Important Note: See http://www.dccourts.gov/internet/apppellate/admincommittee/main.jsf for the most current information on admission to practice in Washington, D.C. The website contains details on dates, deadlines, fees, and the full application process, whether by examination or by motion.

A recent graduate seeking admission to practice in D.C. can either:

(1) apply for admission by examination, which means taking:
   (a) the D.C. bar exam, which is the Uniform Bar Examination (UBE) beginning in July 2016; and
   (b) the MPRE (Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination);

OR

(2) apply for admission by motion, which means taking:
   (a) any state bar exam that includes the MBE (i.e., not Louisiana);
   (b) the MPRE (required in all states other than Maryland and Wisconsin); and
   (c) being admitted to the relevant state bar.

Under option (2), the applicant may file for admission to the Washington, D.C. bar following admission to the relevant state bar, as long as the applicant earned scores of at least (a) 133 on the MBE in connection with the state exam, and (b) 75 on the MPRE. There is also a procedure for admission by transfer of UBE score.

NOTE: Under Option (1), the successful applicant would have a UBE score that he or she might be able to transfer (subject to jurisdiction-specific requirements) to another UBE jurisdiction in order to seek licensing in a UBE state (see http://www.ncbex.org/exams/ube/). Under Option (2), the successful applicant would obtain a license to practice both in a state and in the District of Columbia.

Students wishing to use option (1) above should consult the UBE course guide. Students using option (2) above should consult the course guide for their other state of interest or seek additional guidance from the relevant state bar examination website. The library maintains a list of those websites.