protect the public, an examination to measure competency of those rules is needed. If the NC State Bar does not understand this, and wants to move to a "uniform" test, lets be done with it and have a national bar with a national test. No one cares about the Constitution or local control or the basis on which our country was founded. I am 51 and have come to believe my generation will be the last to have any notion of what states are supposed to regulate and what is appropriate for the federal government (e.g., real estate transactions, marital status). In summary, if there is no reason for an NC exam, there is no reason for a state bar and, likely, no reasons to have a state. Let's be done with it and stop pretending. The states should just be administrators of national rules. You can call it a 'uniform' test and claim there is still a separate sovereign, but I am choosing to recognize this for what it is. Sad.	12/21/2016 6:51 PM
5	Inability to test the nuances of state law.	12/21/2016 6:14 PM
6	Important that applicants study and understand the unique aspects of NC law. I already feel like law school fails to prepare people to practice law, and I am concerned that this will further diminish the preparedness of most applicants to actually practice	12/21/2016 3:09 PM
7	NC Lawyers should be better than the least (minimal) qualified person who passed an exam that licenses some of the poor lawyers we see (outside NC).	12/21/2016 2:25 PM
8	I know well why the Board of Law Examiners began using the MSBE and agree that its adoption served a useful function.	12/21/2016 1:25 PM
9	Lowers barriers to entry. There's no need to make it easier to gain admittance to the bar in NC, there are already too many attorneys and law students.	12/21/2016 12:42 PM
10	I honestly do not understand the reason we should switch. The multiple state exam is uniform as are many of the laws, but NC's laws are not uniform with the entire country. A second exam covering NC specific law at least insures that the bar applicant has some knowledge. Just maybe it doesn't need to be two days or all essay.	12/21/2016 12:10 PM
11	that was the purpose of the multi state. need to have written test for NC	12/21/2016 11:56 AM
12	To practice law in North Carolina, you should be tested on North Carolina law.	12/21/2016 10:59 AM
13	N/A	12/21/2016 10:50 AM
14	it is not jurisdiction specific.	12/21/2016 10:30 AM
15	Because only NC licensed lawyers have a vested interest in protecting the public, it should be NC lawyers that determine the prospective attorneys that meet the necessary minimum standards. Not some for-profit corporation, or association of academics. Lawyers. NC lawyers. The system works, why change it?	12/21/2016 9:58 AM
16	It may be a good idea. Your question pushes to a result. My opposition would be if NC implements by eliminating all NC authored essays. A few of these should remain. Our bar exams have been good at measuring knowledge of NC specific differences and that should remain at some level even if the number of those questions are cut back and even if it adds say a half day to the exam	12/21/2016 9:46 AM
17	The bar exam should be to determine baseline competence to practice in NC, not is uniform law land, wherever that maybe.	12/21/2016 9:37 AM
18	State specific law should be studied and tested by those committed to practice in-state.	12/21/2016 9:27 AM
19	No. It needs to be tailored to NC law or why bother requiring the exam at all.	12/21/2016 8:52 AM
20	I do not oppose it.	12/21/2016 8:46 AM

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21	It completely ignores the fact that so many of NC's laws (although perhaps antiquated) are unique to NC. The UBE would completely ignore the nuances of NC law in favor of the law common among jurisdictions that the vast majority of NC lawyers won't be practicing in.	12/21/2016 8:25 AM
22	Certain principles of law are naturally similar, but federalism allows each state to adopt variations on those principles. NC's bar exam should ensure that lawyers admitted to practice in this state are in fact qualified to practice law under North Carolina-specific principles.	12/20/2016 10:07 PM
23	As with most standardized tests, the law schools will start "teaching the test" instead of critical thinking and ethics. The ability of recent law school class graduates has already declined- it cannot be allowed to drop further. The addition of the clinical portion in the curriculum was good in theory, but the emphasis on that rather than the actual content of the cases and statutes have come at a cost. Students think they can make things up as they go along, and "just shoot from the hip". Students need to focus on NC law and serving their clients. Adding onto teaching the UBE takes time away from the core concepts.	12/20/2016 9:19 PM
24	NC should set its own standards, not what other states may want.	12/20/2016 7:52 PM
25	Centralization enables fewer people to control larger numbers. NC needs to retain the flexibility of determining what's needed to qualify for NC bar membership, and that could certainly include NC-specific questions.	12/20/2016 6:30 PM
26	NC lawyers should be examined on NC law	12/20/2016 6:22 PM
27	Don't know enough about it. BTW, not enough choices for question 1. Should have had a choice for "don't know"	12/20/2016 5:40 PM
28	Adopting the UBE will open to door to a flood of attorneys being licensed to practice in our state. North Carolina does not have the legal market to support the influx of attorneys that this decision will bring. Just ask any recent law school graduate about the prospects for job placement in North Carolina. It is fairly dismal.	12/20/2016 5:38 PM
29	Will make students who know state law confused since they will have to instead cite majority/minority rules; high cut score will limit diversity of the profession	12/20/2016 5:37 PM
30	No one has bothered to tell us what the UBE is or how it differs from the present system. If it does away with essay questions, or reduces the number of questions, I oppose it.	12/20/2016 5:30 PM
31	I took the UBE in Georgia, and I really do not think that it is a comprehensive test of knowledge of the law of the testing state.	12/20/2016 5:29 PM
32	Persons who come to practice law in North Carolina should have some working familiarity with North Carolina law. Without this, the public may suffer due to ill-prepared attorneys holding themselves out as competent in NC law. This could erode and probably will erode the public's already low opinion of our profession.	12/20/2016 5:29 PM
33	I am concerned that adopting a UBE will reduce and/or eliminate law students from studying areas of law specific to NC - we already have the multi-state which is uniform across all jurisdictions.	12/20/2016 5:27 PM
34	NC law varies from other states in many particulars. Candidates are tested for competency to practice in NC. Without demonstrating knowledge of NC law, that is not being established before unleashing them on the public.	12/20/2016 5:22 PM
35	NC should maintain higher standards for its new attorneys.	12/20/2016 5:21 PM
