

New York State Board of Law Examiners

Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick, Chair
Bryan R. Williams
Michael Colodner
Victoria A. Graffeo
Carol C. Villegas

CORPORATE PLAZA-BUILDING 3
254 WASHINGTON AVENUE EXTENSION
ALBANY, N.Y. 12203-5195
518-453-5990
FAX 518-452-5729
<https://www.nybarexam.org>

John J. McAlary
Executive Director

Jessica McClung
Deputy Executive Director

For Release: October 23, 2025
Contact Information: John McAlary
(518) 453-5990

PRESS RELEASE

The New York State Board of Law Examiners announced today that grading has been completed for the July 2025 New York State Bar Examination. The examination results were posted today to candidate accounts in the Applicant Services Portal.

The Board examined 9,931 candidates, including U.S. domestic-educated candidates and foreign-educated candidates, first-time and repeat takers, during the July 2025 bar examination. Of those candidates, 6,976 passed for an overall passing rate of 70%, an increase of 1% from last year.

The passing rate for the 5,746 Juris Doctor graduates of American Bar Association accredited law schools who took the bar examination for the first time in July 2025 is 89%, an increase of 1% from last year and the highest passing rate for this cohort on a July exam since 2009. The passing rate for the 3,204 Juris Doctor graduates of the New York law schools who took the examination for the first time is 87%, the same passing rate for this group as last year. The passing rate for the 2,542 Juris Doctor graduates of out-of-state ABA-accredited law schools who took the examination for the first time is 91%, an increase of 1% from last year.

The passing rate for the 1,716 repeat takers of the bar examination in July 2025 is 32%, an increase of 5% from last year. Foreign-educated candidates, totaling 3,587 or 36% of all candidates, had a passing rate of 46%, an increase of 1% from last year.

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

New York State Bar Examination Passing Rates	July 2025
All JD ABA Graduates – First-Time Takers	89%
New York ABA Schools - First-Time Takers	87%
Out-of-State ABA Schools – First-Time Takers	91%
Foreign-Educated – First-Time Takers	54%
All First-Time Takers	78%
All Repeaters	32%
All ABA Graduates (first-time takers & repeaters)	84%
All Foreign-Educated (first-time takers & repeaters)	46%
All Candidates (first-time takers & repeaters)	70%

A list of candidates who passed the July 2025 bar examination will be available to the public on the Board's website at www.nybarexam.org after 10:00 AM ET on Friday, October 24, 2025. Each successful candidate, 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 candidate 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 candidates who were successful on the July 2025 bar examination.