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430 Candidates Pass Summer 2019 Washington State Bar Exam

SEATTLE, WA [Sept. 14, 2019] — The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) announced that 430 candidates passed the Uniform Bar Exam administered in July 2019. Administered over a two-day period, the exam is a substantive law exam for those interested in becoming licensed in Washington to practice law as a lawyer, and includes multiple choice, essay and performance questions. The other required component of the Washington Bar Exam is an exam on professional responsibility (the Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam or MPRE). Completion of a separate online educational component with accompanying online exam addressing specific areas of Washington law (the Washington Law Component) is also required to qualify for admission. The WSBA will recommend successful candidates who also have passed a character and fitness review and completed other pre-licensing requirements to the Washington Supreme Court for entry of an order admitting them to the practice of law in Washington as a lawyer.

See the full pass list on our website. Passage percentages are given below.

Summer 2019 Washington State Bar Exam Statistics:

Overall Pass Rates

Applicant Type	Pass	Fail	Total	Pass Rate
ABA-JD	393	143	536	73.3%
APR 6 Law Clerk	5	5	10	50.0%
U.S. Attorneys	19	4	23	82.6%
Foreign/LLM Graduate	9	37	46	19.6%
Foreign Common Law Attorney	3	6	9	33.3%
Non-ABA JD/ABA LLM	1	3	4	25.0%
Total	430	198	628	68.5%

First Time

Applicant Type	Pass	Fail	Total	Pass Rate
ABA-JD	366	99	465	78.7%
APR 6 Law Clerk	4	3	7	57.1%
U.S. Attorneys	17	4	21	81.0%
Foreign/LLM Graduate	5	15	20	25.0%
Foreign Common Law Attorney	2	3	5	40.0%
Non-ABA JD/ABA LLM	0	1	1	00.0%
Total	394	125	519	75.9%

Repeaters

Applicant Type	Pass	Fail	Total	Pass Rate
ABA-JD	27	44	71	38.0%
APR 6 Law Clerk	1	2	3	33.3%
U.S. Attorneys	2	0	2	100.0%
Foreign/LLM Graduate	4	22	26	15.4%
Foreign Common Law Attorney	1	3	4	25.0%
Non-ABA JD/ABA LLM	1	2	3	33.3%
Total	36	73	109	33.0%

The average UBE score total was 285.36; the required passing score was 270.

About the Washington State Bar Association

The WSBA operates under the delegated authority of the Washington Supreme Court to license the state's 40,000 lawyers and other legal professionals. In furtherance of its obligation to protect and serve the public, the WSBA both regulates lawyers and other legal professionals and serves its members as a professional association — all without public funding. The WSBA's mission is to serve the public and the members of the Bar, to ensure the integrity of the legal profession, and to champion justice. For more information, visit www.wsba.org.

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