In January 2018, the National Conference of Bar Examiners appointed a Testing Task Force charged with undertaking a three-year study to ensure that the bar examination continues to test the knowledge, skills, and abilities required for competent entry-level legal practice in the 21st century. The study is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2020. The Testing Task Force’s study will be:

**COMPREHENSIVE.** The study will identify core competencies for newly licensed lawyers and explore when and how those competencies should be assessed.

**FUTURE-FOCUSED.** The study will help ensure that the assessment of core legal competencies keeps pace with a rapidly evolving legal profession.

**COLLABORATIVE.** The Task Force will solicit input from state bar admitting authorities, legal educators, and legal professionals, recognizing a shared objective of ensuring the protection of the public and the readiness of new lawyers to join the profession.

**EMPIRICAL.** The study will be supported by research and review conducted by independent professionals with relevant technical expertise.

**TRANSPARENT.** The Task Force will welcome feedback and share updates on its website as the study progresses.

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