

NEVADA PERFORMANCE TEST (NPT)

The NPT is a 2 hour and 30 minute exam designed to test the ability to complete a common legal task that a beginning lawyer would be expected to perform. You are required to use necessary legal skills in a real-life scenario.

You will be provided with a File. The File will contain source documents that will set forth the facts of the case and other background information. These materials may include interview transcripts, correspondence, investigative reports, client records, pleadings, internal memorandum, newspaper articles, legislative materials, medical records and correspondence between counsel. All facts recited are not relevant, and maybe incomplete, ambiguous or conflicting. You are expected to recognize what facts are relevant and to identify when facts are ambiguous and how such ambiguities could be resolved.

The second component of the exam materials is the Library. The Library may contain cases, statutes, administrative regulations and other legal authority commonly cited in a legal memorandum or used for reference. All legal sources are based on Nevada law. You may use abbreviated titles and omit page references when citing cases found in the Library.

The NPT is not a test of your knowledge of substantive law. The NPT is designed to evaluate your fundamental lawyering skills. Your answer will be evaluated on the content, thoroughness, and organization of your document based on these criteria:

- Ability to determine relevant factual details, to distinguish relevant from irrelevant facts, and to resolve potentially conflicting facts;
- Analysis of source legal authorities to determine applicable principles of law;
- Application of the controlling law to the relevant facts and circumstances;
- Effective communication in writing;
- Performing task in a timely matter; and
- Ability to follow the directives provided.

In preparing your written document, it is important that you concentrate on the materials in the File and Library, which provide the specific materials from which you should use. Use your general legal knowledge to assist you with analyzing the issues presented.