THE BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS ANNUAL REPORT

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<u>ANNUAL REPORT</u>, filed pursuant to the requirements of North Carolina General Statutes, §93B-2, for the year ending <u>December 31, 2015</u>.

1) <u>Board of Law Examiners of the State of North Carolina</u> (Occupational Licensing Board)

5510 Six Forks Road, Suite 300 (Address)

Raleigh, North Carolina 27609 (City, State and Zip Code)

Names of Board members: See Attachment A

Officers of Board:

Jaye P. Meyer, Chair Lee A. Vlahos, Executive Director

****	(1a)	The total number of licensees supervised by the Board.	<u>N/A</u>
*	(2)	Number of persons who applied to Board for examination	2,077
*	(3)	Number who were refused examination	<u>16</u>
*	(4)	Number who took the examination	<u>1809</u>
**	(5)	Number to whom initial licenses were issued	<u>956</u>
	(5a)	Number who failed the examination	<u>850</u>
***	(6)	Number who applied for licenses by reciprocity or comity	117
****	(7)	Number who were granted licenses by reciprocity or comity	<u>106</u>
****	(7a)	Number of official complaints received involving licensed and unlicensed activities	N/A
****	(7b)	The number of disciplinary actions taken against licensees, or other actions taken again nonlicensees, including injunctive relief	<u>N/A</u>
*****	(8)	Number of licenses suspended or revoked	N/A
****	(9)	Number of licenses terminated for any reason other than failure to pay the required renewal fee	<u>N/A</u>
	(10)	Substance of any anticipated request by the occupational licensing board to the General Assembly to amend statutes related to the occupational licensing board	NONE

(11) Substance of any anticipated change in rules adopted by the occupational licensing board or the substance of any anticipated adoption of new rules by the occupational licensing board

See Attachment C

Respectfully,

Date: 10.28.2016

Executive Director

- * See Attachment B
- ** Some of those applicants who were issued licenses took an examination in 2014, but were not approved by the Board until 2015.
- *** Some of these applicants have not been yet been considered because their applications have not been completed.
- **** Some of those applicants who were issued licenses applied in 2014, but were not approved by the Board until 2015.
- ***** The North Carolina Board of Law Examiners' authority ends at licensure; as such, the board does not supervise licensees nor handle complaints involving licensed and unlicensed activities. Complaints involving licensed and unlicensed activities fall within the purview of the North Carolina State Bar. Information in that regard will need to be furnished by the North Carolina State Bar.
- ***** The North Carolina Board of Law Examiners' authority ends at licensure; as such, the board does not handle disciplinary actions against licensees, or other actions taken again non licensees, including license suspension, revocations and injunctive relief. Disciplinary actions fall within the purview of the North Carolina State Bar. Information in that regard will need to be furnished by The North Carolina State Bar.

ATTACHMENT A

(1) (a) Members of the Board as of December 31, 2015.

Ms. Jaye P. Meyer (Chair)

Mr. Randel E. Phillips

Mr. James R. Van Camp

Judge A. Leon Stanback, Jr.

Ms. Beth R. Fleishman

Ms. Elizabeth C. Bunting

Ms. Kimberly Anne Herrick

Mr. D. Clark Smith Jr.

Mr. Roger A. Askew

Judge W. Erwin Spainhour

Mr. Ronald G. Baker, Sr.

ATTACHMENT B

		Feb. 2015	<u>July 2015</u>	Other*
(2)	Number of persons who applied to Board for examination:	718	1359	
(3)	Number who were refused examination:	9	7	
(4)	Number who took the examination:	596	1213	
(5)	Number to whom initial licenses were issued:	253	704	
(5)(a)	Number who failed the examination:	341	509	

February 2015 North Carolina Bar Examination:

Of the 718 applicants who made initial application, 113 withdrew, failed to appear or did not finish the examination.

July 2015 North Carolina Bar Examination:

Of the 1359 applicants who made initial application, 139 withdrew, failed to appear or did not finish the examination.

ATTACHMENT C

Question 11: Substance of any anticipated change in rules adopted by the occupational licensing board or the substance of any anticipated adoption of new rules by the occupational licensing board

The Board of Law Examiners recently voted to adopt the Uniform Bar Examination (UBE). Adoption of the UBE will necessitate revision of the current Rules Governing the Admission to Practice Law in North Carolina to effectuate the transition from the current North Carolina bar examination to the UBE.