

## Helping my Nephew Pass his New York Bar Exams \*



**Multiple Choice Question:** What is a “Side Bar”?

- a. A candy bar you carry in a side pocket in case you had no breakfast before court appearance.
- b. A type of billy club the courtroom guard uses in case the defendant freaks out.
- c. A bar usually located next to the courthouse so you can get soused if you lose a case.
- d. None of the above.

**What do these Latin expressions mean?**

- Mens rea***                      The Judge’s exclusive men’s room. Don’t go in there!
- Pro bono***                        A prostitute who ‘knew’ Sonny Bono when he was mayor of Palm Springs.
- Ultra vires***                     A computer virus has wiped out your deposition. You’re screwed!
- Nolo contendere ipso loquitur***  
I’m unable to contest this warrant on accountah don’t read so good.
- Amicus curiae***                You better behave yourself: I’m a friend of the bishop.
- Habeas Corpus***                I have a corpulent ass.
- Corpus Delicti***                If I caress your body, would you hold it against me?
- Ex Parte***                         My ex is holding a party, no holds barred.
- Sub Poena***                       My penis is the size of a submarine.
- Non Compos Mentis***        You lied when you said you were composting your files.
- Stare decisis et non quieta movere***  
Stop staring at the juror’s legs or we’ll throw you out of the courtroom.

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