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Dr. Gallagher's book, *Scoring High on Bar Exam Essays*, will help you do just that

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Dr. Gallagher's book on bar exam writing, *Scoring High on Bar Exam Essays*, is a superior book, and more than just a collection of essays with model answers. Plenty of books like that litter the shelves of law bookstores across the nation. Happily, *Scoring High* is back in the bookstores, now published by BarWrite Press, after several years of being out of print.

In *Scoring High*, unlike some other popular books, the bar candidate is actually taught how to write analytically.

For that reason, Dr. Gallagher's book, *Scoring High on Bar Exam Essays*, should be a book that flies off the shelf each and every bar exam. Written by a Harvard J.D. with a Ph.D. in linguistics, *Scoring High on Bar Exam Essays* is more than a worthwhile purchase. In fact, this book is a book that should be included with all bar review courses. At the very least, this book should be required reading for all 3Ls. *Do not leave law school without having read it!*

Part I of the book provides a general overview of the bar exam and includes rules for writing successful answers -- 19 rules, to be exact. Keep in mind, though, simply reading Dr. Gallagher's book will not get the job done. No book and no course is the proverbial Holy Grail. If you want to leave law school with exam-writing skills that will pass the bar exam, you need to write practice exams for each and every one of your essay-exam finals. And if you practice Dr. Gallagher's techniques, you will leave law school with such skills.

All 1Ls, as well as all 3Ls, therefore, should read this book to get a solid grasp of the exam-writing game.

Part II of *Scoring High on Bar Exam Essays* demonstrates how to construct a model paragraph using Dr. Gallagher's unique, protected, Under-Here-Therefore(TM) formatting strategies, and how to properly outline a bar examination essay. More than just theory, this part of the book is "nuts-and-bolts" and provides a recipe, if you

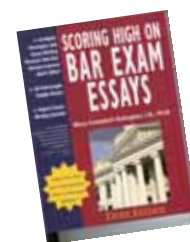
will, for writing a superior answer, no matter whether you are taking the bar exam in California or New Jersey.

Part III of the book provides 80 actual bar exam questions and essay answers from multiple jurisdictions, all written using Dr. Gallagher's answer format. California candidates should keep in mind that despite there being only 3 California essay questions, the book should still be a part of your bar-review arsenal. The book's techniques, if mastered, will help any candidate for any bar exam.

In my opinion, the advice contained in the new 2006 **Appendix A: How to Do Legal Analysis**, makes the book really priceless. There, the candidate is told exactly what legal analysis is, and examples are provided. Students are often confused about how to integrate the law and the facts in their essay answers. Studying Dr. Gallagher's Appendix and writing practice essays with it can make the bar candidate into a real pro. Although this appendix is only 7 pages long, it is enough by itself to make

Scoring High on Bar Exam Essays a must-read!

I hope that Dr. Gallagher will decide to publish "*Scoring High on California Bar Exam Essays*." In the meantime, run, don't walk, to your law bookstore for *Scoring High on Bar Exam Essays*. If your law bookstore does not have it, you can order it from BarWrite.com. You can also obtain the four-CD set, the *CD Companion to Scoring High on Bar Exam Essays*. And tell your legal bookstore that the distributor is Legal Books Distributing.



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