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The New York State Board of Law Examiners announced today that grading has been completed for the February 2012 bar examination. The Board examined 4,011 candidates during the two days of testing conducted on February 27-28, 2012. Graduates of law schools accredited by the American Bar Association who took the bar examination for the first time achieved a passing rate of 69%.

The number of foreign-educated candidates sitting for the New York bar examination was 1,677, which accounts for 42% of all candidates that took the February examination. The passing rate for all foreign-educated candidates was 31%, resulting in the passing rate for all candidates, including U. S. domestic-educated candidates and foreign-educated candidates, first time and repeat takers, being 44%.

Candidates received electronic notification of their examination results on Wednesday, May 2, 2012. A complete list of candidates passing the February 2012 bar examination will be available to the public on the Board's website at www.nybarexam.org on May 3, 2012.

Successful candidates are certified for admission to the Appellate Division and must appear

before the Committee on Character and Fitness, whose members are 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 February 2012 bar examination.