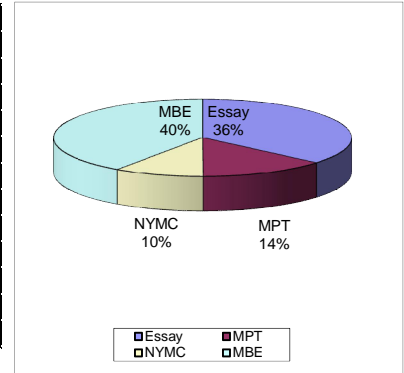


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JULY 2009 NEW YORK BAR EXAM BREAKDOWN

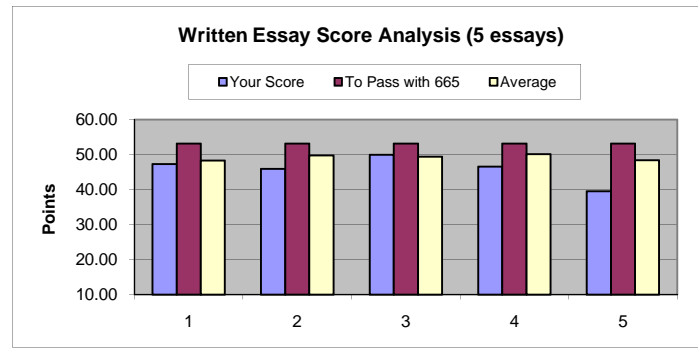
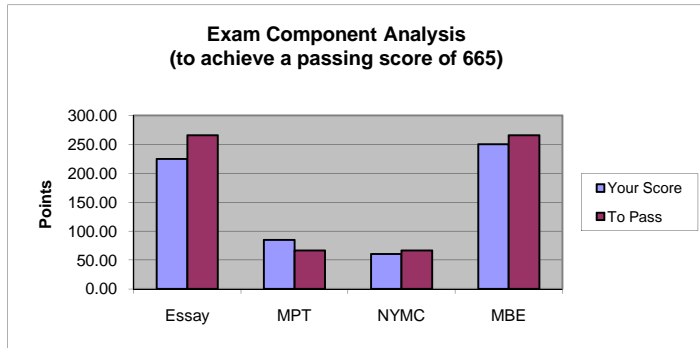
	YOUR SCALED SCORE	COMMON SCALED SCORE	YOUR WEIGHTED SCORE	AVG, MAX, MIN and RANK based on 199 scores			
				AVG	MAX	MIN	RANK
Essay 1: Contracts - Agency/Partnership	39.79	591.60	47.33	40.84	57.37	27.37	100
Essay 2: Criminal Law - UCC Article 3	38.27	574.20	45.94	42.45	62.68	28.56	148
Essay 3: Domestic Relations	42.65	624.30	49.94	42.09	60.86	27.05	90
Essay 4: Torts - Conflict of Laws	38.94	581.80	46.54	42.89	61.87	24.86	132
Essay 5: Wills - Trusts	31.28	494.10	39.53	40.97	58.55	21.45	177
MPT Score	62.42	850.70	85.07	39.89	62.42	12.19	1
Written Average	42.23	619.50	309.75	41.52	49.18	29.48	88
NYMC Score	25	602.8	60.28	628.71	803.70	401.90	127
MBE Score	125.1	625.5	250.20	122.99	149.60	84.70	95
Final Score			620	615	662	482	111

GRAPHICAL SCORE BREAKDOWN

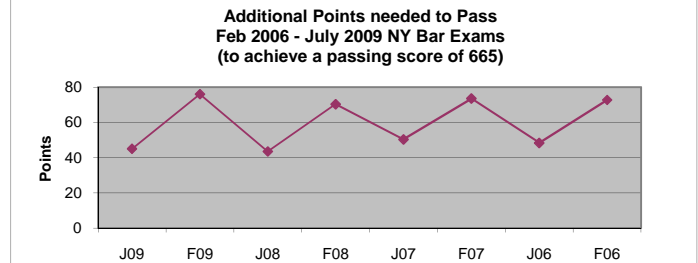


	SCORE NEEDED	AMT OF INCREASE	% INCR SCORE
MBE Score You Needed To Pass July 2009	147.5	22.4	17.9%
Written Avg You Needed To Pass July 2009	49.70	7.5	17.7%

