

Welcome to the Extra Mile podcast for Bar exam takers. There are no traffic jams along the Extra Mile when you are studying for your Bar exam, and now, your host Jackson Mumey. Owner of the Celebration Bar Review.

Jackson Mumey: Hey everyone, welcome to episode 60 of the Extra Mile podcast, this is Jackson. Episode 60, that's kind of a mile stone for us, pretty excited about so many people coming alongside and subscribing and listening and commenting about these podcast episodes. I appreciate all of you who are doing that, and if this is your first time with us, we are glad to have you here.

Today's message is another milestone message because if you are getting ready to take the February 2016 exam, and you are listening to this pretty close to our recording date, then we are only about 30 days away from the Bar exam. 30 days is definitely when you kind of lock in and start to really get focused and the studies really get intense for a lot of people, there is a lot going on. In today's message I am going to take maybe an odd analogy, but I am going to compare your study at 30 days to the very famous movie, the Pixar movie, Wall-E. I am going to ask you basically what kind of a robot you are. Whether you are Wall-E or Eve, and we will dig into that a little bit later, and I think you will find it actually is got probably more application and value than you might expect on first thought.

In any event, this is a big time of study, so we know that there is a lot going on and a lot that's happening for many of you. I just want to call your attention, if you are not taking the February Bar exam, and you are looking a little bit further down the road, we have a couple of things that we want to make you aware of, as ways that we can assist you with your studies. The first of these is a free 90 minute master class, that we are holding on Thursday at 3:00pm Eastern, 12:00 Noon Pacific time. The master class is titled, How to Make the Next Bar Exam Your Last Bar Exam. Be looking at the 4 steps that passing Bar takers go through in order to achieve their results, their good results. This is a course that we've been teaching, we have had now well over 1000 people go through it, with great success and terrific feedback and results. We really encourage and invite you to join us on Thursday for this master class.

As I said, it's free, however you do need to register to get your seat. You can do that in one of two ways. You can go to our website at CelebrationBarReview.com and on the front page there, you will see a button to click to claim your free seat. Easy way to do that, or if you prefer to use text messaging, just text the phrase, "Next Bar Exam" to 33444. That's the phrase, "Next Bar Exam" and text that to the number 33444, and we will get you registered that way and then we will see you on Thursday for the master class. I think you will find it really useful, if you have not been through it.

I also want to invite you to join us on our private Facebook group, also called The Extra Mile. As I mentioned to you in a recent episode, we have modified the Extra Mile Facebook group to make it a paid subscription, because there is so much value that's now attached to being a member of the group. As part of

your membership, you'll receive the opportunity to access our Bar U courses, which are online lecture and outlines for the multi-state exam and for 7 distinct state exams, plus the UBE, which is another 14 or 15 exams. Normally Bar U would cost you about \$100 a month by itself, the Facebook private group gives you access to Bar U, in addition to being able to work with current and past successful Bar takers in a really supportive community. It also gives you access to our writing workshop, which is a \$100 course all by itself, and you will have first and free access to 3 new webinars that I am going to be doing over the next few months in conjunction with our partners at Learning Strategies. We will be saying more about that in upcoming episodes.

In any event, this private Facebook group, the subscription is \$77 a month. For that you are getting a couple hundred dollars worth of value each month, and then really priceless value in terms of questions and answers, discussions, and really just engaging with successful Bar takers, who have come back to offer their advise and inspiration and thoughts about the process. I occasionally show up, but to do some Q&A as well, so pretty cool thing. We have gotten again, a really good responses, we have about 350 members in the group. We invite you, if you are interested, to check that out. You can find the information on our Show Notes, and if you are on iTunes, you will see those Shoe Notes. You are also welcome to go to our website at CelebrationBarReview.com, just click on the link at the top of the page for podcasts, you will find the show notes for this episode, but you will also find all of the previous 59 episodes right there, along with their show notes as well.

I invite you to check that out, it's a pretty great deal, with this Facebook group. I think you'll find it a great way to get started if you are kind of trying to figure out how do you want to get underway, and not go full blast into Bar study, but kind of dip your toes in the water. This is a great way to do it, so check that out.

I know that a lot of you who are February Bar takers are like, "Okay, let's get to the good stuff, I want to know, what's going on." Without any further words from me, let's just jump into today's message, and explore with 30 days to the Bar exam, what kind of robot are you.

Hi, and welcome to Celebration Bar Review, we are in the count down to your upcoming Bar exam, and if my hair looks a little frazzled and my eyes look a little bigger, it's because we are 30 days away. 30 days is a pretty seminal point in the process. Those who are really going for the exam now are here, those who have decided to waive off for the most part have done so. If you are watching and listening, getting ready for your upcoming test, you have got a lot to do, so I don't want to spend too much of your time today. I do want to give you kind of a point or a sense of what's capable and what you are capable of.

This is a time when people tend to start looking for quick, easy solutions. Sometimes they are out there, sometimes the easiest solution is to do the most straight forward steps. Combine or reading a lecture, don't do quite so many

questions, but focus on quality and not quantity, work on your weaknesses. Those are all things that I think are common sense and if you follow those, if you are in our course, we are going to tell you those things anyway. If you are out there studying on your own, just use your common sense, it's going to help you a great deal.

