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The New York State Board of Law Examiners announced today that grading has been completed for the July 2014 bar examination. The Board examined 11,195 candidates during the two days of testing conducted on July 29-30, 2014. Candidates received electronic notification of their examination results on Tuesday, October 28, 2014, which is the earliest the July examination results have been released in recent memory.

The graduates of New York law schools outperformed their counterparts from out-of-state ABA-approved law schools. The passing rate for graduates of New York law schools who took the bar examination in July 2014 for the first time was 83%. The passing rate for graduates of out-of-state law schools who took the exam for the first time in July 2014 was 82%. 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 83%.

The passing rate for all candidates, including U. S. domestic-educated candidates and foreign-educated candidates, first time and repeat takers, was 65%. The number of foreign-educated candidates sitting for the New York bar examination was a record 3,052, which

accounts for 27% of all candidates who took the July examination. The passing rate for all foreign-educated candidates was 34%. Passing rates for various groups of candidates are presented on the chart below.

New York Bar Examination Pass Rates	July 2014
New York ABA Schools - First Time Takers	83%
Out-of-State ABA Schools - First Time Takers	82%
All ABA Graduates - First Time Takers	83%
Foreign-Educated - First Time Takers	44%
All Foreign-Educated	34%
All First Time Takers	74%
All Candidates	65%

A complete list of candidates passing the July 2014 bar examination will be available to the public on the Board's website at www.nybarexam.org on Wednesday, October 29, 2014. 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 July 2014 bar examination.