MBE % BASED ON JULY 2008 MBE SCALE	YOU	AVG
% who had better MBE score than you	88.5%	87.0%
% who had worse MBE score than you	11.5%	13.0%

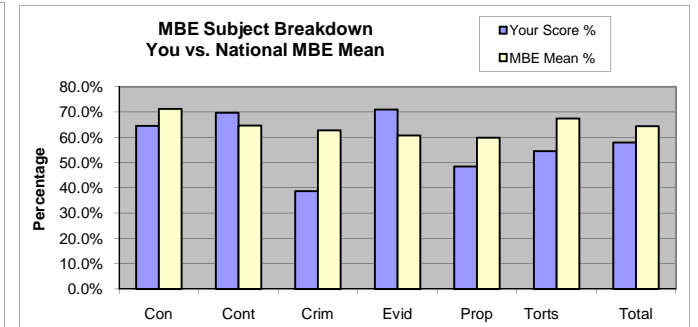
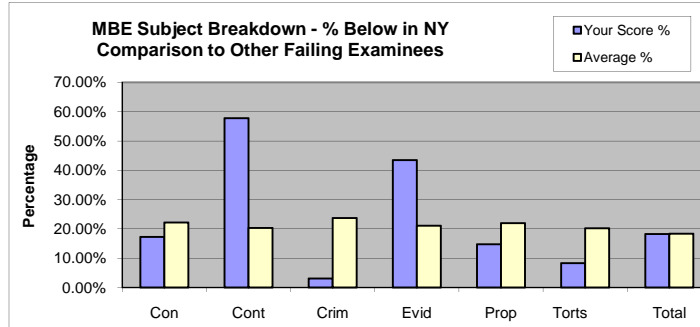


EST. FINAL SCORE ON PRIOR NY BAR EXAMS	SCALE %	SCORE	POINTS
FEBRUARY 2010 EXAM			
JULY 2009 EXAM	1.467	620	45
FEBRUARY 2009 EXAM	1.320	589	76
JULY 2008 EXAM	1.474	622	43
FEBRUARY 2008 EXAM	1.347	595	70
JULY 2007 EXAM	1.441	615	50
FEBRUARY 2007 EXAM	1.332	592	73
JULY 2006 EXAM	1.451	617	48
FEBRUARY 2006 EXAM	1.336	592	73



MBE SUBJECT BREAKDOWN	% BELOW IN NEW YORK			
	YOUR %	AVG %	MAX %	MIN %
Constitutional Law	17.30%	22.2%	82.7%	0.0%
Contracts	57.80%	20.3%	84.3%	0.3%
Criminal Law	3.00%	23.7%	82.7%	0.6%
Evidence	43.50%	21.1%	89.9%	0.0%
Real Property	14.70%	21.9%	77.5%	0.1%
Torts	8.30%	20.2%	70.9%	0.1%
Total Score	18.20%	18.4%	62.5%	0.0%

	EST RAW	YOUR MBE %	JULY NAT MEAN	DIFF	ADDTL QS
	Constitutional Law	20	64.5%	71.2%	-6.7%
Contracts	23	69.7%	64.7%	5.0%	-1
Criminal Law	12	38.7%	62.7%	-24.0%	8
Evidence	22	71.0%	60.7%	10.3%	-3
Real Property	15	48.4%	59.9%	-11.5%	4
Torts	18	54.6%	67.4%	-12.9%	5
Total Score	110	57.9%	64.4%	-6.5%	16



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OVERVIEW

The NY bar exam includes four components, the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE), the New York Essay Examination (NY Essay), a Multistate Performance Test (MPT), and a multiple-choice test on New York law (NYMC). Total scores on the NY bar exam are computed by combining three separate "scaled" and weighted scores from three separate components: the NY Essay Examination, which consists of five essay questions and an extended performance task (MPT) and has a weight of 50%, the MBE, which consists of 200 multiple-choice questions of which 190 questions are graded and has a weight of 40%, and the NYMC component, which consists of 50 multiple-choice questions and has a weight of 10%. Scores on the NY bar exam are reported on a scale with a range from 0 to 1,000 (common scale score).