Some of you think that the way you are going to pass the Bar exam in the next 30 days, is that you are going to stuff an incredible amount of material into your brain, and then you are going to spit it all back out on test day. In that vain, I wanted to get a sense of that, so I went to watch the movie Wall-E. For those of you who may not be familiar, if you are somewhere out on the planet and you have not heard of this movie, it's an animated movie about a robot set way in the future. A rather ugly robot, cute but ugly, that accumulates garbage and waste and stuffs it inside his ... I am going to say him, I assume he is a he. He stuffs it into his little compactor, his trash compactor, and he spits it back out. That kind of reminded me of Bar takers, you know, take a lot of garbage and chew it all up and try and make it into something that look presentable and then spit it out. The problem is, I am not sure I really would want to hold the stuff he's spitting out in my hands, and I am not sure that the Bar examiners feel a whole lot more excited about looking at the spit up that some people put on the paper.

There is another character in that movie Wall-E, called Eve, and I won't even attempt to say Eve the way any of them say it. Eve is sleek and smooth, also has a tendency to blow things up if provoked. I am guessing might be a woman. In any event, Eve focuses a little differently. Eve looks through all of the rubbish and the stuff, looking for 1 specific thing. When she finds that specific thing, she sends a laser beam target right to it, to grab it and perform the mission.

It seems to me, that while the movie is called Wall-E, and it really is a love story between the ugly robot and the pretty robot, and I don't know what kind of robot children they'll have, The reality is much like what I see Bar takers do. I have got Wall-E Bar takers, they are the ones that try to gobble everything up, they want to study everything, they want to do everything. They want to accomplish and grab everything. Then having once gained it, they try to compact it and put it into these little box, like Wall-E, they have to go and put it on this conveyor belt that keeps all of their treasures, rubic cubes and the like.

The problem is, it's rather difficult to access all of that stuff, and if your wiring goes bad or the electricity goes down, or something just short circuits you, as happens in the movie, you have some difficulty getting at the information that you need. I think that's in part what happens to a lot of Bar takers. They try to put so much material in their brain at the end, and then something short circuits it and they can't get it all back out. In other words, there is just too much there, it's been packaged too tightly, it's all wound up and it's all, just kind of spit out back to the examiners. That's true in virtually every exam that I teach. I meet these kinds of students, and my heart goes out to them. They are working hard,

they are studying hard, but they have very little chance of success with that strategy.

I'd rather see a Bar taker that's a little bit more like the robot Eve. Why do I think you should be more like Eve, the robot. Well, you see, I really like the idea that this robot searches through a lot of junk, a lot of garbage, looking for just one thing. When Eve finds what she's looking for, she has a mission, a task, and she's focused on that task. She doesn't get distracted by other things, she just blows them up. Which kind of appeals to me, but beyond that is that she isn't distracted by the overall sense of what's going on around her. She knows that she's looking, in this case, for vegetation.

As a Bar taker, what that means is that your vegetation is the dispute, the conflict in an essay question. It's the principal of law that enables or guides a multiple choice question. It's the approach of particular case or statute in a performance test. Those are the skills that you are looking for, they are the things that you are trying to create and add to your writing and your work. Wall-E isn't very discriminating, Wall-E just goes out, grabs everything, compacts it, and then takes it back and puts it in his little kit to keep and if it's interesting. If it is an interesting little bobble. For instance, he thinks a hub cap is a really exciting thing. Hub caps can be exciting, but in general not so much.

That's the problem. When you are trying to gather everything, it's hard to be discerning, you just end up putting it all in. Sometimes you pull out a hub cap when what you really needed was a principal of law, or a particular rational, or a way to work through a resolution of a conflict of a dispute in question. My point really is that you can take the metaphor of these two robots and the way that they function, and really apply them to the way you are studying right now. If you have got a discriminating eye, you are looking for the material you don't know. The things that you need to work on, the weak areas. That's where you put your emphasis and your focus, and when you find it, you work solidly and persistently towards that goal.

You can take the approach of gather everything, simply operate and act as though you are literally a dumb machine, and you just keep gathering and gathering. Now the interesting metamorphosis in the movie is that Wall-E turns out to have a greater, higher purpose. He discovers his purpose, and he stops being a hunter gatherer, if you will, he starts really working to help Eve with what she's working on. I think that as we see that character, and I know it's an animated movie, get over it, but it's really good. As that character gets more focused, he gets more interesting. He gets more helpful, he gets more focused and he gets more productive. That's really what has to happen in your studies in the last 30 days.

You have to get more focused, you have to get more productive. You can't just go around gathering everything that comes across, every stray twinkle or light or something that catches your eye, isn't going to be helpful here. Pay attention

to the work. Work on the things you don't know, work specifically and productively. Narrow down the list of things that you have to work on every day. Don't make it bigger, don't try to gather everything. Just keep working in a focused, structured manner.

That's our message for this week. I will try and get back to you a little more frequently than once a week now as we get closer to the exam. If I see any other good movies, I'll let you know. In the meantime, I know you are not probably doing much movie watching, but it's a great movie, you ought to check it out if you get the opportunity. Keep studying, keep working, keep your focus. Keep your eye on the prize.

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