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The New York State Board of Law Examiners announced today that grading has been completed for the July 2016 bar examination, which was the first administration of the Uniform Bar Examination in New York. The New York Court of Appeals announced the adoption of the Uniform Bar Examination on May 5, 2015, effective with the July 2016 administration of the New York bar examination. Candidates received electronic notification of their examination results on Friday, October 28, 2016.

The passing rate for graduates of American Bar Association accredited law schools who took the bar examination for the first time in July 2016 was 83%, an increase of 4% from the July 2015 examination. The passing rate for graduates of New York law schools who took the bar examination in July 2016 for the first time was 82%, which is an increase of 4% from last year. The number of graduates from ABA-accredited law schools who took the bar examination for the first time in July 2016 was 6,228, which was 305 fewer than last year and the lowest total for this group since 2004.

The Board examined a total of 10,297 candidates, including U. S. domestic-educated candidates and foreign-educated candidates, first time and repeat takers, during the two days of testing conducted on July 26-27, 2016. This was 374 fewer candidates than last year, and the lowest number of candidates examined since 2006. Of the 10,297 examined in July, 6,577

passed for an overall pass rate of 64%, which is 3% higher than last year's overall pass rate of 61%. There were 3,005 foreign-educated candidates who sat for the bar examination in July, which accounts for 29% of all candidates who sat for the July examination. The passing rate for all foreign-educated candidates was 37%, an increase of 4% from last year. Passing rates for various groups of candidates are presented on the chart below.

New York Bar Examination Pass Rates	July 2016
New York ABA Schools - First Time Takers	82%
Out-of-State ABA Schools - First Time Takers	83%
All ABA Graduates - First Time Takers	83%
Foreign-Educated - First Time Takers	45%
All First Time Takers	73%
All ABA Graduates (first time takers & repeaters)	75%
All Foreign-Educated (first time takers & repeaters)	37%
All Candidates (first time takers & repeaters)	64%

A list of candidates passing the July 2016 bar examination will be available to the public on the Board's website at www.nybarexam.org after 12:00 pm on Friday, October 28, 2016. 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 the candidates have successfully completed the New York Law Course and have taken and passed the New York Law Exam and 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 2016 bar examination.