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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 20, 2017

TO: Members of the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar

FROM: Robert A. Chong, Chair
Erica Moeser, President 

RE: Report to the Council

This report is written on the eve of the July bar examinations, a time of year when our favorite adjective is “uneventful.” Our listserv traffic suggests that there may be compatibility issues between software upgrades and applications that permit examinees to complete the written portions of their examinations on their personal computers. We hope that the fixes we are reading about perform effectively.

There are now 28 jurisdictions that have adopted the Uniform Bar Examination. Of these, 27 are administering the UBE this July. Massachusetts will introduce the UBE in July 2018. I am attaching several charts that may be of interest. Several jurisdictions have the UBE under serious consideration. I expect that by year’s end we may reach or exceed 30 UBE jurisdictions.

NCBE is in the process of appointing a task force that will spend several years mapping out the future of bar examinations. We will of course be sharing what we learn once the task force has gotten deeply into this work. There are many factors that will be considered, not the least of which is the application of technology to testing. We will continue to revisit questions concerning appropriate and testable content.

This August Rebecca White Berch of Arizona, your former Section Chair, will become NCBE’s Chair for the next year, replacing Robert Chong of Hawaii. Rebecca brings with her considerable knowledge about bar admissions and lawyer regulation. We are excited to have her as our leader. As many of you know, I will be retiring after almost 23 years at NCBE. Our Board of Trustees has selected Judith Gunderson, our Director of Test Operations, to succeed me.

Thanks, as always, to the Section staff for its unfailing courtesy and cooperation throughout the year.

