

# General Statistics Report July 2023 California Bar Examination<sup>1</sup>

### Overall Statistics for Categories with 11 or More Applicants Who Completed the Examination

|                         | Fi   | irst-Tim | ers   | F    | Repeate | ers   |      | All Take | rs    |
|-------------------------|------|----------|-------|------|---------|-------|------|----------|-------|
| Applicant Group         | Took | Pass     | %Pass | Took | Pass    | %Pass | Took | Pass     | %Pass |
| General Bar Examination | 5083 | 3292     | 64.8  | 2472 | 598     | 24.2  | 7555 | 3890     | 51.5  |
| Attorneys' Examination  | 229  | 131      | 57.2  | 127  | 39      | 30.7  | 356  | 170      | 47.8  |
| Total                   | 5312 | 3423     | 64.4  | 2599 | 637     | 24.5  | 7911 | 4060     | 51.3  |

### **Disciplined Attorneys Examination Statistics**

|                          | Took | Pass | %Pass |
|--------------------------|------|------|-------|
| CA Disciplined Attorneys | 21   | 6    | 28.6  |

#### **General Bar Examination Statistics**

|                                      | Fi   | rst-Tim | ers   | F    | Repeate | ers   |      | All Take | rs    |
|--------------------------------------|------|---------|-------|------|---------|-------|------|----------|-------|
| Law School Type                      | Took | Pass    | %Pass | Took | Pass    | %Pass | Took | Pass     | %Pass |
| CA ABA Approved                      | 2929 | 2233    | 76.2  | 699  | 256     | 36.6  | 3628 | 2489     | 68.6  |
| Out-of-State ABA                     | 943  | 652     | 69.1  | 266  | 71      | 26.7  | 1209 | 723      | 59.8  |
| CA Accredited                        | 327  | 109     | 33.3  | 547  | 86      | 15.7  | 874  | 195      | 22.3  |
| CA Unaccredited                      | 48   | 9       | 18.8  | 170  | 16      | 9.4   | 218  | 25       | 11.5  |
| Law Office/Judges' Chambers          |      |         |       | 12   | 5       | 41.7  | 14   | 6        | 42.9  |
| Foreign Educated/JD Equivalent + One | 142  | 24      | 16.9  | 198  | 30      | 15.2  | 340  | 54       | 15.9  |
| Year US Education                    |      |         |       |      |         |       |      |          |       |
| US Attorneys Taking the General Bar  | 176  | 130     | 73.9  | 60   | 23      | 38.3  | 236  | 153      | 64.8  |
| Exam <sup>2</sup>                    |      |         |       |      |         |       |      |          |       |
| Foreign Attorneys Taking the General | 507  | 132     | 26.0  | 444  | 104     | 23.4  | 951  | 236      | 24.8  |
| Bar Exam <sup>3</sup>                |      |         |       |      |         |       |      |          |       |
| 4-Year Qualification <sup>4</sup>    |      |         |       | 15   | 1       | 6.7   | 17   | 1        | 5.9   |
| Schools No Longer in Operation       |      |         |       | 61   | 6       | 9.8   | 68   | 8        | 11.8  |
| Total                                | 5083 | 3292    | 64.8  | 2472 | 598     | 24.2  | 7555 | 3890     | 51.5  |

#### \*Fewer than 11 Applicants

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> These statistics were revised as of January 17, 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Attorneys admitted in other jurisdictions less than four years must take and those admitted four or more years may elect to take the General Bar Examination.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Attorneys admitted in foreign jurisdictions must take the General Bar Examination.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Applicants may qualify to take the General Bar Examination through a combination of four years of law study without graduating from a law school.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>The following law schools were accredited by the Committee of Bar Examiners and are now reported in the accredited category: Concord Law School; St. Francis Law School; Northwestern California School of Law. Each of these law schools enrolls some students who are completing the law school's unaccredited JD program, while others are enrolled in the law school's accredited JD program.

# Number of Applicants Completing the Examination & Percent Passing by Racial/Ethnic Group General Bar Examination First-Time Takers Only<sup>5</sup>

