

## **Preparing for the Bar**

### **A Timeline Created by a Student**

- **First Year**
  - Learn the fundamentals of your first-year courses; the bar will later revisit this information.
  - Consider where you would like to practice after graduating law school and consider summer placements that will introduce you to that legal market.
  - If you know where you want to practice, such as Illinois or California, register within 100 days of the semester to secure a discounted application price.
  - When registering for 2L classes, consider enrolling in bar-tested courses such as Secure Transactions, Evidence, and Wills & Trusts.
  
- **Second Year**
  - Take Professional Responsibility and register to take the MPRE.
  - Understand and compile necessary documents for the Character & Fitness portion of the bar. Meet with Dean Crain if you have any concerns about fulfilling the requirements of your jurisdiction's Character & Fitness examination.
  - Ohio bar takers should apply to register for the bar by November 15th.
  - Speak to Bar Prep representatives to compare prices and packages.
  
- **Third Year**
  - Attend bar workshops conducted by Career Services and the Dean of Students.
  - If you are planning to take the bar in California, complete the Character & Fitness portion of the application by the end of January.
  - Visit NCBE or your state bar's website to identify deadlines for registering and applying for the bar examination in your state.
  - Enroll in a Bar Prep course.