



**LEGAL SPECIALIST EXAMINATION  
CODE BOOK BULLETIN**

Applicants taking the Legal Specialist Examination in one of the following four specialty areas may bring an optional, **unmarked** copy of an annotated or unannotated code book into the examination as described below.

1. Bankruptcy Law: *Bankruptcy Code and Rules*.
2. Estate Planning, Trust & Probate Law: *California Probate Code*.
3. Immigration & Nationality Law: *Immigration & Nationality Act*.
4. Taxation: *Internal Revenue Code*.

You may only write your name and contact information on the inside cover of the book, but publications must otherwise be completely free from markings, writing, highlighting, page turnings, underlining, or tabs of any kind. Publications must be commercial volumes bound by the publisher. Homemade or printed copies, electronic copies, e-books, practice guides, textbooks, or hornbooks are not allowed into the examination room. Do not bring regulations, such as the California Code of Regulations or the Code of Federal Regulations.

If you plan to bring a code book, please log in no later than the latest exam session start time to present and flip through the book in front of the web camera prior to starting each exam session. You must verify your ID, present your book, and be ready to begin by 8:30 a.m. for exam session one, for example.

You will be able to use the book during both the essay and multiple-choice sessions of the examination.

If you choose not to bring a book, or your book is determined not to meet the requirements, you will still be able to take the Legal Specialist Examination.

Examples of reference texts that meet the requirements, so long as the books are unmarked as described above, are listed in the chart on the back page.

### Unannotated Code Books Allowed in the Legal Specialist Examination Testing Room

Specialty	Code Book(s)	Publisher(s)
Bankruptcy Law	United States Bankruptcy Code and Rules Booklet	LegalPub.com
	The Portable Bankruptcy Code and Rules	American Bar Association (ABA)
	The Collier Pamphlet Edition	LexisNexis
Estate Planning, Trust & Probate Law	California Probate Code	Deerings
		West (Thomson Reuters)
		Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB)
Immigration & Nationality Law	Immigration & Nationality Act Pamphlet	Matthew Bender
	Immigration & Nationality Act	American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)
Taxation Law	Internal Revenue Code (Two Volumes)	CCH Books and Publications
		RIA (Thomson Reuters)

### Annotated Code Books Allowed in the Legal Specialist Examination Testing Room

Specialty	Code Book(s)	Publisher(s)
Bankruptcy Law	Bankruptcy Code, Rules and Forms	Thomson Reuters
Estate Planning, Trust & Probate Law	California Probate Code Annotated	McGovern (Thomson Reuters)
	California Probate Code Annotated to CEB Publications	Continuing Education of The Bar (CEB)
Immigration & Nationality Law	Bender's Immigration & Nationality Act Pamphlet	LexisNexis
	Immigration & Nationality Act	American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)
Taxation Law	Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and Treasury Regulations: Annotated and Selected, 32 <sup>nd</sup> Edition	South-Western Federal Taxation

Note that allowed books are not limited to the examples above. All books must be professionally printed and bound by the publisher. If you have questions about books, you may e-mail the Legal Specialization unit at [legalspec@calbar.ca.gov](mailto:legalspec@calbar.ca.gov).