36	The job market in North Carolina is already flooded as a result of the many law schools. Law school grads from out of state will then be added to the mix, but THOSE grads won't have the specific knowledge and competencies associated with North Carolina law. See also: http://www.jdjournal.com/2015/06/17/opinion-why-more-states-should-not-jump-on-the-uniform-bar-exam-bandwagon/	12/20/2016 5:15 PM
37	North Carolina lawyers need to be able to hit the ground running with enough state-specific knowledge to serve their clients properly. Having a general knowledge of "generic law," such as would presumably be tested on a UBE, isn't always enough.	12/20/2016 5:08 PM
38	The North Carolina Bar Exam should ensure that individuals are competent to advise clients regarding NORTH CAROLINA law. North Carolina law is not uniform with the law of any other state. Examples that come to mind are alienation of affection, criminal conversation, and the existence of tenancy by the entirety protections for real estate owned by married persons. South Carolina, for example, has none of the above. How can we ensure that the citizens of our state are adequately represented by counsel without first ensuring that licensed North Carolina attorneys are adequately knowledgeable of North Carolina law?	12/20/2016 5:07 PM
39	NC should have its own bar exam that demands that NC lawyers prepare for NC-specific issues.	12/20/2016 5:06 PM
40	North Carolina has so many unique laws, we need to be able to properly test candidates that they understand the fine distinction between North Carolina law and common law.	12/20/2016 4:59 PM
41	I believe that each state should determine their own standards for becoming an attorney, not only in scores, but in substance as well.	12/20/2016 4:59 PM

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42	It will lead to a loss of state control and ultimately to a nationwide law license, and to a lowering of the standards required of attorneys in NC.	12/20/2016 4:56 PM
43	NC laws are different than other states!	12/20/2016 4:52 PM
44	I can't think of one darn reason why not...the reasons not to are very weak in the face of the reasons to have the UBE in NC.	12/20/2016 4:52 PM
45	Bar exam should be state specific.	12/20/2016 4:51 PM
46	Until all state law is uniform across all states, a uniform bar exam is absolutely inappropriate.	12/20/2016 4:49 PM
47	The lessening of standards for NC attorneys.	12/20/2016 4:47 PM
48	It takes the emphasis away from learning state-specific law.	12/20/2016 4:46 PM
49	The requirement for individual state bar exams is rooted in the unique application of the law within each state. Passing a state specific bar exam insures that all licensees have the base understanding of NC application.	12/20/2016 4:45 PM
50	A person who is licensed to practice law in NC should be required to know NC law, not general law.	12/20/2016 4:44 PM
51	On the other hand, if the UBE is the Multi-state version 2.0, don't bother	12/20/2016 4:44 PM
52	favor it	12/20/2016 4:44 PM
53	The bar exam is already two days, with one day full of multistate multiple choice questions and another day full of state specific essay questions. This could potentially extend the bar exam to three days and it includes more multistate material that examiners are tested on. I do not think NC needs to make a change right now.	12/20/2016 4:40 PM
54	I am in favor of state specific testing and the maintenance of high Bar Exam standards, which standards will likely be diluted by the UBE	12/20/2016 4:35 PM
55	It is important for those who pass the NC Bar to demonstrate a mastery of NC law.	12/20/2016 4:34 PM
56	Students need to know NC specific issues	12/20/2016 4:34 PM
57	To many attorneys in NC already. This just opens the flood gates. Competition is bad enough... this is just awful.	12/20/2016 4:34 PM
58	Our state is already flooded with unqualified, incompetent law school mill graduates. The bar exam is too easy as it is and does not seem to be any guarantee that any of these people have the first clue about what they're doing. Opening our state up to graduates from all of the other law school mills across the country will ensure that we get even more idiots wandering in.	12/19/2016 6:08 PM
59	I think potential lawyers need to learn NC law. Our laws are sometimes quite different than other states. If you don't know NC law, you shouldn't be licensed here. Of course, law students would prefer it, as they would not have to study for more than one exam.	12/19/2016 2:41 PM
60	What's the point being against it, you all have a monopoly on the misrepresentation of justice and law already. Its not like you all actually care what people think.	12/18/2016 2:19 PM
61	Attorneys need to know NC law, not just the majority rule.	12/16/2016 4:03 PM
62	Lawyers need to know NC specific law, not just the "majority" approach.	12/16/2016 4:02 PM
63	I think that the bar exam is perfect the way it is with the NC specific written exam and the MBE.	12/16/2016 8:28 AM
64	property laws that are peculiar to N.C. contributory negligence and other tort laws that are peculiar to N.C.	12/15/2016 9:03 PM
65	I don't think it's a total abomination, but I do have reservations about the change to the UBE, as it may lessen the appropriately rigorous requirement for being admitted to the North Carolina State Bar.	12/15/2016 4:43 PM
66	There is nothing "uniform" about the laws of our states. This will allow more competition from out of state attorneys who will not have to show the knowledge of our state's laws prior to admission to our bar. Current bar members should get a refund of our dues when this happens. Let the out of state attorneys subsidize the NC State Bar if they're going to be advocating for out of state attorneys.	12/14/2016 9:40 PM
67	Concerns over students not learning nuances of NC law sufficient to practice in NC	12/14/2016 5:19 PM
68	A universal exam happens in the law school process. Our exam guarantees our lawyers understand our law.	12/14/2016 4:57 PM
69	I worked my butt off to pass two bar exams. I don't like people taking the easy way.	12/14/2016 3:48 PM
70	NA	12/14/2016 3:03 PM
71	Proceed carefully and thoughtfully. UBE will expand the opportunity for reciprocity and the risk of lower quality legal services.	12/14/2016 2:08 PM

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72	In NC statutes re family law there are many nuances that affect a client's divorce case. The state specific requirements can be critical in certain cases. Adopting the UBE without including the many specific requirements under NC law would seem to increase confusion among new law graduates at a greater rate, thus with potential harm to the public. It is no secret that a number of newly graduated attorneys start out in family law thinking that it is easy work until they get a nod to go into whatever other area of law they want to be in. This often leads to poor representation in areas as important as domestic violence, domestic violence defense, alimony and defense of same, child custody, child support and marital separation in general.	12/14/2016 1:14 PM
