

521 Candidates Pass July 2023 Washington State Bar Exam

SEATTLE, WA [September 8, 2023/UPDATED on March 19, 2024] — The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) announced that 521 candidates passed the Uniform Bar Exam administered in July 2023.^[1] 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.

[1] The number of applicants who passed the exam and pass percentages were updated according to the order issued by the Washington Supreme Court on March 15, 2024, reducing the minimum UBE passing score in Washington from 270 to 266 for all bar exams administered from July 2020 forward, including examinations already administered in February 2023, July 2023, and February 2024.

July 2023 Washington State Bar Exam Statistics:

Overall Pass Rates

Application Type	Pass	Fail	Total	Pass Rate
ABA-JD	478	112	590	81.02 %
APR 6 Law Clerk	6	13	19	31.58 %
U.S. Attorneys	13	5	18	72.22 %
Non-ABA JD*/ ABA LLM	21	45	66	31.82 %
U.S. Non-ABA JD / ABA LLM	0	1	1	0.00 %
Common Law Attorneys	3	2	5	60.00 %
Total	521	178	699	74.54 %

First Time

Application Type	Pass	Fail	Total	Pass Rate
ABA-JD	446	75	521	85.60 %
APR 6 Law Clerk	3	4	7	42.86 %
U.S. Attorneys	11	3	14	78.57 %
Non-ABA JD*/ ABA LLM	14	26	40	35.00 %
U.S. Non-ABA JD / ABA LLM	0	0	0	0 %
Common Law Attorneys	2	0	2	100.00 %
Total	476	108	584	81.51 %

Repeaters

Application Type	Pass	Fail	Total	Pass Rate
ABA-JD	32	37	69	46.38 %
APR 6 Law Clerk	3	9	12	25.00 %
U.S. Attorneys	2	2	4	50.00 %
Non-ABA JD*/ ABA LLM	7	19	26	26.92 %
U.S. Non-ABA JD / ABA LLM	0	1	1	0.00 %
Common Law Attorneys	1	2	3	33.33 %
Total	45	70	115	39.13 %

The average UBE score total was 283.18; the required passing score was 266.

* "Non-ABA JD" here refers to JD or other law degree outside the U.S.

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 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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