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The New York State Board of Law Examiners announced today that grading has been completed for the February 2013 bar examination. Graduates of New York law schools taking the exam for the first time passed at the rate of 73%, which represents an increase of 11% from the results for this same group on the February 2012 exam. The graduates of all law schools accredited by the American Bar Association who took the bar examination for the first time achieved a passing rate of 75%, an increase of 6% over the results for this same group on the February 2012 exam

The Board examined 4,152 candidates during the two days of testing conducted on February 26 and 27, 2013, which is believed to be the largest number of candidates ever examined for a February administration of the New York bar examination. The passing rate for all candidates, including U. S. domestic-educated candidates and foreign-educated candidates, first time and repeat takers, was 50%. This represents a 6% increase in the overall passing rate from February 2012.

The number of foreign-educated candidates sitting for the New York bar examination was 1,620, which accounts for 39% of all candidates that took the February examination. The passing rate for all foreign-educated candidates was 30%. Passing rates for various groups of candidates are presented on the chart below.

New York Bar Examination Pass Rates	February 2013
New York ABA Schools - First Time Takers	73%
Out-of-State ABA Schools - First Time Takers	76%
All ABA Graduates - First Time Takers	75%
Foreign-Educated - First Time Takers	36%
All Foreign-Educated	30%
All First Time Takers	64%
All Candidates (First Time Takers & Repeaters)	50%

Candidates received electronic notification of their examination results on Thursday, May 2, 2013. A complete list of candidates passing the May 2013 bar examination will be available to the public on the Board's website at www.nybarexam.org on Friday, May 3, 2013. Successful candidates are certified for admission to the Appellate Division and must appear before the Committee on Character and Fitness 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 as required by the Rules of the New York State Court of Appeals for the Admission of Attorneys and Counselors at Law.

The Board congratulates the candidates who were successful on the February 2013 bar examination.