

Patent Career: Video Starter Course

Video 5

**Pass the Patent Bar on Your First Try Even
if You Have No Prior Law Background**

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PES Video 5: Pass the Patent Bar on Your First Try Even if You Have No Prior Law Background

[00:00:00] Welcome to the last video in the series. In this video, we'll talk about how you can pass the patent bar on your first try even if you have no prior law background.

According to U. S. Patent and Trademark Office statistics, about 2,000 individuals took the patent bar exam in the 2023 fiscal year.

Slightly less than half of them failed it. That's a lot of disappointment in just a single year.

Instead of having the typical 50/50 chance of failing the exam, keep watching or reading to discover methods that will help you pass the patent bar on your first try. Otherwise, you may find yourself wasting weekends and evenings reviewing patent law only to fail the exam in the end.

Imagine having to go home to family, friends, even colleagues, and try to explain how you failed the exam even though you spent months preparing for it. Passing the patent bar is crucial.

It's usually the only thing standing in the way of a qualified scientist, engineer, or designer like you from starting a new career in patent law. [00:01:00]

Without a passing score on this exam, there's no way for you to transition into your career as a patent practitioner. As I'm sure you already know, the patent bar tests over the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, or MPEP.

As mentioned before, the MPEP is thousands of pages in length. Part of the reason why the exam is so difficult is because questions can come from anywhere within the seemingly endless MPEP.

It contains over two dozen different chapters, thousands of official laws and rules, and is written in intense legalese. There is no glossary of terms, no summaries, and you will have no idea what is and isn't tested. Even worse, the patent bar also often tests over hundreds of pages worth of extra supplements.

And you do have access to all this the day of the test.

However, between the slimmed down search function and the rapid pace of the exam, you'll have to know exactly where the material is to benefit from the open book nature of the exam. [00:02:00] And these are only a few of the difficulties. You may be wondering by now, how are some test takers able to overcome these challenges while others end up failing?

I'll get to that in a minute.

But first, the founder of the Patent Education Series is Lisa Parmley. Her registration number is 51,006 and she passed the patent bar exam in 2001 as a research scientist with no legal experience. So the course was created by someone likely in the same or similar position you're in right now.

The biggest difference between the PES Patent Bar Review and other providers comes down to having a better way to learn and retain information. If you take advantage of this, then you will pass with less time and frustration.

You can't just passively read or watch videos and expect to pass the exam.

You can't just randomly review the MPEP while taking practice exam questions here and there and expect to be fully prepared. Although these approaches may make you feel like you're [00:03:00] on the right path, there's too much complex material to reliably pass with them.

Instead, you need to give yourself the best chance of success.

That includes studying with solid learning principles like active learning instead of passive learning and incremental learning.

These study strategies will help wire your brain to store, classify, and categorize hundreds of complex patent laws and facts for rapid recall. The easiest, fastest, and most reliable way to pass the patent bar is with an active, incremental methodology.

And let's break down why that is. First, active learning is a much faster way to learn and retain information than passively reading or listening to lectures.

Active learning allows students to engage with information. Active learning activities include text analysis, discussions, problem solving, and retrieval practice which we'll talk about in a minute. It's in this active learning pattern where the real breakthroughs in retention occur.

For [00:04:00] example, in a 2001 study conducted by Hallworth and Moulter, when instructors switched their physics classes from traditional instruction to active learning, student learning improved by 38%. In another study conducted by Richard Heick in 1998, data from over 6,000 physics students was reviewed for listening.

The results showed that for students in classes utilizing active learning, retention improved by 25%. As you can imagine, that's a considerable improvement.

As mentioned earlier, retrieval practice is a type of active learning strategy. Retrieval practice is the process of practicing what you know and recalling the information for your attention.

Retrieval practice has been found to be much more effective than re reading, taking notes, or listening to lectures.

In a study conducted in 2011, researchers found that retrieval practice allows people to formulate newer, more lasting connections between items, much more than simply restudying the material. [00:05:00] Interestingly, people typically use tests to assess how well they know a material, but what retrieval practice studies show is that you significantly increase retention by using testing as a part of your study routine.

The bottom line is that active learning, including the process of answering questions, is a far faster way to learn and retain the material than passively reading or watching videos. Therefore, by learning actively, you'll end up saving time. In fact, you can possibly cut out weeks or even months from your study time.

That's because you'll retain much more of what you learn from each study session. By adding active learning into your strategy, you ensure that you're not wasting your time with ineffective methods.

Instead, you will know that for every minute you study, you are making as much progress as possible toward passing the patent bar as quickly as possible.

