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The New York State Board of Law Examiners announced today that grading has been completed for the July 2012 bar examination. The Board examined a record 11,734 candidates during the two days of testing conducted on July 24-25, 2012.

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 for the first time was 85% while the passing rate for graduates of out-of-state law schools who took the exam for the first time in July was 82%. 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 83%.

The passing rate for all candidates, including U. S. domestic-educated candidates and foreign-educated candidates, first time and repeat takers, was 68%. The number of foreign-educated candidates sitting for the New York bar examination was a record 2,998, which accounts for 25% of all candidates who took the July examination. The passing rate for all foreign-educated candidates was 36%. Passing rates for various groups of candidates are presented on the chart below.

New York Bar Examination Pass Rates	July 2012
New York ABA Schools - First Time Takers	85%
Out-of-State ABA Schools - First Time Takers	82%
All ABA Graduates - First Time Takers	83%
Foreign-Educated - First Time Takers	46%
All Foreign-Educated	36%
All First Time Takers	76%
All Candidates	68%

Candidates received electronic notification of their examination results on Friday, November 2, 2012. A complete list of candidates passing the July 2012 bar examination will be available to the public on the Board's website at www.nybarexam.org on Monday, November 5, 2012. 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 2012 bar examination.