

160 Candidates Pass Winter 2019 Washington State Bar Exam

SEATTLE, WA [April 13, 2019] — The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) announced that 160 candidates passed the Uniform Bar Exam administered in February 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.

Winter 2019 Washington State Bar Exam Statistics:

Overall Pass Rates

Applicant Type	Pass	Fail	Total	Pass Rate
ABA-JD	121	108	229	52.8%
APR 6 Law Clerk	3	7	10	30.0%
U.S. Attorneys	21	6	27	77.8%
Foreign/LLM Graduate	12	29	41	29.3%
Foreign Common Law Attorney	2	2	4	50.0%
Non-ABA JD/ABA LLM	1	3	4	25.0%
Total	160	155	315	50.8%

First Time

Applicant Type	Pass	Fail	Total	Pass Rate
ABA-JD	61	41	102	59.8%
APR 6 Law Clerk	2	0	2	100%
U.S. Attorneys	20	4	24	83.3%
Foreign/LLM Graduate	7	12	19	36.8%
Foreign Common Law Attorney	1	0	1	100%
Non-ABA JD/ABA LLM	0	1	1	00.0%
Total	91	58	149	61.1%



Repeaters

Applicant Type	Pass	Fail	Total	Pass Rate
ABA-JD	60	67	127	47.2%
APR 6 Law Clerk	1	7	8	12.5%
U.S. Attorneys	1	2	3	33.3%
Foreign/LLM Graduate	5	17	22	22.7%
Foreign Common Law Attorney	1	2	3	33.3%
Non-ABA JD/ABA LLM	1	2	3	33.3%
Total	69	97	166	41.6%

The average UBE score total was 269.30; the required passing score was 270.

About the Washington State Bar Association

The WSBA is authorized by the Washington Supreme Court to license over 40,000 lawyers and other legal professionals in Washington. 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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