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The New York State Board of Law Examiners announced today that grading has been completed for the July 2010 bar examination. The Board examined a record 11,557 candidates during the two days of testing conducted on July 27-28, 2010.

The graduates of American Bar Association approved law schools taking the bar examination for the first time achieved a passing rate of 86%. The passing rate for all candidates, including U. S. domestic-educated candidates and foreign-educated candidates, first time and repeat takers, was 70%.

The number of foreign-educated candidates sitting for the New York bar examination was 2,951 which accounts for 25.5% of all candidates that took the July 2010 examination. The passing rate for all foreign educated candidates who took the examination was 37%.

Passing rates for various groups of candidates are demonstrated on the chart below.

New York Bar Examination Pass Rates	July 2010
All Candidates	70%
First Time Takers	78%
ABA Graduates	81%
ABA Graduates - First Time Takers	86%
New York ABA Law Schools	81%
New York ABA Law Schools - First Time Takers	86%
Out of State ABA Law Schools	81%
Out of State ABA Law Schools - First Time Takers	86%
Foreign Educated	37%
Foreign Educated - First Time Takers	47%

Candidates were given electronic notification of their examination results on Friday, November 5, 2010. A complete list of candidates passing the July 2010 bar examination was made available to the public on the Board's website, at www.nybarexam.org, on November 6, 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 July 2010 bar examination.