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## **PRESS RELEASE** **For release on October 30, 2013**

The New York State Board of Law Examiners announced today that grading has been completed for the July 2013 bar examination. The Board examined 11,694 candidates during the two days of testing conducted on July 30-31, 2013.

The graduates of New York law schools outperformed their counterparts from out-of-state ABA-approved law schools. The passing rate for graduates of New York law schools who took the bar examination in July 2013 for the first time was 88%, which represents an increase of 3% from the results for this same group on the July 2012 exam. The passing rate for graduates of out-of-state law schools who took the exam for the first time in July 2013 was 84%, an increase of 2% from the results for this same group on the July 2012 exam. The graduates of all law schools accredited by the American Bar Association who took the bar examination for the first time achieved a passing rate of 86%, an increase of 3% from the results for this same group on the July 2012 exam.

The passing rate for all candidates, including U. S. domestic-educated candidates and foreign-educated candidates, first time and repeat takers, was 69%, an increase of 1% from the

results for this same group on the July 2012 exam. The passing rate for all foreign-educated candidates was 37%. Passing rates for various groups of candidates are presented on the chart below.

<b>New York Bar Examination Pass Rates</b>	<b>July 2013</b>
New York ABA Schools - First Time Takers	88%
Out-of-State ABA Schools - First Time Takers	84%
All ABA Graduates - First Time Takers	86%
Foreign-Educated - First Time Takers	46%
All Foreign-Educated	37%
All First Time Takers	78%
All Candidates	69%

Candidates received electronic notification of their examination results on Wednesday, October 30, 2013. A complete list of candidates passing the July 2013 bar examination will be available to the public on the Board's website at [www.nybarexam.org](http://www.nybarexam.org) after 12:00 pm on Thursday, October 31, 2013. 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 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 2013 bar examination.