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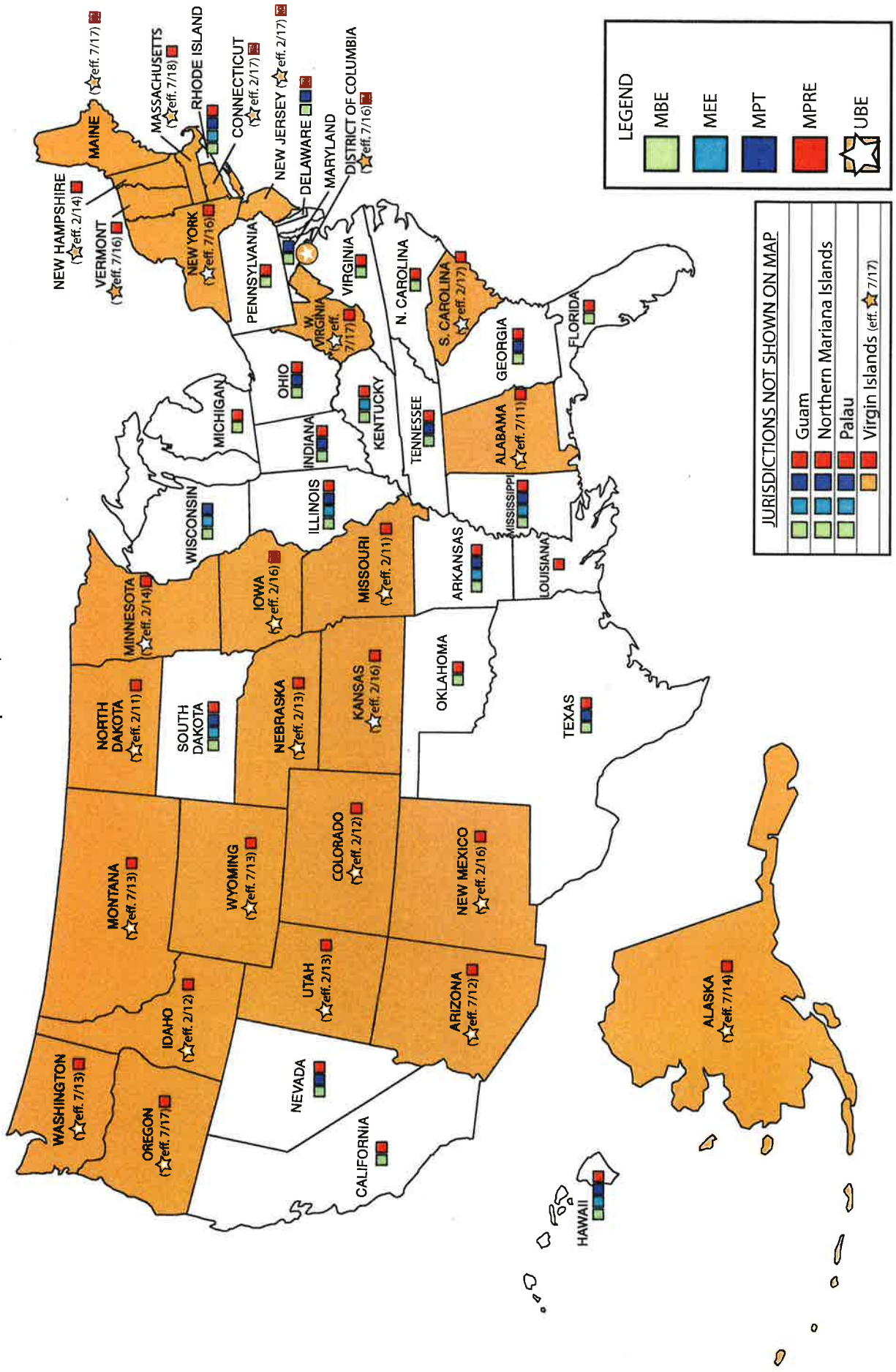
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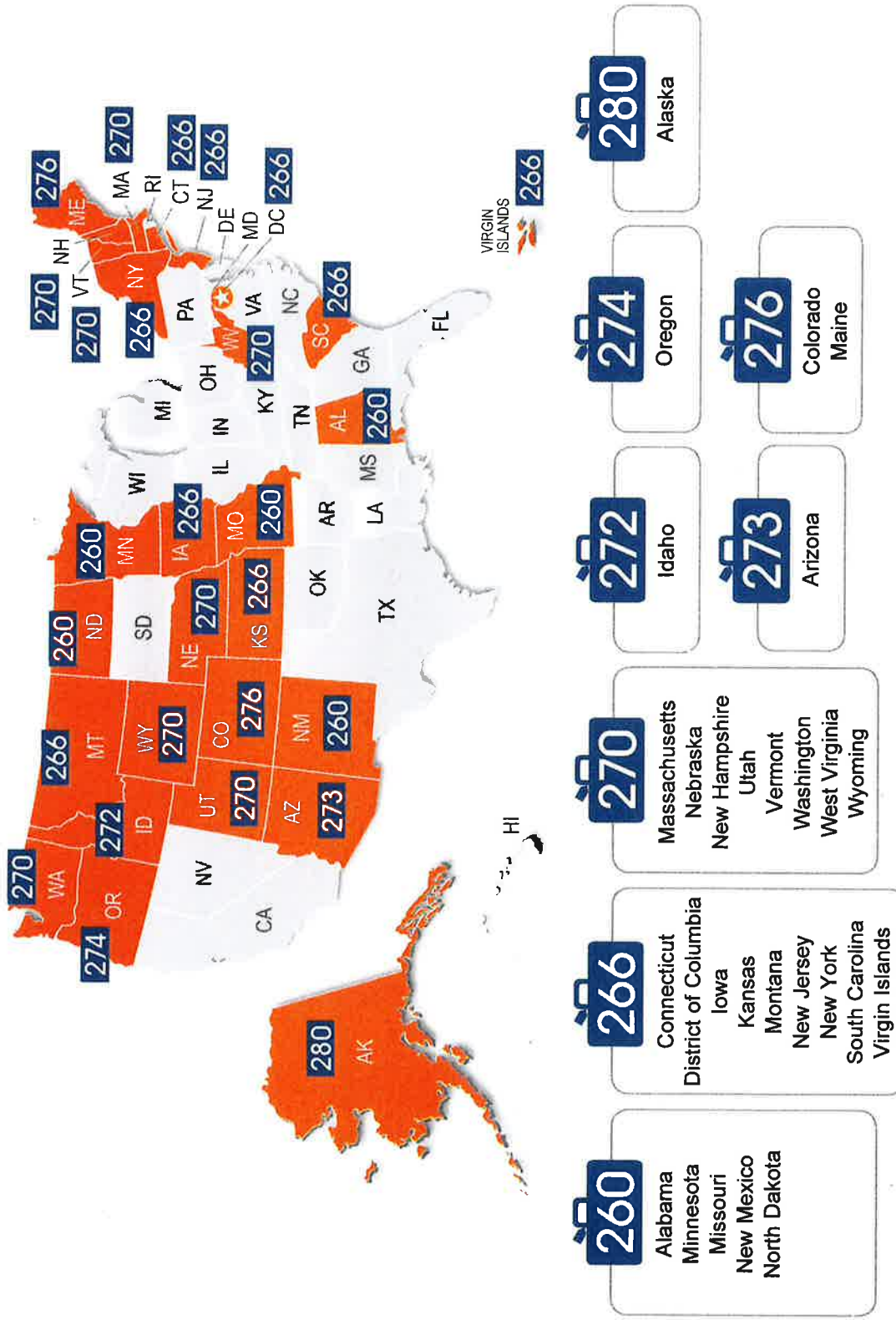
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Adoption of the Uniform Bar Examination with NCBE Tests Administered by Non-UBE Jurisdictions

