

Resolution 3
Encouraging Cooperation in Creating an Efficient System for Tracking Bar Examination Passage Rates for all Law School Graduates

WHEREAS, the American Bar Association Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar is responsible for assuring that law schools maintain a program of legal education that prepares their graduates for admission to the bar and the effective and responsible participation in the legal profession and has codified that responsibility in Standard 301 for the Approval of Law Schools; and

WHEREAS, one of the measures of a law school's program of legal education is the bar passage rates of its graduates; and

WHEREAS, under proposed Interpretation 301-6, law schools will be required to track graduates in multiple jurisdictions and repeat takers of the bar examination in the same or multiple jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, law schools are expected to have difficulty gathering the data necessary for determining the first-time taker and eventual bar passage rates for their graduates; and

WHEREAS, the American Bar Association Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, the National Conference of Bar Examiners and the Law School Admissions Council are working together to create a system for providing appropriate data to law schools so they can track the bar passage rates of their graduates;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conference of Chief Justices urges the highest court of each state and territory to request the bar admissions authorities and to encourage law schools to cooperate with the Law School Admissions Council, the National Conference of Bar Examiners and the American Bar Association Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar in the establishment of a national system for tracking bar examination test results.

Adopted as proposed by the CCJ Professionalism and Competence of the Bar Committee at the 31st Midyear Meeting on January 30, 2008.