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The New York State Board of Law Examiners announced today that grading has been completed for the July 2011 bar examination. The Board examined 11,182 candidates during the two days of testing conducted on July 26-27, 2011.

Graduates of law schools accredited by the American Bar Association who took the bar examination for the first time achieved a passing rate of 86.1%, an increase of 0.5% from the passing rate achieved by the same group last year. The graduates of New York law schools outperformed their counterparts who attended out-of-state ABA-approved law schools. The passing rate for graduates of New York law schools who took the New York bar examination in July for the first time was 86.3%.

The passing rate for all candidates, including U. S. domestic-educated candidates and foreign-educated candidates, and first-time and repeat takers, was 69.2%.

The number of foreign-educated candidates sitting for the New York bar examination was 2,838, which accounts for 25% of all candidates who took the July examination. The passing rate for all foreign-educated candidates was 35.4%. Passing rates for various groups of candidates are shown on the chart below.

| New York Bar Examination Pass Rates | July 2011 |
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| ABA Graduates First-Time Takers | 86.1% |
| New York ABA Law Schools First-Time Takers | 86.3% |
| Out-of-State ABA Law Schools First-Time Takers | 85.8% |
| Foreign-Educated First-Time Takers | 46.2% |
| All First-Time Takers | 78.5% |
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| All ABA Law School Graduates | 80.8% |
| All New York ABA Law School Graduates | 81.0% |
| All Out-of-State ABA Law School Graduates | 80.6% |
| All Foreign-Educated Candidates | 35.4% |
| All Candidates | 69.2% |

Candidates received electronic notification of their examination results on Wednesday, November 2, 2011. A complete list of candidates passing the July 2011 bar examination will be available to the public on the Board's website at www.nybarexam.org on November 3, 2011. Successful candidates are certified for admission to the Appellate Division and must appear before the Committee on Character and Fitness, whose members are appointed by the appropriate Appellate Division, to be examined as to their character and fitness before being admitted to the bar. Candidates are not certified for admission until the Board receives proof that they have successfully completed the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination.

The Board congratulates the candidates who were successful on the July 2011 bar examination.