Second, incremental learning is a process where you are exposed to small bits of information that increase in difficulty over time. It's the most effective way to learn complex [00:06:00] information for the long term.

When you have thousands of pages of complex information to sort through, you can't cram it all in during a week or two. There's simply too much.

You need to first build a foundation that broadens over time. For instance, if you've ever tried to learn a new language, you're not going to start by reading a book in that new language.

Instead, you're going to first learn individual words, then simple sentences, and finally, much later, a whole book. And it's really no different with Patent Law. You have to work up to the details.

Spaced repetition is another strategy involved in incremental learning. A 2016 research paper showed that for long term learning, it's best to space out your review. The researcher, Sean H. K. Kang, even went so far as to state that back to back repetitions are ineffective.

By combining spaced repetition with the idea of gradually increasing the difficulty of the material, first, you'll learn the [00:07:00] basics.

Later on, you'll revisit the topic, learning more details, and finally, you'll answer questions increasing up to the difficulty of actual exam questions. Instead of wasting time with

ineffective methods, each incremental study session is more likely to translate into long term learning of the material. As shown, you need to revisit material regularly and add to your breadth of knowledge.

As a result of studying this way, you will feel a lot more at ease since you know you are doing everything you can to remember the material for rapid recall the day of the exam.

Third, a methodology that combines both active and incremental learning will get you faster, more reliable results. You probably aren't going to try to build a structure or object without a blueprint. You already know that you need that blueprint first, and that just creating a blueprint alone will require lots of planning and measuring, drawing, and even redrawing.

Often the blueprint can take longer to create than actually building the object. And [00:08:00] it's the same with preparing for the patent bar exam. For example, there's a lot of material within the MPEP that's never tested. So ideally, you need to know what that material is so you don't waste your time on it. You really only want to learn and memorize material that's most likely to be tested.

And additionally, you get to access the MPEP the day of the exam.

Most people don't really take advantage of this, but if you work on learning the MPEP structure, you'll be in a great position to search topics on test day and to do so quickly and efficiently. Therefore, your study sessions need to incorporate this into it.

Without a blueprint or method, you won't know where to start or what to focus on. You also won't know how to organize the material so that you're gradually building up in complexity.

With a complete, streamlined method, you'll know what to do every step of the way, down to each day. You'll see progress and feel confident.

It would be very difficult, if [00:09:00] not impossible, for someone new to the patent bar to come up with a solid strategy or blueprint to pass this exam on their own. Even if they managed to do so, it would waste a lot of their time. As you can imagine, following a methodology will keep you moving forward through the course.

You'll gain momentum and never waste time wondering what to do next. Nothing's more frustrating than spending half your study session coming up with a plan for how to get through the material. But that won't be an issue if you follow a streamlined methodology. As you can see, the active, incremental methodology will help you pass this exam efficiently.

That's why we've put together the PES Patent Bar Review with an active, incremental methodology at its core. When you enroll in this course, you'll follow a proven methodology for passing the patent bar exam. In addition, the program always includes timely updates when the exam is updated. Here's just one of our success stories.

This one comes from Kat. [00:10:00] Thanks for your excellent prep course. It's absolutely the reason I was able to study effectively and pass the test. I like the online format. I found the material very effectively, replicated the feel of sitting the exam, and I appreciated that your replies to my emails were always prompt and helpful.

I give especially high praise to the video courses, and the PAT exam system was excellent practice compared to other courses I tested out. If you're interested in a quick push button solution, then this isn't it.

We're not here to teach you hacks for passing the Patent Bar Exam. Hacks or tricks won't give you a passing score on this exam, and we'd also really like you to actually learn patent law so that once you pass the exam, you'll be ready to work in the field.

Here's another success story. This one from Meenal.

I passed the Patent Bar Exam last week after five months of intensive studying using the Patent Education Series review materials. I had no previous practical [00:11:00] experience with or knowledge of intellectual property law or patent prosecution. PES's patent training workshop was a good starting point to get an overview of the MPEP before delving into the details.

The topic exams helped me fully understand the topics covered while allowing me to get accustomed to the format of the actual test questions. The Pat exam engine helped me develop the stamina and confidence to take the actual test. I found PES Patent Bar Review course to be a great value and would recommend it.

If you'd like to see more, we have an absolute ton of success stories on the site that you can take a look at.

The PES Patent Bar Review is a proven three step system for passing the patent bar exam. The three main steps include learning the fundamentals of patent law, then the details of the MPEP, and finally answering practice exam questions. And these three steps go along with incremental learning in that you're starting with the basics, and then moving to details, and finally trying your [00:12:00] hand at practice exam questions.

