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GUIDELINES FOR ALLOCATION OF APPLICANTS, PRODUCTION OF
EXAMINATION STATISTICS AND LAW SCHOOL LISTS**

The Committee of Bar Examiners publishes statistics following the release of results for each examination it administers. The General Statistics published on the State Bar of California's website contains general categories of applicants as may be determined by the Committee, which includes law school categories and other groups that have at least 11 first-time applicants or repeater applicants. The General Statistics reflect the examination results of those who have taken the examination ("takers"). No statistics are published for categories with fewer than 11 applicants.

1.1 Definition of Examination "Takers"

- (A) An applicant considered to have taken an examination is an applicant who has a multiple-choice score and a complete set of written scores (First-Year Law Students' Examination); a Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) score, both AM and PM sessions, and a complete set of written scores (General Bar Examination); or a complete set of written scores (Attorneys' Examination).
 - (i) "Written scores" may include zeros if an applicant was in attendance at the examination for its entirety. If an applicant was absent from a test center for any portion of the examination during its administration, the applicant is not considered as having completed the examination.
 - (ii) If an applicant is absent for any portion of the examination, the applicant is considered as having not taken the examination; the applicant's written answers will not be graded; and the applicant will be advised that, if he/she intends to take a future administration of the examination, he/she will be subject to the same application filing deadlines applicable to first-time applicants rather than the deadlines applicable to immediate repeaters.

1.2 First-Year Law Students' Examination (FYLSX)

- (A) Applicants qualifying to take the FYLSX are allocated to the school they most recently attended at the time they apply for the FYLSX. If an applicant is not currently attending law school, the applicant is allocated to the law school most recently attended.
- (B) The allocation of an applicant remains in effect until the applicant passes the examination or transfers to another school. Applicants who transfer to different law schools are allocated to the new schools for subsequent

examination administrations. A school that enrolls the student for credit assumes the allocation of that student until the student passes the FYLSX or enrolls in another school.

- (C) Applicants who are disqualified or who are special students attending an ABA-approved or California-accredited law school are allocated to the school from which they earned their first year of law study. In the published statistics, they are identified as having been disqualified or as special students.

1.3 California Bar Examination (CBX)

- (A) Applicants qualifying to take the General Bar Examination (GBX) are allocated to the school from which they graduated.
- (B) Applicants qualifying to take the GBX through accumulation of law study credit over the course of four years as determined by the Committee are allocated to: "4-Year Qualification."
- (C) Applicants qualifying to take the GBX through completion of the Law Office/Judges' Chambers study program are allocated to: "Law Office/Judges' Chambers."
- (D) Foreign-education applicants who qualify to take the GBX by completing an additional year of study at an ABA-approved law school or a California-accredited law school are allocated to: "Foreign Educated/JD Equivalent + One Year US Education."
- (E) Attorney applicants admitted in other jurisdictions within the United States, etc. are allocated to: "US Attorneys Taking the General Bar Exam."
- (F) Attorney applicants admitted in foreign jurisdictions are allocated to: "Foreign Attorneys Taking the General Bar Exam."
- (G) Applicants taking the GBX who attended law schools no longer in operation are allocated to: "Schools No Longer in Operation."

1.4 Law School Lists and Reports

- (A) The month following the administration of each examination, law schools with students or graduates allocated to their law schools are sent a list of applicants who tentatively have been allocated to the law school (Allocation Lists). The Allocation Lists contain the names of applicants who applied to take an examination who are allocated to a particular law school. The law schools are given two weeks to challenge any allocation. These lists are confidential.
- (B) On the Monday following the release of results from an examination, lists containing the names of all applicants who took the examination (defined as "takers"), whether they passed the examination, and whether it was the

first time they took the examination, are provided to the law schools to which the applicants have been allocated. The law school has the opportunity to challenge any allocation within a two week period following the distribution of the lists. These lists are confidential.

- (C) Approximately four to six weeks following the release of results from the CBX, law school reports are generated for California law schools. These reports provide information relative to schools' graduates and how they performed on different parts of the examination. The data relating to applicants who were takers is used in the production of these reports. These reports are not confidential.