

**ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
FALL 2011 1L PRACTICE EXAM INFORMATION**

SUBJECT	WHEN	WHERE	
Full-Time Torts (Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6) <i>**Professor Manaster administers his own practice exam in-class; no practice exam will be offered for Section 5 on this date.</i>	Friday, October 14 Exam starts at 3pm.	Check-in outside Bannan 142 Overflow rooms are 135 and 139.	
Part-Time Torts (Section 8) <i>**Professor Love administers her own practice opportunities in-class; no practice exam will be offered for Section 7 on this date.</i>	Saturday, October 15 Exam starts at 10am.	Bannan 127	
Criminal Law (Sections 1 & 2)	Friday, October 21 Exam starts at 1:30pm.	Bannan 142	
Civil Procedure (All Sections)	Saturday, October 22 Exam starts at 10am.	Check-in outside Bannan 135 Overflow rooms are 139, 241, and 334.	
Contracts (Sections 1 – 6) <i>**Professor Woodward administers his own practice exam in-class; no practice exam will be offered for Sections 7 and 8 on this date.</i>	Saturday, October 29 Exam starts at 10am; must be seated by 9:30am. <table border="1" data-bbox="699 722 1463 779" style="float: right; margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>This practice exam will use the Softest testing program.</td> </tr> </table>	This practice exam will use the Softest testing program.	Check-in outside Bannan 127 Overflow room are 135 and 142.
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Criminal Law (Sections 3 – 6)	Saturday, November 12 Exam starts at 10am.	Check-in outside Bannan 127 Overflow rooms are 135 and 139.	

STUDENTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO TAKE ALL OF THE PRACTICE EXAMS OFFERED FOR THEIR SECTION. Arrive early so that you are seated and ready at the exam start time. Copies of other professor's exams will also be made available through APD should students want additional practice opportunities.

What are practice exams? Practice exams are abbreviated exams written by your professors to give you a sense of what your actual exam will be like in December.

Are practice exams graded? Practice exams are not graded, and do not count in your law school GPA.

How will I know how I did? APD will lead a workshop immediately following each practice exam helping students assess their own performance on the practice exam. This is an essential skill that students will use throughout law school – testing their understanding of the law by writing hypotheticals or practice exams, and then checking that work against notes, outlines, and professor-provided materials. You may also submit your exam to APD to receive written feedback.

Should I send/take my practice exam to my professor? Each professor has a different preference. After your practice exam, review the sample answer posted on the APD TWEN site for specific instructions from your professor about how he/she would like to follow-up with students. Generally professors want their students to do their own diagnosis of how they did on practice exams, as this self-diagnosis is an important exam preparation skill. Professors who do talk to students about practice exams generally will address specific questions about points of law, but usually do not have the time to review and comment on full practice exams for students.

What if I don't feel ready to take a practice exam? Many students state that they don't feel ready for their first law school exams, so working through that anxiety during a practice exam (which doesn't impact the GPA) is superior to dealing with it on an actual exam. Our research shows that Santa Clara students who take practice exams do better on their actual exams than those students who don't. Even if students don't feel ready or haven't perfected an outline, taking a practice exam is an essential check-in on where they're at in terms of their preparation.

What is Softest? Softest is the software that Santa Clara uses for administering exams. During the Contracts practice exam on October 29, students will have the opportunity to complete a practice exam using the software to understand how it works. **You will need your Access Card and Blind Grading Identification Number (BGID) for this practice exam. Your BGID can be accessed through eCampus.** If you have Softest questions, contact the Faculty Support Office in Bergin 214 or the Student Computing Help Desk in the Bannan Student Lounge.

Disability Accommodations: To request academic accommodations for a disability, students must be registered with Disabilities Resources, located in Benson 216. To request disability accommodations for a practice exam, contact apd@scu.edu.

Questions about Practice Exams? Contact Academic & Professional Development at apd@scu.edu.