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Legal Education and

Admissions to the Bar

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	Grads with no bar info	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	175	0	163	9	3	8	171	157	91.81%	76.67%	15.14%	0	91.81%
2022	186	-	-	7	4	3	178	144	80.9%	73.66%	7.24%	0	80.90%
2021	172	-	-	8	0	23	187	165	88.24%	74.74%	13.50%	0	88.24%

^{*}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.

Details 2023:

Jurisdiction	Takers	Passers	Pass %	State Pass % for ABA approved law schools	Difference
NEW JERSEY	10	10	100.00%	68.91%	31.09%
NEW YORK	27	26	96.30%	86.19%	10.11%
PENNSYLVANIA	105	95	90.48%	75.00%	15.48%
17 REMAINING JURISDICTIONS	29	26	89.66%	77.64%	12.02%

Details 2022:

Jurisdiction	Takers	Passers	Pass %	State Pass % for ABA approved law schools	Difference
DELAWARE	16	14	87.50%	64.09%	23.41%
NEW YORK	20	18	90.00%	82.69%	7.31%
PENNSYLVANIA	107	87	81.31%	73.43%	7.88%
16 REMAINING JURISDICTIONS	35	25	71.43%	75.33%	-3.90%

Details 2021:

Jurisdiction	Takers	Passers	Pass %	State Pass % for ABA approved law schools	Difference
PENNSYLVANIA	94	85	90.43%	75.00%	15.43%
NEW JERSEY	34	30	88.24%	68.91%	19.33%
8 REMAINING JURISDICTIONS	23	18	78.26%	78.35%	-0.09%
DELAWARE	22	19	86.36%	71.23%	15.13%
NEW YORK	14	13	92.86%	86.19%	6.67%

Two-Year Ultimate Bar Passage

Calendar year of graduation	Total graduates in calendar year	# of grads with no info	# who did not take a bar	Graduates who sat for a bar exam within two years of their date of graduation			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	172	0	5	167	161	96.41%	0	96.41%
2020	171	7	3	161	150	93.17%	0	93.17%

^{**}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.

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