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The New York State Board of Law Examiners announced today that grading has been completed for the July 2015 bar examination. The Board examined 10,671 candidates during the two days of testing conducted on July 28-29, 2015, which is the lowest number of candidates to sit for a July bar examination since 2006. Candidates received electronic notification of their examination results on Tuesday, October 27, 2015.

The number of graduates from American Bar Association accredited law schools who took the bar examination for the first time in July 2015 was 6,535, which is the lowest number since the July 2004 examination. The passing rate for graduates of ABA accredited law schools, both for New York law schools and out of state law schools, who took the bar examination in July 2015 for the first time was 79%.

The passing rate for all candidates, including U. S. domestic-educated candidates and foreign-educated candidates, first time and repeat takers, was 61%. The number of foreign-educated candidates sitting for the New York bar examination was a record 3,154, which accounts for 29% of all candidates who took the July examination. The passing rate for all foreign-educated candidates was 33%. Passing rates for various groups of candidates are presented on the chart below.

New York Bar Examination Pass Rates	July 2015
New York ABA Schools - First Time Takers	79%
Out-of-State ABA Schools - First Time Takers	79%
All ABA Graduates - First Time Takers	79%
Foreign-Educated - First Time Takers	42%
All First Time Takers	70%
All ABA Graduates (first time takers & repeaters)	73%
All Foreign-Educated (first time takers & repeaters)	33%
All Candidates (first time takers & repeaters)	61%

A complete list of candidates passing the July 2015 bar examination will be available to the public on the Board's website at www.nybarexam.org on Wednesday, October 28, 2015. 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 2015 bar examination.