The purpose of this analysis is to illustrate how you compared to other examinees who also failed the July 2009 NY bar exam and to identify your weak areas. A 2007 NCBE study found that the mean total bar score of domestic educated candidates who took the New York bar exam for the first time in February 2006 was 710.32. Since New York does not release score data for each exam, I averaged the scores of July 2009 examinees that sent me their scores in order to create a small sample that can be used for comparison purposes.

As a result, the above AVG columns show the mean score for that particular topic based on the scores of 199 people that failed the July 2009 exam and submitted their scores to me. Anytime your score is below this average, it appears in RED to illustrate that this is a poor area for you even when compared to others that failed and submitted their scores to me.

The MAX and MIN columns report the highest score and lowest score for that category based on the scores of the 199 people that failed the July 2009 exam and submitted their scores to me. Again, keep in mind these maximum and minimum numbers are only from those that failed - they do not accurately reflect the scores of all examinees. On this exam, your final score of 620 was 5 points greater than the average final score of 615 (based on the 199 submitted scores). There is a graphical breakdown of your score to help you identify your weak areas (In the exam, the Essays are 40%, MPT 10%, NYMC 10%, and the MBE is 40%).

The RANK column reports your rank for that category when compared to the scores of the 199 people that failed the July 2009 exam and submitted their scores to me. For example, on Essay 1, your rank of 100 means that 99 of the 199 scores for Essay 1 were higher than your score of 39.79 while 99 of the 199 scores for Essay 1 were lower than your score of 39.79.

On your score report, the "% below in NY" column reports what percentage of test-takers you did better than in NY on the MBE. For example, on the Constitutional Law portion of the MBE, you did better than 17.3% of all NY July 2009 examinees (meaning 82.7% of the July 2009 NY examinees did better than you on this portion of the MBE).

Although this analysis is lengthy, please read and review the entire report. The below analysis explains your scores along with the above charts. Everything in this report is intended to help you understand your scores to make the appropriate adjustments.

MBE

Your MBE scaled score was 125.1. This scaled score holds the same meaning over time - it is not affected by the performance of other examinees who sat for the exam, nor by the difficulty of the questions on the particular exam form.

New York stopped releasing raw MBE scores in 2007. On the MBE Subject Breakdown chart, I report an estimate of your raw scores for the MBE subjects. Please keep in mind that these raw scores are very rough estimates and each individual raw score can be off by as much as +3/-3. This is because I calculated the percentages using the national mean MBE scores for July exams from 1995-2004 (NCBE stopped reporting raw scores by subject in 2005) and then compared the New York percentages to the national mean average percentages. According to NCBE, because the raw scores are not scaled to take into account the difficulty of the questions on the particular form of the exam that was taken, the raw scores can be misleading. A low raw score in a subject might in fact be the result of adequate or even good performance if the questions in that subject were more difficult than those in other subjects. Therefore, keep this in mind when evaluating your MBE scores by subject - the more important statistic is your percentage below in NY, not your raw score (especially since the raw score I report could be off by as much as +3/-3). Please also note that only 190 MBE questions are graded (Con Law - 31 Qs; Contracts - 33 Qs; Crim Law - 31 Qs; Evidence - 31 Qs, Property - 31 Qs; and Torts - 33 Qs).

