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First-Time Bar Passage

Calendar year of graduation	in the calendar year	who took the bar exam	who took bar exam after graduation	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	228	0	218	10	0	5	223	205	91.93%	79.99%	11.94%	0	91.93%
2022	226	-	-	15	1	12	222	205	92.34%	76.98%	15.36%	0	92.34%
2021	246	-	-	21	0	14	239	219	91.63%	79.26%	12.37%	0	91.63%

^{*}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.

Details 2023:

Jurisdiction	Takers	Passers	Pass %	State Pass % for ABA approved law schools	Difference
CALIFORNIA	17	13	76.47%	72.33%	4.14%
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	16	14	87.50%	83.41%	4.09%
ILLINOIS	39	36	92.31%	78.28%	14.03%
MISSOURI	55	53	96.36%	84.37%	11.99%
NEW YORK	32	31	96.88%	82.96%	13.92%
TEXAS	15	13	86.67%	79.17%	7.50%
22 REMAINING JURISDICTIONS	49	45	91.84%	75.17%	16.67%

Details 2022:

Jurisdiction	Takers	Passers	Pass %	State Pass % for ABA approved law schools	Difference
CALIFORNIA	18	13	72.22%	72.15%	0.07%
ILLINOIS	32	32	100.00%	75.01%	24.99%
NEW YORK	36	33	91.67%	82.69%	8.98%
TEXAS	17	14	82.35%	75.31%	7.04%
MISSOURI	67	66	98.51%	79.16%	19.35%
48 REMAINING JURISDICTIONS	52	47	90.38%	72.90%	17.48%

Details 2021:

Jurisdiction	Takers	Passers	Pass %	State Pass % for ABA approved law schools	Difference	
46 REMAINING JURISDICTIONS	64	61	95.31%	74.11%	21.20%	
MISSOURI	52	48	92.31%	82.22%	10.09%	
NEW YORK	37	34	91.89%	86.19%	5.70%	
ILLINOIS	29	29	100.00%	76.97%	23.03%	
TEXAS	23	21	91.30%	77.53%	13.77%	
CALIFORNIA	21	15	71.43%	76.99%	-5.56%	

^{**}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.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	13	11	84.62%	80.57%	4.05%	
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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	246	0	11	235	222	94.47%	0	94.47%
2020	237	1	15	221	217	98.19%	3	98.21%
2019	230	2	6	222	216	97.30%	0	97.30%