73	This is the dumbest idea I have heard in a while (and I hear a lot of dumb ideas). Of course recent law school graduates favor a UBE. They think they know everything. It will take them years of practice to realize that what they think they know isn't true. State laws are different for a reason. The recognition of nuances in state law is what makes a reasonably acceptable lawyer. I cannot even believe this is being considered. The people who came up with this idea should be forced to practice law in California.	12/14/2016 1:03 PM
74	I am concerned because I feel the North Carolina essay day is the most important of the two bar testing days. The ability to synthesize large amounts of information and then use that information to draft a reasoned opinion is vital to the successful practice of law. I worry that portion would be lost if the UBE is adopted. I am in favor of allowing certain uniform tests to be used to more quickly gain admittance into another state after someone has passed the bar. However, in some ways I do feel the UBE may be a "race to the bottom" as far as lowering the standards to admission into the profession. I had a completely different opinion when I was a law student, and I appreciate that perspective as a practicing attorney. This job market is challenging, but we should still maintain high standards for those entering the profession.	12/14/2016 10:15 AM
75	North Carolina has so many unique facets that I fear would become diluted with a national bar exam. The multistate exam should be enough.	12/14/2016 10:05 AM
76	Your survey questions are awful. Three choices: "about time" vs. "abomination" vs. "good idea" ??? Surely the drafter, not to mention his or her supervisor, not to mention the Board, should see those choices as inadequate and not up to the task at hand. Shame on them all.	12/14/2016 9:43 AM
77	While a portion of the exam could be reflective of a UBE, if you are going to be licensed to practice NC law, then the exam should be on NC law	12/14/2016 9:34 AM
78	Our Bar Examiners should use their questions	12/14/2016 9:27 AM
79	There has been so little information on the content, the authors, the modification for individual states that there is no good way to evaluate the proposal.	12/14/2016 9:25 AM
80	I am concerned whether the UBE would adequately test nuances of NC law that differ to the common law or majority rules.	12/14/2016 9:18 AM
81	Frankly, law schools do very little to prepare one for specifically practicing law in North Carolina. Preparing for a state-specific bar was a great learning experience. Adopting a UBE would deemphasize the necessity about learning NC law and would create even weaker young lawyers. The quality had diminished enough already.	12/14/2016 9:07 AM
82	I fear that you would have new lawyers knowing even less NC law as they begin with terrible malpractice consequences. Perhaps worse, this will lead to mass reciprocity to our state from out of state lawyers.	12/14/2016 9:02 AM
83	I think it is better to test upcoming attorneys on NC law rather than have them apply general rules to a fact pattern. It is important to have a certain mastery of NC law when you graduate.	12/14/2016 7:42 AM
84	North Carolina is unique and lawyers need to know the law in North Carolina, e.g., alienation of affection.	12/14/2016 6:49 AM
85	I don't believe it adequately tests potential attorneys	12/14/2016 12:59 AM
86	none.	12/13/2016 11:29 PM
87	Seeing the applicants are seeking a NC license to practice law, they should be ask questions about NC law. Testing them on the majority rule and minority rule seems pointless/	12/13/2016 8:17 PM
88	No test for NC law. Further floods the market.	12/13/2016 7:51 PM
89	A bar exam is to determine if the young law graduates possess adequate knowledge of NORTH CAROLINA LAW to be able to practice in our State. There are a very few uniform laws in NC, and those needed to be tested along with what is the NC law.	12/13/2016 7:51 PM
90	If adopted, we will have a bunch of lawyers who do not know law and practice particularly specific to NC. It will also result in more enormous law firms claiming they know NC law when they do not. I think this is a terrible idea. I see no reason how adoption of UBE helps the people of North Carolina.	12/13/2016 7:12 PM
91	The law in each state is not uniform. I would be for it law licenses are to be uniform in every state without having to re-take the Bar exam in order to practice in another State.	12/13/2016 7:09 PM

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92	Individuals without sufficient knowledge of North Carolina law will be allowed to practice law.	12/13/2016 6:34 PM
93	I recall it being a ridiculous waste of time studying for the MBE to learn laws other than NC laws. That same analysis applies to the UBE. What possible benefit is there to learn, for example, how recording affects deed transfers in a notice jurisdiction when NC is a race jurisdiction? If we just want to see how smart everyone is, then give them all an IQ test and be done with it. Its hard enough to train a new attorney without them having to unlearn things that are right somewhere else but not here.	12/13/2016 6:17 PM
94	I took the UBE in another state and felt like it did absolutely nothing to really prepare me for practicing law in that jurisdiction. Learning what makes a jurisdiction unique is important, and often times something you learned solely for the bar exam will be there in the recesses of your brain to help assist clients and/or at least get a starting point for providing that assistance. I would be truly sad if the UBE was adopted.	12/13/2016 6:01 PM
95	We practice law in NC. Candidates for admission need to demonstrate knowledge of NC laws and procedures.	12/13/2016 5:44 PM
96	My two primary reasons for opposition are: (1) the importance of attorneys who will be practicing law in a specific state to become familiar (at least for one moment in time) with the broad laws of that state, and (2) there's a value in creating barriers to entry for licensing in states (like the long-time requirement of practicing a certain number of years for reciprocity). I suspect that the easier you make it for folks to get licensed in multiple jurisdictions, the more likely you are to find a rise in malpractice claims.	12/13/2016 5:38 PM
97	I am probably insufficiently informed, but having had to take two separate bar exams in my career (Georgia and North Carolina), both of which involved lengthy essays dealing with the finer points of state law, I find it difficult to accept that it has become easier to master the law of a particular state, or that state bars should be less vigilant in setting the particular standards for each state.	12/13/2016 5:30 PM
98	Absence of state law, and frankly, concern that the bar exam will be dumbed down and recent graduates even more ignorant of relevant state law than they are now.	12/13/2016 5:23 PM
99	I do not	12/13/2016 5:21 PM
100	North Carolina Lawyers need to know North Carolina law.	12/13/2016 5:17 PM
101	Under the Constitution we have federal powers and state powers and those laws which are under the states are not and should not be uniform. Just because something is easy does not make it a good idea. I would want a lot more information.	12/13/2016 5:17 PM
102	To practice in NC, it helps to study a good bit of NC law and be tested on it.	12/13/2016 5:16 PM
