



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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**REQUEST FOR ACCOMMODATION FOR TISHA B'AV FOR THE JULY 2009
CONNECTICUT BAR EXAMINATION**

The Connecticut Bar Examining Committee has agreed to modify the schedule for the July 2009 bar examination for applicants requiring such an accommodation due to the conflict with the Jewish holiday of Tisha B'Av.

Tisha B'Av is a holiday of mourning and falls on Thursday, July 30, 2009, the same day as the Connecticut essay portion of the bar exam. Tisha B'Av is a fast day for observant Jews and requires that they refrain from all food and drink. The Connecticut Bar Examining Committee has determined that those applicants requiring an accommodation for observance of Tisha B'Av will be permitted to take the Connecticut essay portion of the exam on Friday, July 31, 2009. There will be no adjustments to the schedule for the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) and all applicants will be required to take the MBE on Wednesday, July 29, 2009.

Applicants requesting an accommodation for Tisha B'Av must comply with the following requirements:

1. The applicant must review and sign the attached affidavit under penalty of perjury.
2. The attached affidavit must be accompanied by a written statement or letter on official stationery from the applicant's Rabbi confirming that his or her religious beliefs require his or her observance of Tisha B'Av and preclude him or her from taking the Connecticut State bar examination on Thursday, July 30, 2009.
3. The attached affidavit and the written statement or letter from the applicant's Rabbi must be received by the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee no later than June 1, 2009.

Following the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee's receipt of a Request for Accommodation for Tisha B'Av which meets the requirements set forth above, the request for accommodation will be granted.

Requests for Accommodation for Tisha B'Av and the required documentation shall be mailed to the address below and must be received no later than June 1, 2009:

Connecticut Bar Examining Committee
July 2009 Application Department
100 Washington Street
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