

JUNE 2023 RESULTS FOR DISQUALIFIED AND SPECIAL STUDENTS*

| | Disqualified | | Special | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------|---------|--------|
| Type of Law School | N | % Pass | N | % Pass |
| CA Approved by the ABA | 4 | 0 | | |
| CA Accredited, not ABA Approved | 11 | 9.1 | 9 | 0 |
| Out-of-State ABA Approved | 0 | | | |
| Total Taking the Examination | 15 | 6.7 | 9 | 0 |

* **Disqualified** students are those who have been disqualified from ABA approved and California Accredited law schools and whose readmission wholly or partially may be contingent upon passing the FYLSX or who are seeking to obtain an additional year of law study credit for purposes of transferring to other schools. **Special** students are those who have not completed at least two years of college prior to matriculating at ABA approved or California Accredited law schools. These students are required to take and pass the FYLSX.

**TECHNICAL REPORT ON THE JUNE 2023
FIRST YEAR LAW STUDENTS' EXAMINATION**

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The First Year Law Students' Examination has two parts, multiple choice and essay. The multiple-choice section consists of 90 itemsⁱ dealing with Contracts, Criminal Law, and Torts. Multiple-choice raw scores (i.e., number of items answered correctly) were equated to the June 1998 and 2018; and October 2015 and 2020 exam using 20 items that were common to each of these exams. The equating formula was as follows:

$$\text{Multiple Choice Scale} = (3.968 \times \text{raw multiple-choice score}) + -11.542$$

The essay section consisted of four questions in the same subjects as the multiple-choice test. Scores were assigned to answers on a 40 to 100-point scale in 5-point intervals. The candidates' raw total essay scores were scaled to a score distribution that had the same mean and standard deviation as their multiple-choice scores using the following formula:

$$\text{Essay Scale} = (2.2239 \times \text{raw essay total score}) + -353.4465$$

A candidate's total scale score was the sum of that candidate's multiple choice and essay scale scores. Candidates with total scores of 560 or higher pass and those with scores below 540 will fail. Candidates in the 540 to 559.9999 range have their essay answers and all their scores reviewed by a member of the Committee's Examination Development and Grading Team.

Of the 190 candidates who completed the exam, 21 had total scale scores of 560 or greater and 164 had total scale scores that were below 540. The latter count excluded candidates who did not complete the exam. Of the 5 candidates in the reappraisal range, all passed. The total number passing (26) was 14% of the total number of takers (see General Statistics report printout for details). The table below summarizes the main test statistics for the multiple-choice, essay, and total scores for the 190 applicants completing the exam. There was a .65 correlation between their essay and multiple-choice scores.

| Score | Raw Scores | | Scale Scores | | Score |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-------------|
| | Mean | Std. Dev. | Mean | Std. Dev. | Reliability |
| Multiple-Choice | 58.21 | 13.77 | 219.420 | 54.63 | .89 |
| Essay | 257.37 | 24.23 | 218.92 | 53.88 | .77 |
| Total | | | 438.33 | 98.64 | .90 |

The mean raw scores on the Contracts, Criminal Law, and Torts sections of the multiple-choice test were 16.46, 17.97, and 17.93. The corresponding standard deviations were 4.73, 3.99, and 5.19.

ⁱ On this exam, 25 experimental items were included; 15 were retained.