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Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar

First-Time Bar Passage

Calendar year of graduation	Graduates in the calendar year	Graduates who took the bar exam before graduation*	Graduates who took bar exam after graduation*	Grads who have not taken the bar	Grads with no bar info	First time takers from prior grad years	Total first- time takers	Total who passed the bar	Law school bar passage rate**	ABA weighted average bar pass rate***	Difference in bar pass rate****	admitted via alternative pathways to	Total First- Time Bar Passage Rate: first time takers and alternative pathways to licensure
2023	226	0	85	59	82	0	85	45	52.94%	72.02%	-19.08%	0	52.94%
2022	206	-	-	9	90	0	107	62	57.94%	74.12%	-16.18%	0	57.94%
2021	199	-	-	38	40	0	121	76	62.81%	74.68%	-11.87%	0	62.81%

*For 2022 and 2021, the ABA did not collect information about "graduates who took the bar exam before graduation" and "graduates who took the bar exam after graduation" as it does currently, so those data fields are not included in this report.

**Law School pass rate is how the Law School's graduates performed across all jurisdictions where they took the bar examination for the first time.

***The ABA weighted average bar pass rate is the average pass rate for graduates from ABA-accredited law schools for each jurisdiction in which the Law School's graduates sat for the bar exam. This number is weighted so that bar pass rates from jurisdictions where more of the Law School's graduates sat for the bar exam have a greater impact on the ABA weighted average bar pass rate than bar pass rates from jurisdictions where fewer of the Law School's graduates sat for the bar exam.

****The difference between the Law School pass rate and the ABA weighted average bar pass rate compares the performance of the Law School's graduates on the bar exam in all jurisdictions where they took the bar exam for the first time with the performance of graduates from all ABA-accredited law schools on the bar exam in those same jurisdictions.

Details 2023:

Jurisdiction	Takers	Passers	Pass %	State Pass % for ABA approved law schools	Difference
LOUISIANA	74	42	56.76%	71.14%	-14.38%
6 REMAINING JURISDICTIONS	11	3	27.27%	77.75%	-50.48%

Jurisdiction	Takers	Passers	Pass %	State Pass % for ABA approved law schools	Difference
LOUISIANA	80	54	67.50%	73.24%	-5.74%
TEXAS	19	7	36.84%	75.31%	-38.47%
4 REMAINING JURISDICTIONS	8	1	12.50%	79.37%	-66.87%

Details 2022:

Details 2021:

Jurisdiction	Takers	Passers	Pass %	State Pass % for ABA approved law schools	Difference
LOUISIANA	103	68	66.02%	74.07%	-8.05%
TEXAS	10	3	30.00%	77.53%	-47.53%
6 REMAINING JURISDICTIONS	8	5	62.50%	77.91%	-15.41%

Two-Year Ultimate Bar Passage

Calendar year of graduation	Total graduates in calendar year# of grads grads# who did 					Graduates who have been admitted via an alternative pathway to licensure	Ultimate Bar Passage Rate Total % (incl. alternative pathways)	
				# of takers	# who passed	% who passed		
2021 *	201	43	0	158	114	72.15%	0	72.15%
2020	145	27	9	109	92	84.40%	56	89.70%
2019	143	7	14	122	104	85.25%	0	85.25%

* ABA Standard 316 requires that "at least 75 percent of a law school's graduates in a calendar year who sat for a bar examination must have passed a bar examination within two years of their date of graduation." This Law School was not in compliance with this Standard in this year.