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The New York State Board of Law Examiners announced today that grading has been completed for the July 2017 New York State Bar Examination. Candidates received electronic notification of their examination results today.

The passing rate for graduates of American Bar Association accredited law schools who took the bar examination for the first time in July 2017 is 86%, an increase of 3% from the July 2016 examination, and the highest passing rate for this group since the July 2013 examination. The passing rate for graduates of New York law schools who took the bar examination in July 2017 for the first time is 86%, which is an increase of 3% from last year. The number of graduates from ABA-accredited law schools who took the bar examination for the first time in July 2017 is 5,740, which is 488 fewer than last year.

The Board examined a total of 9,932 candidates, including U. S. domestic-educated candidates and foreign-educated candidates, first time and repeat takers, during the two days of testing conducted on July 25-26, 2017. This is 365 fewer candidates than last year, and the lowest number of candidates examined in a July administration since 2004 when the Board examined 9,555 candidates. Of the 9,932 examined in July, 6,802 passed for an overall pass rate of 68%, which is 4% higher than last year's overall pass rate of 64%. There were 3,156 foreign-educated candidates who sat for the bar examination in July, accounting for 32% of all

candidates who sat for the July examination. The passing rate for all foreign-educated candidates is 48%, an increase of 11% from last year. Passing rates for various groups of candidates are presented on the chart below.

New York Bar Examination Pass Rates	July 2017
New York ABA Schools - First-Time Takers	86%
Out-of-State ABA Schools – First-Time Takers	87%
All ABA Graduates – First-Time Takers	86%
Foreign-Educated – First-Time Takers	57%
All First Time-Takers	78%
All ABA Graduates (first-time takers & repeaters)	78%
All Foreign-Educated (first-time takers & repeaters)	48%
All Candidates (first-time takers & repeaters)	68%

A list of candidates passing the July 2017 bar examination will be available to the public on the Board's website at www.nybarexam.org after 5:00 pm on Tuesday, October 24, 2017. 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 the candidates have successfully completed the New York Law Course and have taken and passed the New York Law Exam and 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 2017 bar examination.