

553 Candidates Pass Summer 2017 Washington State Lawyer Bar Exam

SEATTLE, WA [September 9, 2017] —The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) administers the licensing and renewal process for Washington licensed legal professionals on behalf of and under rules adopted by the Washington Supreme Court. The WSBA announced that 553 candidates passed the Uniform Bar Exam (UBE) administered in July 2017. Administered over a two-day period, the UBE 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 2017 Washington State Bar Exam Statistics:

Overall Pass Rates

Applicant Type	Pass	Fail	Total	Pass Rate
ABA-JD	504	159	663	76.0%
APR 6 Law Clerk	5	6	11	45.5%
U.S. Attorneys	25	7	32	78.1%
Foreign/LLM Graduate	16	30	46	34.8%
Foreign Common Law Attorney	2	6	8	25.0%
Non-ABA JD/ABA LLM	1	4	5	20.0%
Total	553	212	765	72.3%

First Time

Applicant Type	Pass	Fail	Total	Pass Rate
ABA-JD	457	122	579	78.9%
APR 6 Law Clerk	4	3	7	57.1%
U.S. Attorneys	22	5	27	81.5%
Foreign/LLM Graduate	15	21	36	41.7%
Foreign Common Law Attorney	2	4	6	33.3%
Non-ABA JD/ABA LLM	0	3	3	0.0%
Total	500	158	658	76.0%

Repeaters

Applicant Type	Pass	Fail	Total	Pass Rate
ABA-JD	47	37	84	56.0%
APR 6 Law Clerk	1	3	4	25.0%
U.S. Attorneys	3	2	5	60.0%
	1	9	10	10.0%

Foreign/LLM Graduate				
Foreign Common Law Attorney	0	2	2	0.0%
Non-ABA JD/ABA LLM	1	1	2	50.0%
Total	53	54	107	49.5%

The average UBE score total was 285.97; the required passing score was 270.

About the Washington State Bar Association

The WSBA is part of the judicial branch and is authorized by the Washington Supreme Court to license the state’s 38,161 lawyers and over 1,000 other legal professionals. In furtherance of its obligation to protect and serve the public, the WSBA both regulates lawyers and other licensed legal professionals under the authority of the Court 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.

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