On the MBE, based on your scaled MBE score of 125.1, you did better than 52.76% of the 199 examinees who failed the July 2009 exam and sent their scores to me (meaning 94 of these 199 examinees had a higher MBE score than you and 105 of the examinees had a lower score than you). The mean MBE score among these 199 examinees was 122.99 and the median MBE score was 124.3.

On the MBE, based on your MBE scaled score of 125.1, you did better than only 18.2% of all New York examinees on the MBE and only 11.5% of all MBE test-takers nationwide based on the 2008 MBE National Score Distribution (2009 MBE scores won't be released until mid 2010). If all your other scores remained the same, you would have needed to score a 147.5 on the MBE in order to have passed the July 2009 NY bar exam. This means your MBE scale score would have had to increase by 22.4 points, which is a 17.9% total increase in your MBE score.

With a scale MBE score of 147.5 (the MBE score you needed to pass), you would have scored better than 53.7% of all examinees nationwide. Note: These percentages are based on the July 2008 MBE scale since the July 2009 MBE scale will not be released until mid-2010.

Generally, the lower your MBE score on your first attempt, the greater the increase in your MBE score on your second attempt. Based on a 1999 NCBE study, if you are a 1st time repeater (you will be taking the exam your 2nd time), based on your MBE score of 125.1, the average MBE score increase was 8 points, meaning an estimated score of 133.1 on your next MBE. Keep in mind that this estimate is based on the mean score change based on an initial MBE score of 125.1. In contrast, the top 5% of MBE scores of 1st time repeaters increased by 24 points (meaning an MBE score of 149.1) while the bottom 5% of MBE scores of 1st time repeaters decreased by 8 points (meaning an MBE score of 117.1).

The July 2009 mean MBE scaled score for all the New York examinees was approximately 143.7. Of the 199 people that failed the July 2009 exam and submitted their scores to me, only 3 examinees scored higher than this New York mean MBE score (meaning only 1.51% of the 199 failing examinees that submitted scores did better than the July 2009 New York MBE mean while 98.49% did worse than the mean).

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The average national July MBE mean scaled score (based on the national July MBE means from 1974-2008) was 141.91. Of the 199 people that failed the July 2009 exam and submitted their scores to me, only 7 examinees scored higher than this national mean (meaning only 3.52% of the 199 failing examinees that submitted scores to me did better than the average national MBE mean and 96.48% did worse than the mean).

To give yourself a good chance of passing the NY bar exam, all your MBE scores should be above the national July MBE mean. The MBE Subject Breakdown chart entitled 'You vs. the National Mean' compares your MBE percentages from the July 2009 exam to the national July MBE mean average from 1995-2004 (these are the 10 most recent years of national MBE statistics as after 2004, NCBE stopped releasing raw scores by subject). Keep in mind that your scores on each individual subject will vary. For example, it is normal for examinees to score lower in Evidence than Constitutional Law (an easier subject) - this is reflected in the national mean. You should gauge your performance on the individual subjects by comparing your scores to the national mean averages.

For example, on the MBE, you answered approximately 20 Constitutional Law questions correct out of 31 Constitutional Law questions that are graded (again, keep in mind that these raw scores are rough estimates and each individual raw score can be off by as much as +3/-3.). Based on this estimated raw score, your percentage on this subject was 64.52% (20/31). The July national mean over 10 MBEs from 1995-2004 was 23.51 Constitutional Law questions correct (out of 33 Constitutional Law questions that were graded). Therefore, the national mean average percentage on this subject was 71.2% (23.51/33), meaning you did 6.68% worse (approximately 3 questions) than the national mean average percentage for Constitutional Law.

The 'Addtl Qs' column reports how many more (or less if negative) questions you would need to answer in order to match the national mean, which would result in a scaled score (nationally, not in New York) of 141.91. In your case, you would need to answer approximately 16 more questions correctly on the MBE in order to score roughly the same as the national mean.