And then each step, so each of the three main steps, includes quizzes or exam questions to help you increase your retention of the material. That's part of how active learning is built into the program. And in fact, there are well over 2,500 questions in the course. They're positioned and broken up in a way that will provide you with active learning opportunities throughout your study sessions.

In addition, the material and the questions gradually increase in difficulty as you gain momentum through the course. You will wind up covering each main tested topic several times throughout the course, which will help you with long term retention.

A success story sent in from Preston, a Florida patent agent, outlines this well. I took the patent bar around August 8th and I passed. There's absolutely no way I could have passed that test without the materials you sent me in your course. They helped me tremendously. The course prepared me very well.

The lesson [00:13:00] plan and gradual increase in substance was great at helping me retain the material.

As a registered patent practitioner, Ms. Parmley created this course along with a small team vetted for their expertise. The program has been around since 2001. Since then, we've helped tens of thousands of people learn about patent law and begin their career in the field.

Part of what makes this company different is that we've spent the last 20 plus years developing effective e-learning courses with the latest technology. So you know you'll get the benefit of utilizing cutting edge online learning strategies to help you shortcut your study time.

Here's what Drew had to say about the course. I really appreciate all the support offered by PES and Lisa. I'm currently working in the field and I know my employer is also excited. It's like a baby taking their few first steps. Again, thank you for all the help.

No other course offers as many active learning opportunities than the PES Patent Bar Review.[00:14:00]

Again, PES offers more than 2,500 quiz and practice exam questions to help you use retrieval practice strategies for learning, instead of just as assessment tools. And you can take these over and over again, as many times as you'd like. Other courses don't offer incremental learning, or often even a gradual increase in difficulty of the material.

Without that gradual increase, you'll spend a lot of your time completely frustrated as you jump into the complex details of the MPEP or difficult practice exam questions right away. And this will cost you a lot of time and frustration. In addition, most other patent bar review courses don't follow even basic e-learning strategies.

As an example, inferior courses offer PDF files thrown together behind a login. In that case, you are not able to access videos, audio files, interaction online, or even see any progress tracking to let you know how you're doing and what you might have left of the course. Another [00:15:00] difference is that we've spent hundreds of hours summarizing MPEP sections and putting together outlines of the material.

In addition, the PES Patent Bar Review is updated when the exam material is updated. In fact, during an update, every aspect of the course is reviewed and updated if necessary. We often spend several hundred hours each update making sure everything is current. We've

looked into all the other solutions, and they're just nowhere near as effective on these and many other factors.

Here's a success story sent in by Graham, a registered patent agent. I passed after three months with your course. I had spent about three months using a different site, but didn't like how they presented the material. I failed using their material, so started over with you. I much preferred the environment and liked the larger number of quizzes and questions as it is how I learn most effectively.

AOT, reading, taking notes, etc. Thank you for all your help. [00:16:00] And you can definitely pass this exam, too. It is difficult and there's a lot to learn, but there's no reason to believe you can't pass it.

Many of our clients do so, and do so on their first try, with no prior legal experience, like Brett, another registered patent agent. Thank you for creating such great study materials for such a great price. I passed the exam on the first try. Your materials are perfect for someone who has no law background whatsoever.

Your outline breaks down the MPEP and commonly asked exam questions and answers in plain English. The other course I ordered simply regurgitated the dry MPEP, and it was a big waste of money. I will definitely recommend your study materials. Thanks again. Brett

Now let's take a look at the exact set of tools designed to help you pass the Patent Bar Exam.

The first component is the Patent Training Workshop. This is where you'll learn the basics of patent law from easy to understand video [00:17:00] modules, quizzes, and a glossary of over 250 terms.

It's like a full two day introductory seminar on patent law, complete with active learning quizzes built in. What we don't want is for you to bang your head against the wall trying to memorize laws and rules that don't mean anything to you. Experience far less frustration when you start with this workshop, which is designed to break down the basics.

With this, you'll experience confidence as you start off with the basics. It's proven to work faster and help alleviate frustration.

Dr. Michael Cordray had this to say about the course. This course was extremely helpful to prepare for the patent bar, and thanks to the PES study materials I passed on my first try.

The course does a good job of stepping you through the basics, and then testing you on each subject you've just studied to make sure you were learning the material. At the end, there is a large bank of simulated exam questions that felt very similar to the questions I saw on exam day.

[00:18:00] The next component is the Guidebook to Patent Law. Each chapter of the tested MPEP plus any current tested supplements are summarized with an outline of key points within the guidebooks. Thank you for joining us. The America Invents Act and all the new tested supplements are included. You'll save time by using this condensed version of the MPEP.

