

THE BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS
ANNUAL REPORT

ANNUAL REPORT for the year ending December 31, 2021.

- 1) Board of Law Examiners of the State of North Carolina
5510 Six Forks Road, Suite 300
Raleigh, North Carolina 27609

Names of Board members: See Attachment A

Officers of Board:

D. Clark Smith Jr., Chair
Lee A. Vlahos, Executive Director

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| ***** | (1a) | The total number of licensees supervised by the Board. | <u>N/A</u> |
| * | (2) | Number of persons who applied to Board for examination | <u>1449</u> |
| * | (3) | Number who were refused examination | <u>43</u> |
| * | (4) | Number who took the examination | <u>1252</u> |
| ** | (5) | Number to whom initial licenses were issued | <u>870</u> |
| | (5a) | Number who failed the examination | <u>377</u> |
| | (6) | Number who applied for licenses by reciprocity or comity | <u>209</u> |
| | (6a) | Number who applied for licenses by transfer of a Uniform Bar examination score | <u>200</u> |
| *** | (7) | Number who were granted licenses by reciprocity or comity or transfer of Uniform Bar Exam Score. | <u>412</u> |
| **** | (7a) | Number of official complaints received involving licensed and unlicensed activities | <u>N/A</u> |
| ***** | (7b) | The number of disciplinary actions taken against licensees, or other actions taken against nonlicensees, including injunctive relief | <u>N/A</u> |
| ***** | (8) | Number of licenses suspended or revoked | <u>N/A</u> |
| ***** | (9) | Number of licenses terminated for any reason other than failure to pay the required renewal fee | <u>N/A</u> |
| ***** | (9a) | The number of applicants for license of that number, the number granted a license | <u>1661</u> <u>1282</u> |
| ***** | (9b) | The number of applicants with a conviction record, of that number, the number granted a license, the number denied a license for any reason, and denied a license because of a conviction. | <u>24</u> <u>16</u> <u>1</u> <u>0</u> |

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| 5 | 5 |
| 4 | 4 |
| 0 | 0 |
| N/A | N/A |

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| 5 |
| 4 |
| 0 |
| N/A |

None

See Attachment C

Date: 10/26/2022


Executive Director

***** Some of these applicants submitted an application in 2020 but did not sit for examination until 2021, or had not completed all requirements as of December 31, 2021, and therefore were not licensed as of December 31, 2021.

ATTACHMENT A

(1a) Members of the Board as of December 31, 2021.

Mr. D. Clark Smith Jr. (Chair)

Ms. Kimberly Anne Herrick

Mr. Roger A. Askew

Mr. Ronald G. Baker, Sr.

Mr. G. Robert Hicks, III

Judge Ned W. Mangum

Judge Calvin E. Murphy

Judge Sherri W. Elliott

Mr. Michael J. Greene

Ms. Shelley Read Curran

Mr. Ronald L. Gibson

ATTACHMENT B

| | <u>Feb. 2021</u> | <u>July 2021</u> | <u>Other*</u> |
|---|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| (2) Number of persons who applied to Board for examination: | 530 | 919 | |
| (3) Number who were refused examination: | 9 | 34 | |
| (4) Number who took the examination: | 435 | 817 | |
| (5) Number to whom initial licenses were issued: | 259 | 611 | |
| (5)(a) Number who failed the examination: | 174 | 203 | |

February 2021 North Carolina Bar Examination:

Of the 530 applicants who made initial application, 94 withdrew, failed to appear, or did not finish the examination and 1 applicants' application was returned due to a dishonored check for application fees.

July 2021 North Carolina Bar Examination:

Of the 919 applicants who made initial application, 100 withdrew, failed to appear, or did not finish the examination and 2 applicants' applications were returned due to a dishonored check for application fees.

ATTACHMENT C

The Board anticipates amendments to Rules .0501 and .0504 of the Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law in North Carolina eliminating the North Carolina State-Specific Component as a requirement for licensure to practice law in North Carolina. These amendments were approved by the Council of the North Carolina State Bar and are pending approval by the North Carolina Supreme Court.