

The State Bar of California

California First-Year Law Students' Examination: October 2023 General Statistics Report¹

	FIRST-	TIMERS	REPEATERS		ALL TA	AKERS
TYPE OF LAW SCHOOL	N	% PASS	Ν	% PASS	Ν	% PASS
ABA Accredited – CA*						
CBE Accredited*	13	0.0	24	12.5	37	8.1
Other	12	25.0	19	21.1	31	22.6
Not Registered / Closed						
CA Unaccredited – Correspondence			19	10.5	27	11.1
CA Unaccredited – Distance Learning	27	18.5	21	9.5	48	14.6
CA Unaccredited – Fixed-Facility			16	12.5	18	11.1
Total Applicants Taking the Examination ²	73	15.1	106	12.3	179	13.4

Schools with 11 or More Takers

*Regularly enrolled students at ABA approved and California Accredited law schools who successfully complete their first year of law study and are advanced to their second year are exempt from the First-Year Law Students' Examination (FYLSX) requirement. Students, however, may elect to take the examination on their own and some may take it to fulfil their schools' requirements.

¹ These statistics were compiled using data available as of January 9, 2024. The following law schools were accredited by the Committee of Bar Examiners and are now reported in the accredited category: Concord Law School; St. Francis Law School; Northwestern California School of Law. Each of these law schools enrolls some students who are completing the law school's unaccredited JD program, while others are enrolled in the law school's accredited JD program.

² Applicants who attended all sessions of the examination and have a complete set of scores, which may include zeros.

California First-Year Law Students' Examination: October 2023 Disqualified³ and Special Students⁴

Schools with 11 or More Takers

	DISQUA	ALIFIED	SPECIAL		
TYPE OF LAW SCHOOL	N	%PASSING	N	%PASSING	
ABA Accredited – CA					
CBE Accredited	12	0.0			
Not Registered/Closed					
Unaccredited – Fixed-Facility					
Total Taking the Examination	24	8.3	7	28.6	

California First-Year Law Students' Examination

Disqualified and Special Students

Schools with 11 or More Takers

	DISQUALIFIED			SPECIAL		
LAW SCHOOL	N	PASSED	%PASSING	Ν	PASSED	%PASSING
Atlanta's John Marshall Law School						
Cal Northern School of Law						
Chapman University Dale E. Fowler SOL						
Glendale University College of Law						
Lincoln Law School of Sacramento						
Lincoln Law School of San Jose						
Monterey College of Law						
Northwestern California University SOL						
Pepperdine University Rick J. Caruso SOL						
Santa Clara University School of Law						
Trinity Law School						
University of West Los Angeles SOL						
Whittier Law School						
TOTAL	24	2	8.3	7	2	28.6

³ **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.

⁴ **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.

California First-Year Law Students' Examination: October 2023 California ABA Accredited Schools

Schools with 11 or More Takers

	ALL TAKERS			FIRST-TIMERS		
LAW SCHOOL	Ν	PASSED	%PASSING	Ν	PASSED	%PASSING
Chapman University Dale E. Fowler SOL						
Pepperdine University Rick J. Caruso SOL						
Santa Clara University School of Law						
TOTAL	9	2	22.2	9	2	22.2

California First-Year Law Students' Examination California Accredited Schools

Schools with 11 or More Takers

		ALL TAKERS			FIRST-TIMERS		
LAW SCHOOL	N	PASSED	%PASSING	N	PASSED	%PASSING	
Cal Northern School of Law							
Glendale University College of Law							
Lincoln Law School of Sacramento							
Monterey College of Law							
Northwestern California University SOL	11	2	18.2				
Purdue Global Law School							
Trinity Law School	17	1	5.9				
University of West Los Angeles SOL							
TOTAL	37	3	8.1	13	0	0.0	

California First-Year Law Students' Examination Unaccredited Correspondence Law Schools

Schools with 11 or More Takers

	ALL TAKERS			FIRST-TIMERS		
LAW SCHOOL	Ν	PASSED	%PASSING	N	PASSED	%PASSING
American Institute of Law						
Taft Law School	18	1	5.6			
TOTAL	27	3	11.1	8	1	12.5

California First-Year Law Students' Examination: October 2023 Unaccredited Distance Learning Law Schools

Schools with 11 or More Takers

	ALL TAKERS			FIRST-TIMERS		
LAW SCHOOL	Ν	PASSED	%PASSING	Ν	PASSED	%PASSING
Abraham Lincoln University SOL	18	2	11.1	11	1	9.1
California School of Law	14	4	28.6			
Irvine College of Law						
Southern California Institute – Ventura						
TOTAL	48	7	14.6	27	5	18.5

California First-Year Law Students' Examination Unaccredited Fixed-Facility Law Schools

Schools with 11 or More Takers

	ALL TAKERS			FIRST-TIMERS		
LAW SCHOOL	N	PASSED	%PASSING	Ν	PASSED	%PASSING
California Desert Trial Academy COL						
Lincoln Law School of San Jose						
Pacific Coast University School of Law						
Peoples College of Law						
Western Sierra Law School						
TOTAL	18	2	11.1	2	0	0.0