

*APPROACHING THE  
PROPERTY EXAMS  
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*The following points should serve as guidance for approaching your answer to an exam administered in my Property I & Property II courses. As stated, I do not follow a strict IRAC format (although all of those component parts should be included in your answer) and instead expect a true essay styled answer. I will explain each of these bullet points in a class session, and I suggest you study them before taking any practice exams and certainly revisit them before entering the room for the final:*

- ❖ **Suspend Conclusion**
  
- ❖ **Read the Question**
  
- ❖ **Identify Your Role**
  
- ❖ **Be Adaptive in Your Role**
  
- ❖ **Understand What is Asked and What is Not**
  
- ❖ **Intake Lawyer Approach**
  
- ❖ **Line-by-Line Analysis – Many points are available that are NOT in the pinpoints**
  
- ❖ **Anticipate Opposition Arguments**
  
- ❖ **On the Record Review: Show Your Work;  
If You Didn't Write It, You Didn't Think It**

- ❖ **Ask the Why Question of Your Own Sentences**
- ❖ **Demonstrate Relevancy. Discernment is Key**
- ❖ **Do Not Outline Dump**
- ❖ **Do Not Simply Restate Facts – Apply Them**
- ❖ **Consider the Facts a Closed Set**
- ❖ **Consider the Law a Closed Set, Somewhat**
- ❖ **Compile and Organize the Inputs from the Question and the Learned Material**
- ❖ **Position the Problem and Your Place in It**
- ❖ **Assess the Facts**
- ❖ **Assess the Applicable Law**
- ❖ **Apply the Law to the Facts and the Facts to the Law**
- ❖ **Argue Both Sides; Use Alternative Analysis**
- ❖ **Then Be the Judge: Reach a Reasoned Conclusion at the End and Not Before**
- ❖ **The “What is Next?” Question**