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You are hereby notified that you did not pass the New York State bar examination held on **February 25-26, 2014**. A copy of the Score Report containing your final bar exam score and an Explanation of the Score Report are attached.

The date of the next bar examination is **July 29-30, 2014**. Applicants may re-apply on-line at www.nybarexam.org. Re-applications must be filed on-line no later than **Thursday, May 8, 2014**. If you are applying for test accommodations your paper application must be received in the Board's office no later than **Thursday, May 8, 2014**.

Please note that there is no provision for late filing. The Board's office is closed on weekends and does not receive US mail or overnight deliveries on Saturdays. Applications which are not timely filed or not accompanied by the appropriate form of payment in the amount of \$250 (\$750 for foreign-educated applicants) will be denied and returned to the applicant. Also note that if you concurrently transferred your MBE score, you may not utilize that score again. You must retake the MBE at any future sitting of the New York State bar examination.

Within 60 days of the date of this letter, you may make a written request, to the above address, for any or all of the items listed below. The required fees, which must be in the form of a certified check or money order and may not be combined in the same instrument as the application fee, are also noted below. Items (2) and (3) will be published on the Board's website no later than 60 days after the release of the results of the bar examination and will be available for download free of charge.

(1)	Copies of your Essay Answers:	\$40
(2)	Copies of Essay Questions:	\$15
(3)	Selected Candidate Answers:	<u>\$15</u>
	Total if requesting all materials:	\$70

Sincerely,

NYS Board of Law Examiners

NEW YORK STATE BAR EXAMINATION SCORE REPORT

EXAM DATE: 2/25/2014-2/26/2014

NAME:

BOLE ID:

SEAT NUMBER:

Scaled Score

Essay Question 1:

Essay Question 2:

Essay Question 3:

Essay Question 4:

Essay Question 5:

MPT

Written Average:

MBE

Common Scaled Score

Weight

Weighted Score

Written Average

NYMC

MBE

FINAL SCORE

A FINAL EXAMINATION SCORE OF 665 IS REQUIRED FOR PASSING

EXPLANATION OF SCORE REPORT

This guide explains how the separate sections of the examination are scaled, adjusted and combined to yield a final examination score. It is the policy of the Board not to release raw scores.

WRITTEN QUESTION SCORES

The scale score for each of the five essay questions and the MPT question is arrived at by converting the raw score for each question to a scale that generally ranges from approximately 20 to 80, with 50 as the mean. In the conversion from the raw to scale scores, the essays are weighted 40%, or 8% each, and the MPT is weighted 10%. The candidate's five essay question scale scores and the MPT scale score are then totaled and divided by six to arrive at an average scale score for the written section.

That average is then converted to a score distribution that is comparable to that of the MBE. The resulting scale score (referred to in the attached Score Report as "Common Scale Score") is then multiplied by .50 so that it will count as 50% of the final examination score. The resulting figure is the candidate's weighted scale score for the written portion of the examination.

NEW YORK MULTIPLE CHOICE (NYMC) SCORE

There are 50 questions on the New York multiple choice section of the examination. The candidate's NYMC raw score is converted to a score distribution that is comparable to that of the MBE. The resulting scale score (referred to in the attached Score Report as "Common Scale Score") is multiplied by .10 so that it will count as 10% of the final examination score. The resulting figure is the candidate's weighted scale score for the NYMC section.

MULTISTATE BAR EXAMINATION (MBE) SCORE

There are 200 questions on the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) section, 190 of which are live questions that will be graded, and 10 that are pretest questions which are indistinguishable from the live test items, but will not be used for scoring purposes. Scores are based on the number of questions answered correctly. MBE scores are converted to scale scores on a scale ranging from 0 to 200 to adjust for any differences in test difficulty relative to prior administrations of the MBE. Thus, an MBE scale score on one administration is equivalent to the same scale score on any other administration. The candidate's MBE scale score is then multiplied by 5 in order to convert it to the 0 to 1000 scale (referred to in the attached Score Report as "Common Scale Score"). That score is then multiplied by .40 so that it will count as 40% of the final examination score. The resulting figure is the candidate's weighted scale score for the MBE section.

FINAL EXAMINATION SCORE

A candidate's final examination score is determined by totaling the weighted Written, NYMC and MBE scale scores. The written answers of each candidate who receives an initial total weighted scale score of 655 to 664 are reread and graded by graders other than the initial graders. The examination score is then recomputed to determine each candidate's final examination score. A final examination score of 665 is required for passing. **THERE IS NO APPEAL OR REVIEW OF THIS FINAL SCORE.**