103	N/A	12/13/2016 5:08 PM
104	Loss of control over members of the State Bar	12/13/2016 5:05 PM
105	N/A	12/13/2016 5:05 PM
106	The current bar exam insures that admittees are conversant with NC law. The UBE (much like its component, the MBE) tests generalities, many of which do not apply to NC (e.g. contributory negligence).	12/13/2016 5:04 PM
107	If you are going to practice law in NC, you should be tested on NC law, not general rules of other states. We have enough bad lawyers in NC already without their not even knowing NC law.	12/13/2016 5:03 PM
108	Until the statutes of every state are the same and the decisions of each state court are identical, how is it possible to evaluate an individual's qualifications to practice in a given jurisdiction with a "general" exam?	12/13/2016 5:03 PM
109	As a student from an out of state law school, studying for the NC specific bar exam was an important step to learning the nuances of NC law prior to practice.	12/13/2016 5:02 PM
110	Practicing law in NC requires specific knowledge of NC law. I don't believe that passing a "uniform bar exam" will tell us much about whether the lawyer has the knowledge needed to effectively represent clients here in NC.	12/13/2016 5:00 PM
111	If the UBE only applies to those currently taking the bar, and doesn't allow us old-timers to get reciprocity for having taken the NC bar, it would give the youngsters an advantage over us old-timers if they were to move outside of NC.	12/13/2016 4:58 PM
112	I fear that this will be a way for law firms to become more nationalized. This has already begun to be a problem with the easing of rules preventing sites such as Legal Zoom from providing legal assistance.	12/13/2016 4:56 PM
113	Generations of aspiring North Carolina lawyers have had the opportunity to delve into caselaw that exhibits our state-specific nuances. I learned many a NC rule just in the months of studying for the bar. My repetition of the NC General Statutes Chapter Numbers was so intense that I can still remember most of them today.	12/13/2016 4:56 PM
114	An exam for a NC license to practice law should predominantly test NC law, not generic law that may or may not (and in many cases is not) applicable to NC law. What the law is in WA has little bearing on what the law is in NC.	12/13/2016 4:56 PM
115	Many of North Carolina's laws are unique and the exam should be as well.	12/13/2016 4:56 PM

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116	If people are concerned about NC specific laws not being on the UBE, then the required PNA CLE could include an extra day that covers NC specific laws.	12/13/2016 4:55 PM
117	You don't have to be a states' righter to think an attorney should be adept with the quirks and culture of the state's judicature.	12/13/2016 4:53 PM
118	No uniform state laws and therefore no uniform exam	12/13/2016 4:53 PM
119	We need to test applicants and focus on NC law.	12/13/2016 4:52 PM
120	A standardized bar exam will lower the bar for competency. There are already too many lawyers in NC and we need to limit the number of new lawyers admitted each year.	12/13/2016 4:51 PM
121	N/A	12/13/2016 4:50 PM
122	I believe that the UBE will lower North Carolina's high standards for bar admission.	12/13/2016 4:50 PM
123	This is a direct result of the current generation of students and budding attorneys that expect to be handed things without putting in the work. It is pervasive in this generation.	12/13/2016 4:50 PM
124	see above.	12/13/2016 4:50 PM
125	The standards for becoming a lawyer are currently too low, not too high. We don't need to make it any easier for graduates of substandard schools such as Charlotte School of Law to pass the bar and inflict their incompetence on the public.	12/13/2016 4:49 PM
126	Entire profession is dumbing down and my concern would be that the UBE brings NC standard lower.	12/13/2016 4:46 PM
127	N/A	12/13/2016 4:46 PM
128	For one, it's important for incoming lawyers to understand NC specific law. They already don't teach NC law in most law schools, preparing for the bar exam is often where they learn it. Plus, and perhaps more importantly, we have too many lawyers in the state as it is. We do not need to start making things easier. Until certain law schools start losing their accreditation, the bar exam must remain a final gatekeeper for the profession. Lowering the standards will not only allow unqualified in-state law grads to enter the profession but will also make it easier for out of state lawyers and JDs to come into our market. Is anyone in power actually looking out for the health and well-being of the profession and the NC legal market?	12/13/2016 4:45 PM
129	I think "abomination" is too strong a word, but I oppose but because I think the practice of law does and should vary from state to state.	12/13/2016 4:44 PM
130	Significance of NC law distinctions	12/13/2016 4:43 PM
131	Nope-it level levels the playing field so that the only thing that students will focus on will be school cost and pass rates. We will now have attorneys that many easily move to new jurisdictions or practice in more than one jurisdiction. This will lead to more uniform laws and ultimately lower the cost of legal services.	12/13/2016 4:43 PM
132	The NC Bar tests important NC distinctions and should be left the way it is.	12/13/2016 4:42 PM
133	The bar exam is supposed to show if you know NC law, not the law of California or some "generic state."	12/13/2016 4:42 PM
134	The choices were pretty extreme. If the UBE includes a North Carolina section and the Uniform portion covers only those areas of law where NC adopted Uniform Acts without modification, that's fine. If the UBE means lawyers are licensed without knowledge of North Carolina specific law, it sets up the probability that attorneys will be harming clients and the public by handling matters for which they do not know the applicable law. It strikes me that even with Uniform Acts, the vast majority of NC disputes are likely related to NC-specific laws. To allow licensing solely by UBE passage would harm clients who must trust lawyers to act on their behalf with knowledge and understanding of NC law and its specific distinctions.	12/13/2016 4:41 PM
135	I don't oppose it.	12/13/2016 4:41 PM
136	Flood of out of state attorneys, people with no connection to North Carolina, depriving NC graduates of opportunities	12/13/2016 4:40 PM
137	How does the UBE know best what a person practicing law in NC should know prior to admission.	12/13/2016 4:38 PM
138	Attorney/legal market in NC, such as in Charlotte, is already saturated. UBE only makes it easier.	12/13/2016 4:38 PM
139	I learned important parts of NC law when studying for the NC Bar.	12/13/2016 4:38 PM
140	The State Bar is already in the process of reducing the number of people who are admitted to practice (primarily Charlotte SOL) by having one of the hardest bar exams in the nation. Are we going to set our standard score as the highest in the nation for the same reason?	12/13/2016 4:38 PM
141	n/a	12/13/2016 4:38 PM

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Q4 What is your greatest concern about the adoption of a UBE for NC?