If you followed my default study time percentage allocations of MBE 60%; Essays 38%; MPT 1%; and NYMC 1%, although you would have spent 22% more of your total study time on the MBE than the Essays, you scored 25.52 points better on the MBE than the Essays, a 4.12% difference. This is yet another illustration of the difficulty and importance of the MBE.

Based on an exam component analysis, if the MBE portion was exactly 40% of your total score, you would need 266 points on the MBE portion in order to pass the NY bar exam. You scored 250.2 points on the MBE portion of the exam - this is 15.8 points less than what was needed to pass, meaning your MBE score would have to increase by 5.9% in order to pass with a 665 (based on the MBE portion being exactly 40% of your total score).

Keep in mind that the MBE is the most reliable component of the NY bar exam - this is the portion of the exam you want to do do very well on.

NY ESSAY

Alternatively, if all your other scores (including the MBE) remained the same, you would have needed to score approximately a 49.7 written average on the combined Essays and MPT in order to have passed the July 2009 NY bar exam. This means your written average scale score would have increased by 7.5 points, which is a 17.7% total increase in your written average scale score. You can test scoring scenarios using this calculator: <http://seperac.com/bar/calc-bar-j09.php>

Based on an exam component analysis, if the Essay portion was exactly 40% of your total score, you would need 266 points on the Essay portion in order to pass the NY bar exam. You scored 224.68 points on the Essay portion of the exam - this is 41.3 points less than what was needed to pass, meaning your Essay score would have to increase by 15.5% in order to pass with a 665 (based on the Essay portion being exactly 40% of your total score).

The weighted scores for the individual essays and MPT are in italics because these weighted scores are approximations based on the scale used to calculate the Written Average weighted score. For example, the estimated Weighted Score for Essay 1 is 47.33. If you were to add up these individual weighted score estimates for the essays/MPT, the total would be close to the Written Average Weighted Score, but not exact. Each essay is worth 8% of your total score. Based on an exam component analysis, if each essay contributed exactly 8% of your total score, you would need 53.2 points on each essay. For essay 1, you scored 5.87 points less than the score of 53.2 needed, so this essay hurt your final score.

The Written Essay Score Analysis graph compares your individual essay scores to the individual average scores of the failing examinees who submitted scores to me and to the individual scores needed to pass with a 665 (each essay being exactly 8% of your total score). Based on the Written Essay Score Analysis, if each essay was exactly 8% of your total score, you would need 53.2 points on each Essay in order to pass the NY bar exam. In approximating your individual essay scores using the written average scale, you scored approximately 47.33 points on the first essay; 45.94 points on the second essay; 49.94 points on the third essay; 46.54 points on the fourth essay; and 39.53 points on the fifth essay.

I strongly urge all failing examinees to order their essays from NY BOLE immediately after scores are released in order to review your essay and MPT answers. After an exam, you need to look at your responses and understand what you did wrong to avoid making the same mistakes on future exams. You disadvantage yourself if you do not review your essays because you will not know what mistakes to correct (i.e. did you apply the IRAC style to all the answers, did you miss obvious issues, was your writing style poor or careless, were your answers too short compared to the released above-average answers). I am in the process of examining NY bar exam essays/MPTs using the same methodology as this score analysis. Once I have a large enough pool of essays, I will give examinees an essay/MPT analysis based on statistics such as words, characters, paragraphs, sentences, sentences per paragraph, words per sentence, characters per word, Flesch reading ease, and Flesch-Kincaid grade level. The essays/MPTs will be examined against the released above average essays/MPTs and the essays/MPTs of other failing examinees. I will also analyze word frequencies and report any useful data. For example, for each essay/MPT, the analysis will report the top 20 words that the above average answers used that you did not. With enough data, I hope to have an essay analysis as comprehensive as this score analysis. If you have your typed essays (preferably in PDF format) and would like to receive an analysis, please email them to me at joe@seperac.com

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NEW YORK MULTIPLE CHOICE (NYMC)

On the NYMC, you answered approximately 25 questions correct. Please keep in mind this is an estimate and can be off by +2/-2. The average NYMC score based on the submitted score reports was approximately 27 correct questions. Although the NYMC is 10% of the exam, it comprised 9.7% of your score. New York released average scores for the July 2005 exam. Your scaled NYMC score of 602.8 is 119.2 points less than the July 2005 NYMC common scale score average of 722 (meaning you scored 16.5% worse than the July 2005 average NYMC score or approximately 7 questions less than the July 2005 average NYMC score).

