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First-Time Bar Passage

Calendar year of graduation	in the calendar year	who took the bar exam	Graduates who took bar exam after graduation	who have not	with	First time takers from prior grad years	Total first- time takers	Total who passed the bar	Law school bar passage rate*	ABA weighted average bar pass rate**	Difference in bar pass rate***	Graduates admitted via alternative pathways to licensure	Total First- Time Bar Passage Rate: first time takers and alternative pathways to licensure
2023	335	0	318	14	3	5	323	285	88.24%	74.43%	13.81%	0	88.24%
2022	358	-	-	14	2	4	346	323	93.35%	74.41%	18.94%	0	93.35%
2021	328	-	-	8	5	22	337	320	94.95%	78.14%	16.81%	0	94.96%

*For 2022 and 2021, the ABA did not collect information about "graduates who took the bar exam before graduation" and "graduates who took the bar exam after graduation" as it does currently, so those data fields are not included in this report.

**Law School pass rate is how the Law School's graduates performed across all jurisdictions where they took the bar examination for the first time.

***The ABA weighted average bar pass rate is the average pass rate for graduates from ABA-accredited law schools for each jurisdiction in which the Law School's graduates sat for the bar exam. This number is weighted so that bar pass rates from jurisdictions where more of the Law School's graduates sat for the bar exam have a greater impact on the ABA weighted average bar pass rate than bar pass rates from jurisdictions where fewer of the Law School's graduates sat for the bar exam.

****The difference between the Law School pass rate and the ABA weighted average bar pass rate compares the performance of the Law School's graduates on the bar exam in all jurisdictions where they took the bar exam for the first time with the performance of graduates from all ABA-accredited law schools on the bar exam in those same jurisdictions.

Details 2023:

Jurisdiction	Takers	Passers	Pass %	State Pass % for ABA approved law schools	Difference
CALIFORNIA	241	206	85.48%	72.33%	13.15%
NEW YORK	36	33	91.67%	82.96%	8.71%
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	14	14	100.00%	83.41%	16.59%
14 REMAINING JURISDICTIONS	32	32	100.00%	75.31%	24.69%

Details 2022:

Jurisdiction	Takers	Passers	Pass %	State Pass % for ABA approved law schools	Difference
CALIFORNIA	231	213	92.21%	72.15%	20.06%
NEW YORK	55	54	98.18%	82.69%	15.49%
MARYLAND	11	10	90.91%	75.95%	14.96%
18 REMAINING JURISDICTIONS	49	46	93.88%	74.15%	19.73%

Details 2021:

Jurisdiction	Takers	Passers	Pass %	State Pass % for ABA approved law schools	Difference
NEW YORK	35	33	94.29%	86.19%	8.10%
CALIFORNIA	254	241	94.88%	76.99%	17.89%
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	11	11	100.00%	80.57%	19.43%
14 REMAINING JURISDICTIONS	37	35	94.59%	76.14%	18.45%

Two-Year Ultimate Bar Passage

Calendar year of graduation	Total graduates in calendar year	# of grads with no info				Graduates who have been admitted via an alternative pathway to licensure	Ultimate Bar Passage Rate Total % (incl. alternative pathways)	
				#	#	%		
				of takers	who passed	who passed		
2021	328	2	4	322	319	99.07%	0	99.07%
2020	329	0	14	313	311	99.36%	9	99.38%
2019	330	6	6	323	322	99.69%	1	99.69%