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#	Responses	Date
1	none	1/2/2017 10:59 PM
2	Could potentially weaken the amount of NC specific law on the exam.	12/28/2016 3:25 PM
3	What happens to those lawyers who already took the bar? Do they need to retake it?	12/25/2016 1:18 PM
4	The process of grandfathering in old members and a possible influx of attorneys coming to practice in NC from other UBE states.	12/25/2016 12:47 PM
5	More competition from lawyers outside of North Carolina who waive in to practice in NC.	12/25/2016 11:07 AM
6	None.	12/22/2016 3:15 PM
7	More attorneys being able to practice in NC, however it would be a benefit to have the ability to be able to practice in other states that also accept the UBE.	12/22/2016 11:18 AM
8	Having said that, I am not entirely opposed to adding some element of NC-specific component to the UBE perhaps within a more limited span of topics than used at present.	12/22/2016 10:25 AM
9	Exams written too broadly to accommodate for differences in state laws.	12/21/2016 6:14 PM
10	Uniqueness of NC law not being learned or tested	12/21/2016 3:09 PM
11	It will take to too long to adopt. I am a current law student, graduating in 2018, and it would be great if they could speed this process up.	12/21/2016 2:31 PM
12	Replacing the MSBE with the UBE might be reasonable. Replacing the NC portion of the exam with the UBE would be insane. Its use would indicate a belief that either the law in all 50 states should be the same or that no knowledge of NC law is required to be licensed to practice in NC.	12/21/2016 1:25 PM
13	That even more lawyers will move to Mecklenburg and Wake County (ha ha)	12/21/2016 12:29 PM
14	Failure to ensure that new attorneys have a basic knowledge about NC law. Also the exam is not as important as need for applicants to study for specific NC law. I was from an out-of-state law school and things that I learned studying for the NC portion of the bar exam have proved very valuable to me in my practice.	12/21/2016 12:10 PM
15	Students from other places not knowing NC Law and passing the exam.	12/21/2016 11:56 AM
16	That it be comparable to other UBE's in format.	12/21/2016 11:33 AM
17	I am concerned about how to best convey NC specific law to future NC attorneys who subsequently pass the bar.	12/21/2016 11:28 AM
18	That it becomes too easy to gain licensure in NC without knowing at least some amount of NC specific law.	12/21/2016 11:23 AM
19	Students may miss out on areas of law that are unique to North Carolina	12/21/2016 11:10 AM
20	Influx of attorneys who don't know NC law.	12/21/2016 10:59 AM
21	I hope there is some retroactive application for those of us that did not have this option.	12/21/2016 10:50 AM
22	Influx of attorneys who do not know NC specific law.	12/21/2016 10:30 AM
23	The NC State Bar, NC lawyers, and ultimately the people of NC MUST have control of who does and does not deserve to practice law in our state. Why should that control be ceded to another?	12/21/2016 9:58 AM
24	Elimination of all NC specific essays	12/21/2016 9:46 AM
25	Our citizens in the State Court are under the law of North Carolina, I would hope it is important that the nuances of NC are the basis of practicing law in this state.	12/21/2016 9:37 AM
26	My greatest concern is lack of knowledge of NC specific law. Also, we don't want it too easy for adjoining state attorneys to practice here!	12/21/2016 9:36 AM

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27	Increased number of Lawyers wanting to come to N.C. We have 5300 in our County. The market place may take care of the current excess, but many Lawyers are unable to find work or are accepting low paying jobs just to survive. Not a good outcome - especially for those coming out of school with substantial debt.	12/21/2016 9:31 AM
28	None	12/21/2016 9:30 AM
29	Influx of California trained attorneys.	12/21/2016 9:27 AM
30	Law schools will no longer provide instruction on NC law. Students will be clueless when they begin to practice.	12/21/2016 8:52 AM
31	I am concerned that attorneys will not learn each state's local laws and hurt consumers.	12/21/2016 8:50 AM
32	no concerns	12/21/2016 8:46 AM
33	That it has an utter disregard for NC law. The great thing about the NC Bar Exam is that our essay day is about NC law. If you're going to practice in NC you need to have a knowledge base of NC law and not just laws that are common in a majority of jurisdictions that we do not follow.	12/21/2016 8:25 AM
34	How it will affect those already admitted to the NC Bar. I am a recent admittee (Aug. 2015) and it would be nice to have some sort of provisions that allow already barred attorneys to take advantage of the reciprocity.	12/21/2016 6:59 AM
35	Losing aspects of NC-specific law that current exam targets.	12/21/2016 1:13 AM
36	What role would we have in the formulation of the exam and who would set the passing score?	12/21/2016 12:06 AM
37	The first round of lawyers admitted under this test haven't had enough time to season and reveal whether this is a great idea or not. Adopting the UBE just because other states are doing it ignores NC's history of high admission standards.	12/20/2016 10:07 PM
38	How licensees will be prepared for idiosyncrasies of NC law	12/20/2016 9:45 PM
39	That it will be administered by corporate greedheads, who are not accountable to the state, and that students who perhaps do not test well on standardized tests may be penalized on such an exam.	12/20/2016 9:26 PM
40	As stated above, core concepts are being glossed over to learn about cyber security, management of paperless offices, and legalization of drugs. While all of these things may have their place, the cross - training on how the basics interact only comes in law school, not subsequent CLEs. A better foundation needs to be laid, not an emphasis on generalities or just federal outlooks. The passage rate on the UBE will be compared to many other law schools across the country, that have much larger endowments. We have law schools that have joint degree programs (MBA/MD/regional planning, etc) that are producing much greater value. If the public just focuses on whether the student can be guaranteed on passing the UBE after attendance, & our schools want to focus on a broad skill set and ethical values, we will be short changing ourselves. Find a cheap NC law school, pass the UBE, go to a big city/big bucks, and never look back. We need to focus on keeping NC lawyers in NC, and serving the citizens of our state. Big dollar jobs are in short supply, but our citizens are consistently underserved in their needs for legal services and legal protections. UBE will do nothing to help this problem. The law schools want to send the students away to the big money so they will be sure the loans are repaid and not written off to public service commitments. Not all lawyers in NC make a lot of money, but they all do a lot of good in their own backyards/communities.	12/20/2016 9:19 PM
41	That more lawyers will want to come to NC, than NC lawyers who might want to go to other states -- that is to say, increased competition for NC jobs.	12/20/2016 9:01 PM
42	I am not sure of the particulars regarding the Board's approval, but the UBE website mentions states could still require some jurisdictional-based test or curriculum in law school as a requirement for passing the bar exam. If NC is going to switch to a uniform test, I would prefer there be some NC-based law school class(es) that are required. NC does things differently than many states in a number of areas of the law, and it would be a disservice to future law students if law schools were not "encouraged" to keep NC law in mind.	12/20/2016 8:47 PM
43	None.	12/20/2016 8:15 PM
