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of The
State of North Carolina

October 29, 2024

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Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee
North Carolina General Assembly Research Division
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Re: Annual Report and Financial Report for the North Carolina
Board of Law Examiners

Dear Ms. Barlow:

Please find enclosed the Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 2023, and the 2023-2024 Financial Report/Audit, including financial statements, for the Board of Law Examiners of the State of North Carolina.

As the Board has no jurisdiction over the supervision or discipline of attorneys, items (1a), (7a), (7b), 8 and 9 are inapplicable to the Board; the information requested by these items will need to be furnished by the North Carolina State Bar.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Lee A. Vlahos
Executive Director

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Roger A. Askew, Chair

THE BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS
ANNUAL REPORT

ANNUAL REPORT for the year ending December 31, 2023.

- 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:

Roger A. Askew, 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	<u>1346</u>
*	(3)	Number who were refused examination	<u>11</u>
*	(4)	Number who took the examination	<u>1201</u>
**	(5)	Number to whom initial licenses were issued	<u>603</u>
	(5a)	Number who failed the examination	<u>465</u>
	(6)	Number who applied for licenses by reciprocity or comity	<u>206</u>
	(6a)	Number who applied for licenses by transfer of a Uniform Bar examination score	<u>136</u>
***	(7)	Number who were granted licenses by reciprocity or comity or transfer of Uniform Bar Exam Score.	<u>451</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>1688</u> <u>1208</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>47</u> <u>28</u> <u>1</u> <u>0</u>

***** (9c)	The number of applicants with military training, the number granted a license the number denied a license for any reason and summary of the reasons for denial. The information provided in accordance with this subdivision shall not disclose any identifying information of any applicant.	<u>36</u> <u>30</u> <u>0</u> <u>N/A</u>
***** (9d)	The number of applicants who are military spouses, the number granted a license, the number denied a license for any reason Summary of reasons for denial	<u>0</u> <u>0</u> <u>0</u> <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	<u>None</u>
(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	<u>N/A</u>

Respectfully,


Executive Director

Date: 10/29/2024

* See Attachment B

** Some applicants who were successful on the examination were not licensed in 2023 as they had not yet completed all requirements as of December 31, 2023.

*** Some of those applicants who were issued licenses applied in 2022 but were not approved by the Board until 2023.

**** 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.

***** 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 against non licensees, including license suspension, revocations and injunctive relief. Disciplinary actions fall within the purview of the North Carolina State Bar.

***** Some of these applicants submitted an application in 2022 but did not sit for examination until 2023, or had not completed all requirements as of December 31, 2023, and therefore were not licensed as of December 31, 2023.

ATTACHMENT A

(1a) Members of the Board as of December 31, 2023.

Mr. Roger A. Askew

Mr. Ronald G. Baker, Sr.

Judge 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

Judge Athena F. Brooks

Mr. Stephen C. Baynard

ATTACHMENT B

	<u>Feb. 2023</u>	<u>July 2023</u>	<u>Other*</u>
(2) Number of persons who applied to Board for examination:	492	854	
(3) Number who were refused examination:	5	6	
(4) Number who took the examination:	416	785	
(5) Number to whom initial licenses were issued:	135	468	
(5)(a) Number who failed the examination:	221	244	

February 2023 North Carolina Bar Examination:

Of the 492 applicants who made initial application, 76 withdrew, failed to appear, or did not finish the examination and 3 applicants' application was returned due to a dishonored check for application fees.

July 2023 North Carolina Bar Examination:

Of the 854 applicants who made initial application, 68 withdrew, failed to appear, or did not finish the examination and 1 applicants' application were returned due to a dishonored check for application fees.