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NJ Bar Exam Yields Pass Rates Consistent with Previous Years

Bar exam results released today by the Supreme Court Clerk's Office showed 66 percent of applicants passed the October exam, a mark consistent with pass rates from the last five years.

This year's test, the first remotely administered bar exam in state history, was taken by 1,407 applicants on Oct. 5 and Oct. 6. A total of 913 applicants passed the exam, for a pass rate of 66.17 percent. The pass rate for the July 2019 exam was 66.20 percent. The average pass rate for the past five administrations of the July bar exam was 64.93 percent.

All applicants are expected to be notified today of the results. Those who failed will have until Jan. 4 to file an application to take the next exam, scheduled for Feb. 23 and 24.

The Court initially decided to postpone the July 2020 bar exam until September because of Covid-19 concerns before cancelling the in-person exam and offering it remotely in October.

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