Review section summaries and key points instead of wading through the entire text of the MPEP. Be fully prepared to take the test much sooner and spend far less time studying. Know that every minute of your study time is being used as efficiently as possible. You'll experience success when you go from where you are today to your new career much faster.

Janice M., a registered patent attorney, sent in the following success story. On Friday, September 9th, I took and passed the patent bar. Your materials were an integral part of my success. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you for your wonderful outlines and emotional [00:19:00] support. Now to land that great job.

MPEP frequency charts are also included. The course includes chapter rankings, MPEP section frequency charts, and law and rule frequency charts. All these charts help you prioritize the material. The MPEP is like an endless sea of facts. Simply trying to read it will result in extreme frustration. These tools were created so you can see the most heavily tested material, based on client feedback, all at a glance.

You can relax knowing you won't give up as these frequency charts help you cut through the clutter. You'll only spend your time and energy memorizing the most important details of patent law if you follow these charts.

LM, another registered patent attorney who used our course to pass the exam, had this to say.

This course has everything needed to pass the exam and it was laid out in a logical and easy to follow progression. The breakdown of the frequent topics were relevant to what was [00:20:00] asked on the exam and the practice tests and quizzes were very helpful in passing the exam.

MPEP audio summaries are embedded within the guidebooks. If you're the type who'd rather listen than read, you'll love the audio summaries. Each section and even subsection of the tested portions of the MPEP are summarized in the course. In addition to reading these summaries, you can listen to them.

You can listen as you land on each page of the course or listen to an entire chapter summarized in one go. Plus, you can listen in on the go from your mobile device and study when you have a few moments here and there.

The workbook quizzes are the next component. The quizzes include fill in the blank, short answer, and true false questions and answers for each chapter and the tested supplements.

As you've seen by now, active learning is a far better study method than passively reading.

By answering quiz questions for each chapter, you are incorporating active learning. You can even go [00:21:00] through the workbook quizzes as you study. It's not just for assessing how well you understand the material, but is used as a tool to help you learn the material. Experience quicker recall the day of the exam when you take the workbook quizzes.

Imagine your excitement when you get a passing score on the exam in half the time of others due to more effective active study strategies.

The next tool are the 740 plus short and simple quiz questions included in the quiz decks. The quiz decks are like online flashcards. Each question is kept to one single, very specific topic, term, or MPEP section.

You'll learn the high frequency topics, which are those that are most likely to be tested. Repetition is a key to learning, so you can open them up and practice as often as you'd like.

And the final step in the course consists of using the Pat exam engine. The Pat exam engine includes topic exams with 550 plus questions organized into more than 45 different [00:22:00] topics. They're all ranked by importance with our five star scoring system. Practice mode gives you instant feedback along with tips on which MPEP chapter contains the answers.

Taking the practice questions by topic first will save you time and frustration. That's because you'll focus on one topic, limiting the scope of the MPEP for each practice test. The importance rankings allow you to prioritize the material. Use this tool to assess how well you do on each topic. The explanations will help you learn exactly how to answer difficult exam style questions.

Hone in on topics you're still having difficulty with.

The Pat Exam Engine simulated exam mode gives you 50 random questions from the question pool and 3 hours to answer them. In the simulated mode, you don't see the answers until the end. Gain confidence answering practice questions, which translate into more confidence during the actual exam.

CL, a registered patent agent, sent in [00:23:00] the following success story.

PES exams are actually more difficult than any practice exam published by the USPTO. I cursed them while I studied, but turned out to be instrumental in training me to know subject matter I needed and aiding me in my ability to know where in the MPEP subject matter could be found. The study section and advice regarding knowing chapters and what subject matter is in each was the most helpful section of all.

Topic exams helped immensely. The old USPTO exam content is just not enough anymore. I really needed the quizzes, exams, and advice from PES to succeed. I already have clients calling me. Thank you, Lisa and PES.

To help you track your progress, there's tracking all along the way. You can review the dashboard to prioritize the material you should have another go at. You'll gain motivation each time you log into the course because you'll be able to see how far you've come toward being fully prepared [00:24:00] for the exam.

When you see your progress go up, you'll feel like you're moving forward toward accomplishing your goal of becoming a patent practitioner. The following premiums are also included in the PES Patent Bar Review.

The MPEP Search Strategy Guide. This search strategy guide walks you through the details of searching the MPEP on test day.

The patent bar is difficult. You don't want to waste precious exam time looking up answers to questions the day of the patent bar. Instead, you want to take full advantage of having the MPEP at your fingertips. Use this guide to increase your confidence with MPEP search, potentially gaining dozens of extra points on exam day.