44	ensuring young attorneys understand some distinctions in NC law	12/20/2016 7:41 PM
45	I'm not that concerned. I became a member if this bar by comity and now I'm a board certified specialist. A lawyer with certain basic skills can pick up the state specifics along the way.	12/20/2016 7:34 PM
46	Rigor of the exam staying the same	12/20/2016 6:57 PM
47	Centralization = lack of flexibility, lack of control locally, for local concerns. No one state is like any or all other states. Exam designers might want to review the UBE, but should not be bound by it.	12/20/2016 6:30 PM
48	Many out of state lawyers who know nothing about our law and practice	12/20/2016 6:22 PM
49	Just the transition.	12/20/2016 6:00 PM
50	None	12/20/2016 5:43 PM

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51	None.	12/20/2016 5:41 PM
52	NC has some unique laws, heritage & history from being one of the 13 original colonies and, sequentially, having English common law. Don't want to lose that uniqueness & heritage.	12/20/2016 5:40 PM
53	Competition from attorneys unfamiliar and unknowledgable about NC law.	12/20/2016 5:38 PM
54	Adverse effect on minority members coming into the profession; disagree that tricky multiple choice questions really measure competence to practice	12/20/2016 5:37 PM
55	Over the years, the number of questions on the bar exam has been reduced. This less comprehensive exam, while easier to grade, means applicants who receive a lower score on just a few questions have less opportunity to redeem their score with answers to other questions on subjects about which they might be more knowledgeable. Use of a less comprehensive UBE should include revising the exam to allow passage of subject matter sections, as with other professional exams.	12/20/2016 5:30 PM
56	My concern for NC is the same as my concern for my home state SC, which just adopted it - opening the floodgates to attorneys who are not qualified or knowledgeable enough on NC law	12/20/2016 5:29 PM
57	Basic competence of the profession; public's confidence in the profession and the courts; public's interest in competent legal advice; lack of incentive among attorneys to become competent in North Carolina law if not required by law or the courts.	12/20/2016 5:29 PM
58	Loss of expertise in areas of law specific to our state.	12/20/2016 5:27 PM
59	Watering down qualifications of the NC bar.	12/20/2016 5:22 PM
60	Lowering of overall standards and acceptance of unqualified applicants.	12/20/2016 5:21 PM
61	none	12/20/2016 5:17 PM
62	There are still areas of law that are unique to NC, and important for licensed attorneys to understand. I don't know whether the adoption of a UBE will foreclose our ability to prepare lawyers for those issues.	12/20/2016 5:15 PM
63	NC should continue to maintain high standards, out in terms of bar passage rates and character and fitness, for the admission of attorneys.	12/20/2016 5:09 PM
64	That NC not require a jurisdiction specific component as well. In my opinion that is NECESSARY.	12/20/2016 5:08 PM
65	Too many lawyers out there essentially committing malpractice by having only a cursory knowledge of some things but not having the state-specific knowledge to recognize that North Carolina law may differ substantially from the law in other states (e.g., the state in which they went to law school).	12/20/2016 5:08 PM
66	Guaranteeing an adequate level of quality legal services for paying North Carolinians -- North Carolina law is not uniform, and a licensed North Carolina attorney should be familiar with North Carolina law.	12/20/2016 5:07 PM
67	see above	12/20/2016 5:06 PM
68	That it will allow for saturation of our great profession.	12/20/2016 4:59 PM
69	My greatest concerns are first, that it will not be adopted, and second, that overly cumbersome state-specific components will be added.	12/20/2016 4:57 PM
70	See 3 above. The NC Board of Law Examiners takes care to include fair questions based on NC law on the essay section. While advocates say the UBE will include NC law, that ultimately will be watered down. The long term result will be lawyers from anywhere will be able to come to NC to handle any matter, and we will lose the ability to demand a certain level of competence and character and fitness.	12/20/2016 4:56 PM
71	No concerns, it's way overdue.	12/20/2016 4:56 PM
72	I worry we could end up with lawyers practicing in NC that do not know NC law. That is very troubling given each state has different rules.	12/20/2016 4:55 PM
73	Won't concentrate on NC law!	12/20/2016 4:52 PM
74	NONE	12/20/2016 4:52 PM
75	Attorneys who are already licensed will be at a disadvantage when attempting to move to another state.	12/20/2016 4:51 PM
76	Too many out of state candidates will flood the legal profession.	12/20/2016 4:51 PM
77	Possibly that little attention will be given to NC law in the law schools	12/20/2016 4:50 PM
78	Dilution of the quality of lawyers in NC.	12/20/2016 4:49 PM
79	I don't have any.	12/20/2016 4:48 PM

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80	That with the State Bar already bowing down to companies like Legal Zoom that a move like this will only open the flood gates to lesser attorneys being able to have access to the people of North Carolina .	12/20/2016 4:47 PM
81	New practitioners will be at an increased disadvantage when it comes to practicing in North Carolina. They will have a generic set of skills, but lack the in depth knowledge of North Carolina specific law that is required to practice in this state.	12/20/2016 4:46 PM
82	Please address transitions for lawyers who took the NC Bar Exam before any UBE to be able to easily waive into the same state's as UBE takers. Otherwise, unequal access to lawyer job opportunities for older lawyers.	12/20/2016 4:46 PM
83	Loss of competent licensed individuals who provide accurate, correct advise to the public. The public believes that all NC licensed members of the Bar are fully competent to advise them on NC based issues. By adopting a uniform bar exam, the public opinion doesn't change, and the implied message to new bar members is that this is what you need to know to be able to provide legal services in NC. I see no benefit to the public to adopt a uniform bar exam and only see this benefiting members of the bar who wish to freely move from state to state, which is not a reason to make such a change.	12/20/2016 4:45 PM
84	My biggest concern is that many of those passing will be academically unqualified to practice law in NC due to unfamiliarity with NC law.	12/20/2016 4:44 PM
85	How it is going to be utilized	12/20/2016 4:44 PM
86	no concerns	12/20/2016 4:44 PM
87	I don't oppose it, but am mainly concerned about the knowledge of NC as well as the law in reciprocity states.	12/20/2016 4:44 PM
88	None	12/20/2016 4:41 PM
89	That examiners will be focusing more on multistate material instead of state specific material. When you take a bar exam for a particular state, you need to be well versed in the laws of that state. I think the UBE will take away from that.	12/20/2016 4:40 PM
90	That the bar will only adopt it halfheartedness. In other words, applicants from other states will still need to jump through needless hoops and undergo wasteful expense to get a license in nc, despite passing the UBE.	12/20/2016 4:39 PM
91	none.	12/20/2016 4:37 PM
92	none	12/20/2016 4:36 PM
93	That it would not accurately and adequately test NC law.	12/20/2016 4:36 PM
94	No longer will students study and focus on NC law in preparation for the bar exam, thus leaving students which a large gap in their knowledge when they begin practicing.	12/20/2016 4:34 PM
95	Students not preparing/having any NC specific knowledge of NC law outside of their eventual area(s) of practice.	12/20/2016 4:34 PM
