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PRESS RELEASE

The New York State Board of Law Examiners announced today that grading has been completed for the July 2026 New York State Bar Examination. Examinees received electronic notification of their examination results today.

The passing rate for the 3,377 graduates of the New York law schools who took the bar examination in July 2026 for the first time was 83%, which was a decrease of 4% from the July 2025 examination. The passing rate for the 2,564 graduates of out-of-state ABA-approved law schools who took the bar examination in July 2026 for the first time was 86%, which is a decrease of 5% from last year.

The passing rate for the 5,941 graduates of all ABA-approved law schools, including graduates of New York law schools, who took the bar examination for the first time in July 2026 was 84%, a decrease of 5% for this cohort from last year.

The Board examined a total of 9,936 examinees including U. S. domestic-educated and foreign-educated examinees, first-time and repeat takers, during the July 2026 bar examination. Of those examinees, 6,688 passed for an overall passing rate of 67%, a decrease of 3% from the overall passing rate on the July 2025 examination. The passing rate for the 3,435 foreign-educated examinees who took the exam was 44%, a decrease of 2% from last year. The foreign-educated examinees accounted for 35% of all exam takers. The passing rate for the 1,624 repeat takers who took the July 2026 bar examination was 25%, a decrease of 7% from last year. Repeat takers

accounted for 16% of all examinees who took the July 2026 examination.

Passing rates for various groups of examinees are presented on the chart below.

New York Bar Examination Pass Rates	July 2026
All ABA Graduates – First-Time Takers	84%
New York ABA Schools – First-Time Takers	83%
Out-of-State ABA Schools – First-Time Takers	86%
Foreign-Educated – First-Time Takers	54%
All First Time-Takers	76%
All ABA Graduates (first-time takers & repeaters)	79%
All Foreign-Educated (first-time takers & repeaters)	44%
All Examinees (first-time takers & repeaters)	67%
All Repeaters	25%

A list of the examinees passing the July 2026 bar examination will be available to the public on the Board's website at www.nybarexam.org after 9:00 AM ET on October 26, 2026. Each successful examinee, who also has completed the New York Law Course and taken and passed both the New York Law Exam and the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination as required by the Rules of the New York State Court of Appeals, will be certified by the Board to the Appellate Division for admission to the bar. Each examinee must then appear before the Committee on Character and Fitness to be examined as to their character and fitness before being admitted to the bar.

The Board congratulates the examinees who were successful on the July 2026 bar examination.