Then, there's the checklist. These are printable checklists with all the major active learning activities listed out so you can keep track of your progress offline. Keep a printout of your scores and progress on your desk as a visual reminder of your accomplishments so you know how far you've come and what you still [00:25:00] have left to do.

Help stop procrastination by posting the checklist where you'll see them every day.

Also, there are study planners. We have 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, and 12 month study planners included. The planners guide you through exactly what you need to do each and every day. These planners will help you plan out all your study sessions in advance.

Stay on track and never waste valuable time wondering what to do next. Instead, feel great knowing every day you're on track to meet your target test date. As you've already seen, we have many success stories from previous clients. Here are just a couple more.

This one was sent in by Mike B. I followed this course using the six month study plan. I didn't follow it exactly, but I got through all the material and took about four simulated exams. I'm happy to say that I passed on my first try. I was worried that this course might not be extensive as the other more [00:26:00] expensive options, but man, was I wrong.

This is everything you need. By taking many simulated exams, I was able to get myself to a point where I had at least an hour on each half of the exam to go over questions I was uncertain on.

This next success story was sent in by Booyan, who passed the exam on his first try with only one month of study.

Hello, Lisa. I don't know how many thank you's I should say to express my appreciation. Due to a time conflict, I eventually only had one month to prepare for the patent bar. Your books helped me a lot and assisted me to pass this exam in the first try.

You should feel secure in your enrollment in the PES Patent Bar Review, so we offer you 100 percent no risk guarantee. This is a 14 day, no questions asked money back guarantee, so you can review the tools and training for 14 days. You're either fully satisfied and convinced this is the right course for you, or you can contact us for a full refund [00:27:00] before the end of the 14 day period.

No questions asked. In addition, we also offer a pass or extension guarantee, and here's how this works. If you attempt the exam within 12 months from enrolling and do not pass, send us the failure notice from the USPTO within 30 days of your exam attempt and we'll extend your online access another 6 months for free.

All you need to do to claim this is to send in your USPTO failure notice within 30 days from taking the exam. There is no restriction on the number of times you can take advantage of this pass or extension guarantee. As long as you're attempting the patent bar exam within your 12 month enrollment period, you can gain access until you pass.

Once you enroll in the full online course, you will gain access to the core components, which include the patent training workshop, online guidebooks to patent law, MPEP frequency charts, MPEP audio summaries, the interactive online workbook quizzes, the quiz [00:28:00] decks, and the interactive online pad exam engine.

And there's also the Study Planners, Checklists, MPEP Search Strategy Guide, and Progress Tracking. You gain access to everything included in the PES Patent Bar Review for 12 months. Again, this is more than enough time for most everyone to pass, even those with other commitments, and you can rest assured that the course is completely updated as the Patent Bar Exam is updated.

Once enrolled, if you find you don't have time to take the exam before the 12 month period ends, you can take advantage of a 12 month extension for 50 percent off the regular price. This renewal fee covers the cost for our time updating the course and storage of your progress through the course. And as mentioned earlier, if you take the exam within your 12 month enrollment period and you fail it, we'll grant you another 6 months for free.

However, 12 months is more than enough for most of our clients to prepare for and pass the exam. In addition, we also offer a printed [00:29:00] version of the course if offline. With this option, you'll gain access to the full online version, plus the printed manuals. This hard copy offer is perfect for those who prefer to study from print materials.

As you can see, a lot of time, energy, and thought has gone into this course. You can make your life easier by investing in a program with the right tools to help you achieve your goal faster. If you're not happy with your current position and are ready for something new, like a new career in patent law, then the price of this course is insignificant.

Typically, to start a new career, you need to enroll in a college degree program. According to the College Board, average and state tuition costs for a four year degree program run about \$11,000 a year, totaling about \$44,000. The cost for a four year private school averages over \$39,000 a year for a total of \$156,000.

Often, you can't work while you're enrolled in a college [00:30:00] program, so the true costs are not just the cost of tuition, but lost wages as well. So your total costs for an additional college degree can easily run between \$80,000 to over \$200,000, depending on where you attend and whether or not you can work while attending.

Contrast that with the low enrollment fee for this course, which is under \$1,000, plus USPTO and testing fees of about \$500, and this decision becomes easy to make. In addition, most people only need between 3 and 12 months to prepare for the patent bar, in contrast with the years it takes to gain another college degree.

More and more, scientists, engineers, and designers are learning about the opportunities in patent law each day. They're taking and passing the patent bar exam daily. These qualified professionals may be vying for your ideal job, so don't miss out. Take action by enrolling today. Click on the button below this video to choose your patent bar review option.[00:31:00]

Get started on the path to this exciting career.