Based on an exam component analysis, if the NYMC portion was exactly 10% of your total score, you would need 66.5 points on the NYMC portion in order to pass the NY bar exam. You scored 60.28 points on the NYMC portion of the exam - this is 6.2 points less than what was needed to pass, meaning your NYMC score would have to increase by 9.3% in order to pass with a 665 (based on the NYMC portion being exactly 10% of your total score).

MPT

On the MPT, your scaled score was 62.42. The average MPT scaled score based on the submitted score reports was 39.89. Although the MPT is 10% of the exam, it comprised 13.7% of your score.

Based on an exam component analysis, if the MPT portion was exactly 10% of your total score, you would need 66.5 points on the MPT portion in order to pass the NY bar exam. You scored 85.07 points on the MPT portion of the exam - this is 18.6 points greater than what was needed to pass, meaning your MPT score can decrease by 28% in order to pass with a 665 (based on the MPT portion being exactly 10% of your total score).

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For the July 2010 exam, assuming your MBE score increases by the average of 8 points (meaning an estimated score of 133.1 on the July 2010 MBE) and your NYMC score remains the same, you would need to have a written average of 47.3 on the Essays and MPT in order to pass the July 2010 NY Bar exam (based on the July 2009 scale). This means your written average scale score needs to increase by 5.1 points, which is a 12% total increase in your written average scale score.

An MBE scaled score of 133.1 translates to an estimated raw score of 123.5 out of 190 (meaning 65% MBE questions correct). The MBE conversion is based on the July 2006 NY MBE scale (2006 is the last year where NY BOLE reported both raw and scaled scores). Keep in mind that this MBE scale could differ by as many as 12 points on the upcoming exam, especially for very low or very high scores.

The average Essay/MPT score of the 199 people that failed the July 2009 exam and sent me their scores was 41.52 and the average estimated number of correct NYMC questions was 27 out of 50. If you were to score these scores on the July 2010 exam, you would need a 148.2 scaled score on the July 2010 MBE in order to pass with a 665. Please note that this calculation is based on the July 2009 scale (which should be close to the July 2010 scale). An MBE scaled score of 148.2 translates to an estimated raw score of 143.5 out of 190 (meaning 75.51% correct). The MBE conversion is based on the July 2006 NY MBE scale. Keep in mind the accuracy of the estimate diminishes with extremely high or low scores.

The July 2009 mean MBE scaled score for all 11,532 New York examinees was approximately 143.7 and the average NYMC score based on the 199 submitted score reports was approximately 27 correct questions. If you scored these scores on the July 2010 exam, you would need an essay/MPT average of 43.1 in order to pass with a 665 (based on the July 2009 scale). An MBE scaled score of 143.7 translates to an estimated raw score of 137.5 out of 190 (meaning 72.38% correct). The MBE conversion is based on the July 2006 NY MBE scale. This means your written average scale score would need to increase by 0.9 points, which is a 2.1% total increase in your written average scale score.

The average scaled MBE score of the 199 people that failed the July 2009 exam and sent me their scores was 122.99. If you scored this MBE score on the July 2010 exam (and answered approximately 27 NYMC questions correct), you would need an essay/MPT average of 50.3 in order to pass with a 665 (based on the July 2009 scale). An MBE scaled score of 122.99 translates to an estimated raw score of 110.1 out of 190 (meaning 57.97% correct). The MBE conversion is based on the July 2006 NY MBE scale. This means your written average scale score would need to increase by 8.1 points, which is a 19.1% total increase in your written average scale score.

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