96	See above. The exam should be more difficult and more state specific, not less.	12/19/2016 6:08 PM
97	I think potential lawyers need to learn NC law. Our laws are sometimes quite different than other states. If you don't know NC law, you shouldn't be licensed here. Of course, law students would prefer it, as they would not have to study for more than one exam.	12/19/2016 2:41 PM
98	How could it get much worse short of you all moving beyond pretending to provide justice and just promoting roadside murders by the the states enforcement arm?	12/18/2016 2:19 PM
99	It will further water down the quality of attorneys.	12/16/2016 4:02 PM
100	Pass level that will be set.	12/16/2016 12:25 PM
101	Adopting in time for the 2017 bar exam!	12/16/2016 11:29 AM
102	There would be no true measure of a candidate's knowledge of NC specific law.	12/16/2016 8:28 AM
103	Applicants won't be tested on law specific to N.C.	12/15/2016 9:03 PM
104	That other states may choose not to accept it, and create difficulties transferring practice to that state from a UBE state.	12/15/2016 6:30 PM
105	That the UBE may lessen the appropriately rigorous requirement for being admitted to the North Carolina State Bar.	12/15/2016 4:43 PM
106	The powers that be will continue to use the Bar Exam as a barrier to entry rather than a mechanism for admission.	12/15/2016 2:46 PM
107	I have no concerns.	12/15/2016 2:47 AM
108	Ensuring that grading is standard nationwide, with a single standard for passage. It should not be more, or less, difficult for an attorney to be admitted in NC than in Mississippi or in New York.	12/15/2016 2:16 AM

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109	Differences in NC law will not be focused on and shared with all admittees.	12/14/2016 10:15 PM
110	Have to compete against more attorneys to make a decent living and have to work with attorneys who will lack the knowledge and skill to competently handle NC legal issues and matters.	12/14/2016 9:40 PM
111	lack of understanding of real estate and family law matters	12/14/2016 5:19 PM
112	Unqualified lawyers.	12/14/2016 4:57 PM
113	South Carolina lawyers will come flooding into Charlotte, but we won't be able to practice in Couth Carolina.	12/14/2016 3:48 PM
114	I am concerned about the BLE adopting more stringent requirements that are above most other states that could potentially unfairly harm law students' success.	12/14/2016 3:32 PM
115	Proper training of graders.	12/14/2016 3:24 PM
116	The potential loss of focus on North Carolina law in the MEE.	12/14/2016 3:14 PM
117	Reduced material/content specific to NC law.	12/14/2016 3:03 PM
118	"Discount" service providers with off the shelf products. Exaggerated claims in the advertising of services.	12/14/2016 2:08 PM
119	NA	12/14/2016 1:25 PM
120	Same as above.	12/14/2016 1:14 PM
121	It removes some control of who should and shouldn't practice law in North Carolina from the authority of the people in North Carolina.	12/14/2016 1:03 PM
122	New graduates would have no idea if NC law was different from the standards and so forth tested by the UBE.	12/14/2016 1:02 PM
123	Grading procedures	12/14/2016 11:10 AM
124	The ultra-high proposed passing score (276?) will negatively and disproportionately impact minority candidates from schools such as NCCU.	12/14/2016 10:25 AM
125	My greatest concern and one I have never heard addressed is how this affects attorneys in the in one to five year range of practice that wish to move to another state but did not take the UBE because it was not available to them. It seems that in the short-term newly licensed attorneys would have a distinct advantage over those recently licensed as far as geographical mobility is concerned. I have been practicing for four years and this will soon be less of an issue for me, but does this place newly licensed attorneys who took the current bar at a disadvantage for several years?	12/14/2016 10:15 AM
126	We have so many law schools now-the only common denominator is the bar exam. We must have one standard in NC.	12/14/2016 10:05 AM
127	None	12/14/2016 9:52 AM
128	None.	12/14/2016 9:52 AM
129	What safeguards are in place to ensure that candidates who pass the UBE are "minimally competent" to practice law in each state that adopts the test? Also, will this do away with individual states licensing attorneys and if so, what does this mean for the protection of the public?	12/14/2016 9:46 AM
130	There is no explanation offered here as to how to assure that the uniform exam would adequately cover NC issues and holdings. In addition, I am generally opposed to moving rule-making determinations further and further from the local base affected, i.e., in this case allowing folks further removed from NC to haggle and decide on formats to be used affecting NC issues and practices. Strikes me as hazardous to NC law and procedure.	12/14/2016 9:43 AM
131	That the quality of those entering the legal profession in NC would be diluted....even more than it has	12/14/2016 9:34 AM
132	What is the purpose of this survey? The options in Q1 are extreme, and it assumes respondents have fully-articulated - and relatively extreme - positions. What about those of us who are unsure - who see problems with the current method of licensing lawyers but are not sure about whether the UBE will resolve those? I'm very disappointed (in this process).	12/14/2016 9:33 AM
133	Have no idea whether it is good	12/14/2016 9:27 AM
134	As with common core, it is my concern that this will be a "teach to the test" effort which will no allow each state significant input.	12/14/2016 9:25 AM
135	Cyber attacks on the examination process.	12/14/2016 9:23 AM
136	That, if it proves unsatisfactory, it would be difficult to restart the engine of producing and grading state-specific exams.	12/14/2016 9:18 AM
137	A lessening in emphasis on learning NC law.	12/14/2016 9:07 AM

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138	Mass reciprocity.	12/14/2016 9:02 AM
139	lawyers will not be astute to the nuances of North Carolina law.	12/14/2016 6:49 AM
140	Flooding the state with underqualified attorneys who will not be able to adequately serve their clients.	12/14/2016 12:59 AM
141	none.	12/13/2016 11:29 PM
142	Shouldn't the passing attorneys be picked nationwide and not by individual states? That is how I would do it. But then, "stupid" states would end up with few lawyers.	12/13/2016 9:27 PM
143	None	12/13/2016 8:45 PM
144	It is a standard test that does not questions the applicants about specific NC law much like the MBE	12/13/2016 8:17 PM
145	How will the NCBLE be able to discern whether law graduates understand nuances of NC law that vary greatly from majority rules? Will there be an NC distinction question? Also, this likely creates a larger influx of new lawyers into an already saturated market.	12/13/2016 7:51 PM
146	I have no major concern. It is long past due.	12/13/2016 7:14 PM
147	See above.	12/13/2016 7:12 PM
148	That the exam will not be NC specific. We already have the Multi-State portion which is allegedly generic.	12/13/2016 7:09 PM
149	Law school students from outside of North Carolina will not have adequate knowledge of our laws and will not provide proper representation to North Carolinians.	12/13/2016 6:34 PM
150	It's still a one shot barrier to entry into the profession. There needs to be a staggered testing process beginning the first year of law school to help everyone know whether academically they're going to ultimately be admitted.	12/13/2016 6:26 PM
151	If has some unique laws in areas such as property and can't law	12/13/2016 6:21 PM
152	It will end up giving authority over NC matters to a national group. People who operate on a "national" level are invariably, imperious, meddling bureaucrats, one step removed from politicians in vileness.	12/13/2016 6:17 PM