April 17, 2017

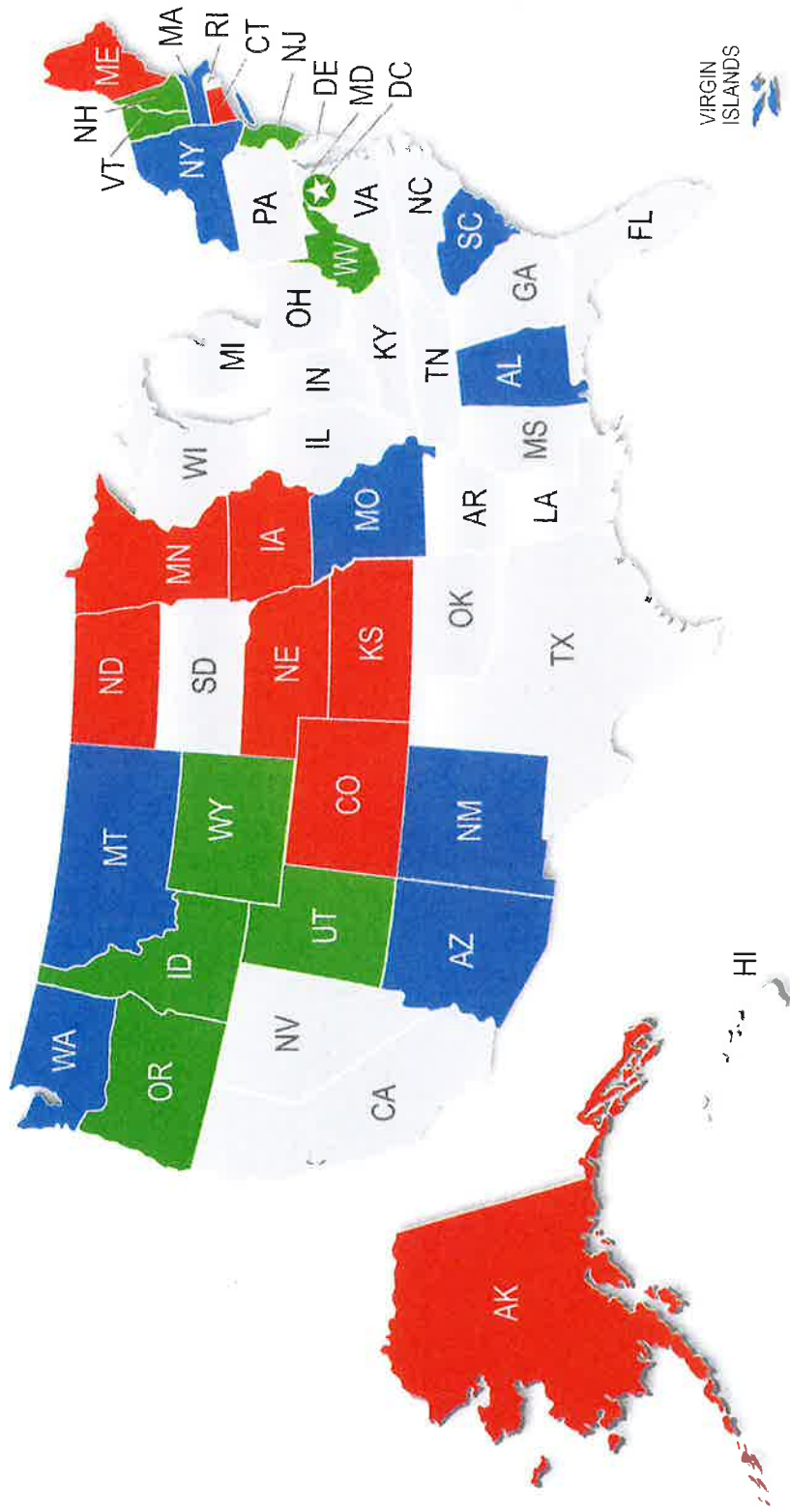


Minimum Passing UBE Score by Jurisdiction



A score that does not meet the minimum passing score in the testing jurisdiction may be portable to another jurisdiction if the score is at or above the level required in the receiving jurisdiction.

UBE Jurisdiction-Specific Law Component Requirement



No component:
 Alaska, Colorado,
 Connecticut, Iowa, Kansas,
 Maine, Minnesota, Nebraska,
 North Dakota

Pre-admission component:
 Alabama, Arizona, Massachusetts,
 Missouri, Montana, New Mexico, New York,
 South Carolina, Virgin Islands, Washington

Post-admission component:
 District of Columbia, Idaho, New Hampshire,
 New Jersey, Oregon, Utah, Vermont,
 West Virginia, Wyoming