| School Type  | W    | hite  | В    | lack  | La   | tino  | As   | ian   | Other * |       |      | ine to<br>swer |
|--------------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|---------|-------|------|----------------|
|              | Took | %Pass | Took | %Pass | Took | %Pass | Took | %Pass | Took    | %Pass | Took | %Pass          |
| CA ABA       |      |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |         |       |      |                |
| Approved     | 1200 | 83.6  | 99   | 57.6  | 335  | 68.1  | 488  | 70.3  | 718     | 74.9  | 89   | 71.9           |
| Out-of-State |      |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |         |       |      |                |
| ABA          | 366  | 74.6  | 74   | 40.5  | 66   | 53.0  | 187  | 73.3  | 208     | 70.2  | 42   | 73.8           |
| CA           |      |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |         |       |      |                |
| Accredited   | 103  | 41.7  | 19   | 31.6  | 79   | 31.6  | 39   | 20.5  | 72      | 30.6  | 15   | 33.3           |
| CA           |      |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |         |       |      |                |
| Unaccredited | 13   | 30.8  |      |       |      |       |      |       |         |       |      |                |
| Other        | 182  | 58.2  | 34   | 35.3  | 77   | 29.9  | 432  | 23.8  | 85      | 40.0  | 26   | 42.3           |
| Total        | 1864 | 76.7  | 234  | 44.9  | 563  | 55.2  | 1152 | 51.3  | 1092    | 68.0  | 178  | 63.5           |

### Number of Takers and Percent Passing by Racial/Ethnic Group: Repeaters

| School Type  | W    | hite  | В    | lack  | La   | Latino |      | Latino |      | Asian Other * |      | Other * |  | ine to<br>swer |
|--------------|------|-------|------|-------|------|--------|------|--------|------|---------------|------|---------|--|----------------|
|              | Took | %Pass | Took | %Pass | Took | %Pass  | Took | %Pass  | Took | %Pass         | Took | %Pass   |  |                |
| CA ABA       |      |       |      |       |      |        |      |        |      |               |      |         |  |                |
| Approved     | 189  | 38.1  | 61   | 26.2  | 141  | 31.9   | 126  | 38.1   | 158  | 43.0          | 24   | 29.2    |  |                |
| Out-of-State |      |       |      |       |      |        |      |        |      |               |      |         |  |                |
| ABA          | 63   | 20.6  | 40   | 25.0  | 36   | 27.8   | 51   | 31.4   | 56   | 30.4          | 20   | 25.0    |  |                |
| CA           |      |       |      |       |      |        |      |        |      |               |      |         |  |                |
| Accredited   | 156  | 14.1  | 55   | 10.9  | 164  | 15.2   | 65   | 13.8   | 91   | 20.9          | 16   | 31.3    |  |                |
| CA           |      |       |      |       |      |        |      |        |      |               |      |         |  |                |
| Unaccredited | 39   | 7.7   | 35   | 14.3  | 46   | 6.5    | 34   | 11.8   | 12   | 8.3           |      |         |  |                |
| Other        | 144  | 30.6  | 71   | 7.0   | 110  | 20.9   | 384  | 20.8   | 72   | 20.8          |      |         |  |                |
| Total        | 591  | 26.1  | 262  | 16.0  | 497  | 21.3   | 660  | 23.8   | 389  | 30.8          | 73   | 26.0    |  |                |

<sup>\*</sup>Includes racial/ethnic groups American Indian, Native Hawaiian, other and more than one racial/ethnic group.

## Number of First-Time Takers and Repeaters by Gender\*\*

|                  |      |       | First- | Timers  |      |       | Repeaters |       |         |       |       |       |  |
|------------------|------|-------|--------|---------|------|-------|-----------|-------|---------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| School Type      | M    | Males |        | Females |      | Other |           | ales  | Females |       | Other |       |  |
|                  | Took | %Pass | Took   | %Pass   | Took | %Pass | Took      | %Pass | Took    | %Pass | Took  | %Pass |  |
| CA ABA Approved  | 1096 | 80.5  | 1753   | 74.2    | 36   | 58.3  | 283       | 35.7  | 400     | 37.8  |       |       |  |
| Out-of-State ABA | 419  | 75.2  | 488    | 63.9    | 17   | 70.6  | 117       | 20.5  | 140     | 32.1  |       |       |  |
| CA Accredited    | 130  | 31.5  | 190    | 33.7    |      |       | 200       | 15.0  | 343     | 16.3  |       |       |  |
| CA Unaccredited  | 27   | 18.5  | 18     | 11.1    |      |       | 81        | 8.6   | 88      | 10.2  |       |       |  |
| Other            | 311  | 34.4  | 503    | 34.4    |      |       | 326       | 16.0  | 459     | 25.3  |       |       |  |
| Total            | 1983 | 68.1  | 2952   | 62.7    | 57   | 63.2  | 1007      | 21.3  | 1430    | 26.4  | 12    | 16.7  |  |

