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The New York State Board of Law Examiners announced today that grading has been completed for the July 2019 New York State Bar Examination. Candidates received electronic notification of their examination results today.

The passing rate for graduates of American Bar Association accredited law schools who took the bar examination for the first time in July 2019 is 86%, an increase of 3% from the July 2018 examination. The passing rate for graduates of New York law schools who took the bar examination in July 2019 for the first time is 85%, which is an increase of 4% from last year.

The Board examined a total of 10,071 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 30-31, 2019, an increase of 392 candidates from last year. Of those candidates, 6,536 passed for an overall passing rate of 65%, which is 2% higher than last year's overall passing rate of 63%.

The passing rate for all foreign-educated candidates who sat for the July 2019 examination is 43%. The number of foreign-educated candidates who sat for the bar examination in July was a record 3,559, or 35% of all candidates who sat for the July examination.

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

New York Bar Examination Passing Rates	July 2019
New York ABA Schools - First-Time Takers	85%
Out-of-State ABA Schools – First-Time Takers	87%
All ABA Graduates – First-Time Takers	86%
Foreign-Educated – First-Time Takers	53%
All First-Time Takers	76%
All ABA Graduates (first-time takers & repeaters)	77%
All Foreign-Educated (first-time takers & repeaters)	43%
All Candidates (first-time takers & repeaters)	65%

A list of candidates passing the July 2019 bar examination will be available to the public on the Board's website at www.nybarexam.org after 9:00 am Eastern on Thursday, October 24, 2019. 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 his or her character and fitness before being admitted to the bar.

The Board congratulates the candidates who were successful on the July 2019 bar examination.