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In pursuing our mission of Protecting the Public, the NBOME takes seriously its responsibility for ensuring the security and integrity of the examinations it administers. It has come to the NBOME's attention that representatives of the test preparation industry have attempted to solicit and employ COM students who have previously taken COMLEX-USA examination(s), to write questions and provide guidance for their operations.

**We therefore must reiterate a very important and legally binding condition that all candidates agree to when signing the COMLEX-USA Bulletin of Information prior to taking an examination:**

Candidates agree they "...will not contribute to or participate in any manner whatsoever, directly or indirectly, in any commercial test preparation service or enterprise for a period of eighteen (18) months following the date any NBOME examination was administered to the candidate."

Concerns about violation of this agreement have recently led to restrictions imposed upon a candidate and a test prep company. The NBOME is committed to vigorously addressing any future potential violations.