153	No concerns. I think the concerns are overblown.	12/13/2016 6:10 PM
154	No concerns! Let's do it now	12/13/2016 6:10 PM
155	That it will take too long to implement, and even if they do, NC would only accept a very high transfer score.	12/13/2016 6:04 PM
156	See above	12/13/2016 6:01 PM
157	I don't have any concern. It is a great idea.	12/13/2016 5:57 PM
158	Admitting (more) lawyers who are not proficient in NC law and procedure.	12/13/2016 5:44 PM
159	Young lawyers practicing in NC having even less knowledge about NC law than they already do.	12/13/2016 5:38 PM
160	I guess the only one I have is that I feel that our bar does a good job of administering the bar and giving up the control to an unknown group might be a little frightening.	12/13/2016 5:35 PM
161	None	12/13/2016 5:32 PM
162	It should not be easy to become a lawyer in NC or anywhere else.	12/13/2016 5:30 PM
163	Whether people would be grandfathered in. If not, then newer grads would enjoy a competitive advantage over me.	12/13/2016 5:29 PM
164	Concern that the bar exam will be dumbed down and recent graduates even more ignorant of relevant state law than they are now.	12/13/2016 5:23 PM
165	Quality of the legal profession if the test is substantially easier.	12/13/2016 5:23 PM
166	None	12/13/2016 5:22 PM
167	My greatest concern is that some of the nuances of NC law will be lost, but I think that is immaterial as a competent attorney should do the proper research to learn the nuances	12/13/2016 5:21 PM
168	Licensed lawyers will not be ready to practice in North Carolina. Protection of the public.	12/13/2016 5:17 PM
169	I took both the California and NC bars and passed both. They were very different. The laws and their interpretations by each state are also different. Differences can be good. We already have the multistate .	12/13/2016 5:17 PM
170	cookie cutter syndrome	12/13/2016 5:16 PM
171	nothing	12/13/2016 5:11 PM

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172	I hope the NC BLE will reach out to other states that have made the switch and learn from previous mistakes made. My concern is with the transition from the current bar exam to the UBE.	12/13/2016 5:08 PM
173	there should be a careful balance not to minimize or eliminate the need to understand and be tested on NC law.	12/13/2016 5:05 PM
174	Lowering standards, no focus on state specific law	12/13/2016 5:05 PM
175	I have little to know concern.	12/13/2016 5:05 PM
176	See above - that members of the bar will not know NC distinctions. This can lead to some very bad results for clients.	12/13/2016 5:04 PM
177	Law students will not study NC distinctions which they have to know to practice.	12/13/2016 5:03 PM
178	A flood of unqualified applicants for licensure.	12/13/2016 5:03 PM
179	That if adopted an attorney like myself won't be grandfathered in and will have to take yet another bar exam.	12/13/2016 5:02 PM
180	No concern whatsoever.	12/13/2016 4:58 PM
181	I fear that this will be a way for law firms to become more nationalized. This has already begun to be a problem with the easing of rules preventing sites such as Legal Zoom from providing legal assistance.	12/13/2016 4:56 PM
182	That the adoption of the UBE makes us Everywhere, USA.	12/13/2016 4:56 PM
183	Lack of NC state/jurisdiction-specific knowledge. There is already a growing problem of new lawyers lacking competency. The bar exam should not further encourage a greater lack of state-specific competency.	12/13/2016 4:56 PM
184	Influx of attorneys that are not familiar with North Carolina laws and who will inevitably harm clients and undermine the practice of law in North Carolina.	12/13/2016 4:56 PM
185	That it will require less than the current level of knowledge to receive a passing score.	12/13/2016 4:55 PM
186	I do not have any concerns about the adoption of a UBE for NC.	12/13/2016 4:55 PM
187	It accepts a lowest common denominator cookie-cutter approach to an otherwise nuanced and aware profession.	12/13/2016 4:53 PM
188	Any lawyer can become licensed in NC without knowing any nc law	12/13/2016 4:53 PM
189	We will be flooded by individuals applying for jobs, when they have not been tested on NC law.	12/13/2016 4:52 PM
190	NC law is very different in many respects from that of other states.	12/13/2016 4:51 PM
191	There will be even less focus on state specific law than there is now.	12/13/2016 4:51 PM
192	That the UBE will lower North Carolina's high standards for bar admission.	12/13/2016 4:50 PM
193	Increasing lack of knowledge regarding NC law and procedure. Flooding of the legal market with attorneys from other jurisdictions.	12/13/2016 4:50 PM
194	see above.	12/13/2016 4:50 PM
195	That even more incompetent graduates of the Charlotte School of Law will be able to pass the bar and damage the profession and harm the public.	12/13/2016 4:49 PM
196	The greatest concern is that it potentially opens up the NC legal market to job seekers from states that previously would not have had access to NC absent sitting for the NC bar. What impact does that have on graduates from our in-state law schools? On the other hand, it also opens up the job market for our in-state students to seek jobs in other states they previously couldn't.	12/13/2016 4:48 PM
197	Reciprocity for those who did not take the UBE.	12/13/2016 4:47 PM
198	same as above	12/13/2016 4:46 PM
199	State should still have the right to control admission to their state's bar even if the UBE is adopted.	12/13/2016 4:46 PM
200	That older lawyers, like me, will resist mostly for reasons that are either related to protecting turf (\$\$\$) or because they believe that the quality of "lawyering" will suffer. Based on recent experience with younger lawyers and the proliferation of law schools this is a battle that has already been lost.	12/13/2016 4:45 PM
201	The NC legal job market is already flooded and this will only make entry easier. This lowers the standards for admission to the bar.	12/13/2016 4:45 PM
202	The continued homogenization of the practice of law nationwide and the advent of more Legal Zoom type businesses.	12/13/2016 4:44 PM
203	NONE	12/13/2016 4:43 PM
204	None	12/13/2016 4:43 PM

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205	Risk of harm to clients / public on account of lack of knowledge of NC law and compromised ability to identify NC issues Lost emphasis on ethics / professional responsibility as customarily integrated so well into NC exam	12/13/2016 4:43 PM
206	It may easily wipe out the power of state bars and help lead our country to more of a federal system of laws.	12/13/2016 4:43 PM
207	Lack of specific NC law knowledge among new lawyers.	12/13/2016 4:42 PM
208	Harm to the public	12/13/2016 4:41 PM
209	There will be controversy...	12/13/2016 4:41 PM
210	None	12/13/2016 4:40 PM
211	Please see answer to #2 above - not sure if it measures what the examiners in NC are looking for.	12/13/2016 4:40 PM
212	Easier bar exam leading to an even larger glut of unprepared and unknowledgeable newbies.	12/13/2016 4:38 PM
213	Lawyers that plan to practice in NC need to know NC law regardless of and without concern for whether its the same in other places	12/13/2016 4:38 PM
214	Increase in number of attorneys.	12/13/2016 4:38 PM
215	More unknowledgeable practitioners.	12/13/2016 4:38 PM
216	The State Bar is already in the process of reducing the number of people who are admitted to practice (primarily Charlotte SOL) by having one of the hardest bar exams in the nation. Are we going to set our standard score as the highest in the nation for the same reason?	12/13/2016 4:38 PM
217	n/a	12/13/2016 4:38 PM
218	No concern. Any vagaries of NC law can be mastered by the licensed practitioner.	12/13/2016 4:38 PM