<sup>\*\*</sup>Number are for those reporting gender

## Number of First-Timers and Repeaters Taking and Passing and the Percent Passing: California ABA Approved Law Schools with 11 or More Takers

|   | FI   | RST-TIME | RS    | REPEATERS |      |       |  |
|---|------|----------|-------|-----------|------|-------|--|
| LAW SCHOOL                                  | TOOK | PASS     | %PASS | TOOK      | PASS | %PASS |  |
| CALIFORNIA WESTERN SCHOOL OF LAW            | 129  | 70       | 54    | 93        | 25   | 27    |  |
| CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW            | 129  | 105      | 81    | 30        | 12   | 40    |  |
| GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW        | 68   | 35       | 51    | 65        | 13   | 20    |  |
| LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL – LOS ANGELES             | 285  | 227      | 80    | 43        | 20   | 47    |  |
| PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY                       | 128  | 105      | 82    | 24        | 11   | 46    |  |
| SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW        | 186  | 118      | 63%   | 58        | 23   | 40%   |  |
| SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL                     | 228  | 151      | 66    | 87        | 38   | 44    |  |
| STANFORD LAW SCHOOL                         | 84   | 79       | 94    |           |      |       |  |
| UC COLLEGE OF THE LAW, SAN FRANCISCO        | 299  | 218      | 73    | 50        | 24   | 48    |  |
| UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA – BERKELEY         | 238  | 204      | 86    |           |      |       |  |
| UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA – DAVIS            | 154  | 127      | 82    | 17        | 3    | 18    |  |
| UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA – IRVINE           | 118  | 103      | 87    | 15        | 4    | 27    |  |
| UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA – LOS ANGELES      | 267  | 236      | 88    |           |      |       |  |
| UNIVERSITY OF PACIFIC MCGEORGE SOL          | 139  | 91       | 65    | 47        | 21   | 45    |  |
| UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO SCHOOL OF LAW       | 205  | 162      | 79    | 43        | 19   | 44    |  |
| UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL OF LAW   | 78   | 55       | 71    | 55        | 15   | 27    |  |
| UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GOULD SOL | 151  | 121      | 80    | 12        | 6    | 50    |  |
| WESTERN STATE COLLEGE OF LAW WESTCLIFF UNIV | 43   | 26       | 60    | 34        | 7    | 21    |  |
| TOTAL                                       | 2929 | 2233     | 76    | 696       | 254  | 36    |  |

# Number of First-Timers and Repeaters Taking and Passing and the Percent Passing: Out-of-State ABA Law Schools with 11 or More Takers

|   | FI   | RST-TIMI | ERS   | F    | REPEATEI | RS    |
|---|------|----------|-------|------|----------|-------|
| LAW SCHOOL                                  | ТООК | PASS     | %PASS | тоок | PASS     | %PASS |
| AMERICAN UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON COL          |      |          |       |      |          |       |
| ARIZONA STATE UNIV. SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR COL | 28   | 20       | 71    |      |          |       |
| BOSTON COLLEGE LAW SCHOOL                   |      |          |       |      |          |       |
| BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW             | 18   | 13       | 72    |      |          |       |
| CAREY LAW SCHOOL, UNIV. OF PENNSYLVANIA     | 19   | 18       | 95    |      |          |       |
| COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL              | 36   | 31       | 86    |      |          |       |
| DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW               | 26   | 21       | 81    |      |          |       |
| EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW              | 16   | 11       | 69    |      |          |       |
| GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL     | 30   | 18       | 60    |      |          |       |
| GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL            | 53   | 41       | 77    |      |          |       |
| HARVARD UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL               | 80   | 72       | 90    |      |          |       |
| NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW           | 25   | 23       | 92    |      |          |       |
| NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY PRITZKER SOL        | 36   | 30       | 83    |      |          |       |
| TULANE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW             | 16   | 10       | 63    |      |          |       |
| UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL            | 28   | 25       | 89    |      |          |       |
| UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LAW SCHOOL           | 34   | 31       | 91    |      |          |       |
| UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME LAW SCHOOL         | 15   | 13       | 87    |      |          |       |
| UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN SCHOOL OF LAW | 13   | 12       | 92    |      |          |       |
| UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF LAW        | 27   | 25       | 93    |      |          |       |
| WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW         | 15   | 11       | 73    |      |          |       |
| YALE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL                  | 27   | 26       | 96    |      |          |       |
| ALL OTHER OUT-OF-STATE SCHOOLS              | 378  | 183      | 48    | 194  | 48       | 25    |
| TOTAL                                       | 933  | 646      | 69    | 249  | 63       | 25    |

