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Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar

First-Time Bar Passage

Calendar year of graduation	Graduates in the calendar year	Graduates who took the bar exam before graduation*	Graduates who took bar exam after graduation*	Grads who have not taken the bar	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***	in bar pass	Graduates admitted via alternative pathways to licensure	Total First- Time Bar Passage Rate: first time takers and alternative pathways to licensure
2023	200	0	192	8	0	6	198	192	96.97%	77.81%	19.16%	0	96.97%
2022	179	-	-	5	5	7	176	162	92.05%	76.88%	15.17%	0	92.05%
2021	191	-	-	8	1	24	206	196	95.15%	78.02%	17.13%	0	95.15%

^{*}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	11	9	81.82%	72.33%	9.49%
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	17	17	100.00%	83.41%	16.59%
ILLINOIS	12	12	100.00%	78.28%	21.72%
NEW YORK	45	45	100.00%	82.96%	17.04%
TENNESSEE	35	32	91.43%	73.76%	17.67%
TEXAS	26	26	100.00%	79.17%	20.83%
21 REMAINING JURISDICTIONS	52	51	98.08%	73.50%	24.58%

Details 2022:

Jurisdiction	Takers	Passers	Pass %	State Pass % for ABA approved law schools	Difference
CALIFORNIA	12	11	91.67%	72.15%	19.52%
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	11	11	100.00%	79.62%	20.38%
GEORGIA	13	13	100.00%	78.38%	21.62%
NEW YORK	43	38	88.37%	82.69%	5.68%
TENNESSEE	28	24	85.71%	71.83%	13.88%
TEXAS	17	17	100.00%	75.31%	24.69%
18 REMAINING JURISDICTIONS	52	48	92.31%	76.26%	16.05%

Details 2021:

Jurisdiction	Takers	Passers	Pass %	State Pass % for ABA approved law schools	Difference
NEW YORK	42	41	97.62%	86.19%	11.43%
TENNESSEE	40	37	92.50%	71.12%	21.38%
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	25	24	96.00%	80.57%	15.43%
TEXAS	24	24	100.00%	77.53%	22.47%

^{**}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.

GEORGIA	15	15	100.00%	78.23%	21.77%
CALIFORNIA	10	9	90.00%	76.99%	13.01%
18 REMAINING JURISDICTIONS	50	46	92.00%	75.57%	16.43%

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	191	0	2	189	187	98.94%	0	98.94%
2020	182	4	0	178	172	96.63%	0	96.63%
2019	209	2	3	204	198	97.06%	0	97.06%