

# Financing The Bar

## **State Bar of California Exam Schedule of Fees -**

<http://rules.calbar.ca.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=3ySPHlP9Zhs%3d&tabid=1234>

## **Federal Loan – Access all Federal Aid before applying for Commercial Bar Loan**

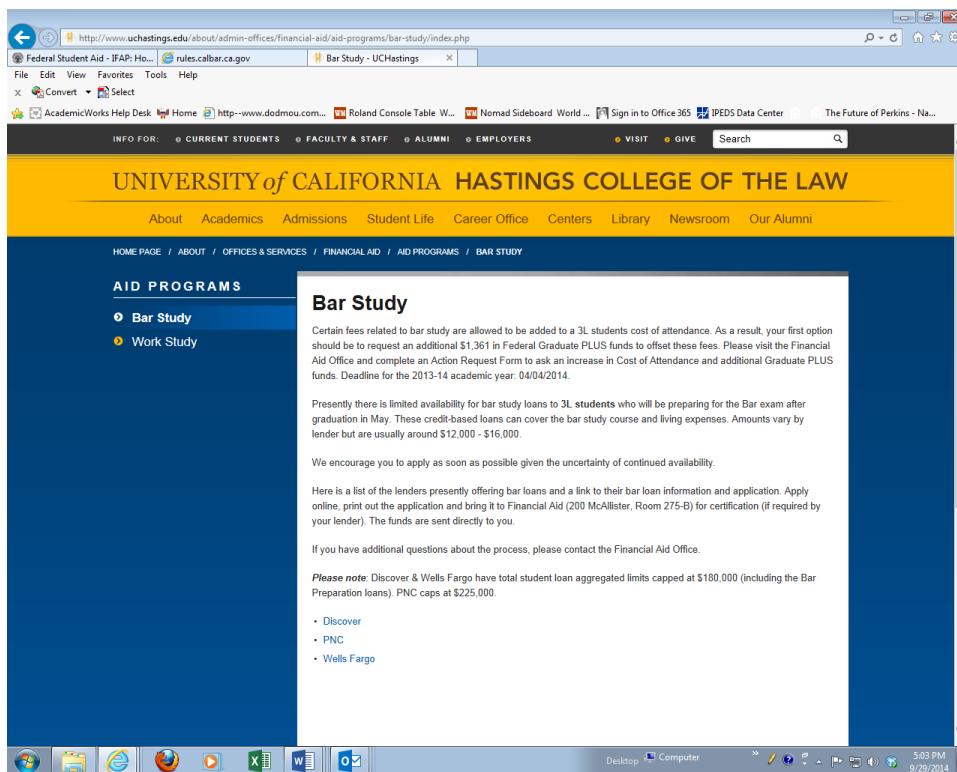
\$1,361 can be added to a 3L's aid package to cover fees related to taking the bar exam.

## **Many Bar Prep Course Companies offer partial fee waivers to financial needy students - Ask**

## **Commercial Bar Loan -**

Currently there are three lenders offering private loans for the cost of the bar study course and living expenses. This web page is kept current with the names of participating lenders and links to their web sites. Maximum Bar Loan is \$15,000. Note: Discover & Wells Fargo have total student loan aggregated limits capped at \$180,000 (including the Bar Preparation loans). PNC caps at \$225,000.

<http://www.uchastings.edu/about/admin-offices/financial-aid/aid-programs/bar-study/index.php>



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the University of California Hastings College of the Law website. The page is titled "Bar Study" and is part of the "AID PROGRAMS" section. The content includes information about bar study fees, availability of loans, and a list of lenders: Discover, PNC, and Wells Fargo. A "Please note" section mentions that Discover & Wells Fargo have total student loan aggregated limits capped at \$180,000, and PNC caps at \$225,000. The page also includes a search bar and navigation links for current students, faculty, alumni, and employers.

**When to apply** – anytime during 3L year

**Considerations** – timing of disbursements as it relates to credit check and interest accrual

**Loan Payment Deferral** – Automatic 6 months post-enrollment deferment on Graduate PLUS Loan

**National Student Loan Data Service (NSLDS)** – [www.nsls.ed.gov](http://www.nsls.ed.gov)

**UCH CA Bar Prep Loan** – last resort loan, small pool of money, partial cost of bar course

## **Financial Aid Counseling –**

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