

156 Candidates Pass Winter 2018 Washington State Bar Exam

SEATTLE, WA [April 14, 2018] — The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) announced that 156 candidates passed the Uniform Bar Exam administered in February 2018. 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.

Winter 2018 Washington State Bar Exam Statistics:

Overall Pass Rates

Applicant Type	Pass	Fail	Total	Pass Rate
ABA-JD	110	109	219	50.2%
APR 6 Law Clerk	2	9	11	18.2%
U.S. Attorneys	30	4	34	88.2%
Foreign/LLM Graduate	12	28	40	30.0%
Foreign Common Law Attorney	1	7	8	12.5%
Non-ABA JD/ABA LLM	1	4	5	20.0%
Total	156	161	317	49.2%

First Time

Applicant Type	Pass	Fail	Total	Pass Rate
ABA-JD	65	39	104	62.5%
APR 6 Law Clerk	2	1	3	66.7%
U.S. Attorneys	24	2	26	92.3%
Foreign/LLM Graduate	10	13	23	43.5%
Foreign Common Law Attorney	1	0	1	100.0%
Non-ABA JD/ABA LLM	1	3	4	25.0%
Total	103	59	161	64.0%



Repeaters

Applicant Type	Pass	Fail	Total	Pass Rate
ABA-JD	45	70	115	39.1%
APR 6 Law Clerk	0	8	8	0.0%
U.S. Attorneys	6	2	8	75.0%
Foreign/LLM Graduate	2	15	17	11.8%
Foreign Common Law Attorney	0	7	7	0.0%
Non-ABA JD/ABA LLM	0	1	1	0.0%
Total	53	103	156	34.0%

The average UBE score total was 270.16; 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 38,739 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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