# Number of First-Timers and Repeaters Taking and Passing and the Percent Passing: California Accredited Law Schools with 11 or More Takers

|  | FIRST-TIMERS |      |       | F    | REPEATE | RS    |
|--|--------------|------|-------|------|---------|-------|
| LAW SCHOOL                                   | тоок         | PASS | %PASS | тоок | PASS    | %PASS |
| CAL NORTHERN SCHOOL OF LAW                   |              |      |       | 11   | 1       | 9     |
| EMPIRE COLLEGE SCHOOL OF LAW                 | 12           | 5    | 42    | 14   | 1       | 7     |
| GLENDALE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW           | 14           | 3    | 21    | 20   | 3       | 15    |
| HUMPHREYS UNIVERSITY DRIVON SCHOOL OF LAW    |              |      |       | 25   | 4       | 16    |
| JFK SCHOOL OF LAW AT NATIONAL UNIVERSITY     | 12           | 1    | 8     | 25   | 3       | 12    |
| KERN COUNTY COLLEGE OF LAW                   |              |      |       | 13   | 2       | 15    |
| LINCOLN LAW SCHOOL OF SACRAMENTO             | 53           | 23   | 46    | 32   | 5       | 16    |
| MONTEREY COLLEGE OF LAW                      |              |      |       | 19   | 0       | 0     |
| NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY SOL       | 12           | 6    | 50    | 28   | 7       | 25    |
| PURDUE GLOBAL LAW SCHOOL                     |              |      |       | 18   | 4       | 22    |
| SAN JOAQUIN COLLEGE OF LAW                   | 31           | 10   | 32    | 21   | 5       | 24    |
| SAN LUIS OBISPO COLLEGE OF LAW               |              |      |       |      |         |       |
| ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL OF LAW                    |              |      |       |      |         |       |
| THE COLLEGES OF LAW – SANTA BARBARA          |              |      |       | 14   | 6       | 43    |
| THE COLLEGES OF LAW - VENTURA                | 15           | 7    | 47    | 24   | 4       | 17    |
| THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF LAW               | 48           | 2    | 4     | 60   | 12      | 20    |
| TRINITY LAW SCHOOL                           | 17           | 3    | 18    | 63   | 4       | 6     |
| UNIVERSITY OF LA VERNE COLLEGE OF LAW        | 43           | 26   | 60    | 56   | 11      | 20    |
| UNIVERSITY OF WEST LOS ANGELES SCHOOL OF LAW | 36           | 9    | 25    | 99   | 14      | 14    |
| TOTAL  | 328          | 109  | 33    | 547  | 86      | 16    |

## Number of First-Timers and Repeaters Taking and Passing and the Percent Passing: California Unaccredited Law Schools, Fixed Facility with 11 or More Takers

|  | F    | IRST-TIME | ERS   |      | REPEATER | RS    |
|--|------|-----------|-------|------|----------|-------|
| LAW SCHOOL                             | TOOK | PASS      | %PASS | TOOK | PASS     | %PASS |
| CALIFORNIA DESERT TRIAL ACADEMY COL    |      |           |       |      |          |       |
| CALIFORNIA SOUTHERN LAW SCHOOL         |      |           |       |      |          |       |
| LINCOLN LAW SCHOOL OF SAN JOSE         |      |           |       | 17   | 2        | 12    |
| PACIFIC COAST UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW | 14   | 2         | 14    | 42   | 1        | 2     |
| PACIFIC WEST COLLEGE OF LAW            |      |           |       |      |          |       |
| PEOPLES COLLEGE OF LAW                 |      |           |       |      |          |       |
| WESTERN SIERRA LAW SCHOOL              |      |           |       |      |          |       |
| TOTAL                                  | 21   | 3         | 14    | 84   | 4        | 5     |

## California Unaccredited Law Schools, Distance Learning with 11 or More Takers

|   | F    | RST-TIME | RS    | 1    | REPEATER | RS    |
|---|------|----------|-------|------|----------|-------|
| LAW SCHOOL                                    | TOOK | PASS     | %PASS | TOOK | PASS     | %PASS |
| ABRAHAM LINCOLN UNIVERSITY                    |      |          |       | 33   | 6        | 18    |
| CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF LAW                      |      |          |       |      |          |       |
| IRVINE COLLEGE OF LAW                         |      |          |       |      |          |       |
| SAN FRANCISCO LAW SCHOOL – ALLIANT INT. UNIV. |      |          |       | 21   | 1        | 5     |
| SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE – VENTURA       |      |          |       | 11   | 1        | 9     |
| TOTAL   | 23   | 4        | 17    | 75   | 10       | 13    |

## California Unaccredited Law Schools, Correspondence with 11 or More Takers

|                                      | F    | IRST-TIME | ERS   |      | REPEATER | RS    |
|--------------------------------------|------|-----------|-------|------|----------|-------|
| LAW SCHOOL                           | TOOK | PASS      | %PASS | TOOK | PASS     | %PASS |
| AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF LAW            |      |           |       |      |          |       |
| AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF LAW |      |           |       |      |          |       |
| OAK BROOK COLLEGE OF LAW             |      |           |       |      |          |       |
| TAFT LAW SCHOOL                      |      |           |       | 11   | 1        | 9     |
| TOTAL                                | 8    | 4         | 50    | 19   | 4        | 21    |