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The New York State Board of Law Examiners announced today that grading has been completed for the February 2010 bar examination. Graduates of American Bar Association approved law schools taking the examination for the first time passed at the rate of 80.5%, which represents an increase of 7.2% over the results for this group on the February 2009 examination.

The Board examined 4,031 candidates during the two days of testing conducted on February 23 and 24, 2010, which is believed to be the largest number ever recorded for a February administration of the examination. The passing rate for all candidates, including U.S. domestic-educated and foreign-educated candidates, both first-time and repeat takers, was 50%. This represents a 8.3% increase in the overall passing rate from the February 2009 examination.

Candidates are being given electronic notification of their examination results on Tuesday, April 27, 2010. A complete list of candidates passing the February 2010 bar examination will be made available to the public on the Board's website, at www.nybarexam.org, on Wednesday, April 28, 2010. Successful candidates are certified for admission to the Appellate Division and must appear before the Committee on Character and Fitness 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 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 2010 bar examination.