

5.1 Report on October 2024 First-Year Law Students' Examination



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Director's Report

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Committee of Bar Examiners, December 6, 2024



Housekeeping

- January 31 meeting – in LA, in person
- CBE member resignation; subcommittee and volunteer assignments





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- Administered on October 22, 2024
- In-person administration at Prometric test site
- Remote testing available to those with extenuating circumstances.
- 100 multiple-choice questions divided into two 90-minute sessions

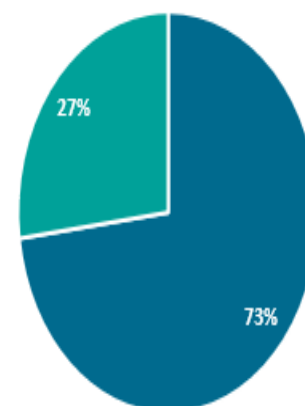


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	Laptop Total	Writer Total	Grand Total
Attended	225	4	229
F2410 - L500 Prometric Test Center Exam	163	4	167
F2410 - O501 Online Remote Exam	62		62
No-Show	10		10
F2410 - L500 Prometric Test Center Exam	4		4
F2410 - O501 Online Remote Exam	6		6

October 2024 First-Year Law Students' Exam
Exam Format

■ Prometric Test Center ■ Online Remote



Update on Content Validation Panels

September Accomplishments

- One session held in September (2 days)
- Content Panel Reviewed Questions /Portion of these tested During Phase I of CA Bar Exam Experiment

October Accomplishments

- Three sessions held in October (5 days)
- Content Panel Reviewed More Questions
- Reviewed Faculty Guide Material (Content Maps & Questions)

November Accomplishments

- Two sessions held in November (3 days)
- Content Panel Reviewed More Questions
- Reviewed Student and Faculty Guide Material (Content Maps & Questions)

December Plans

- One session scheduled in December (2 days)
- Content Panel Will Review More Questions
- On Target for February and July 2025 CA Bar Exam Administrations



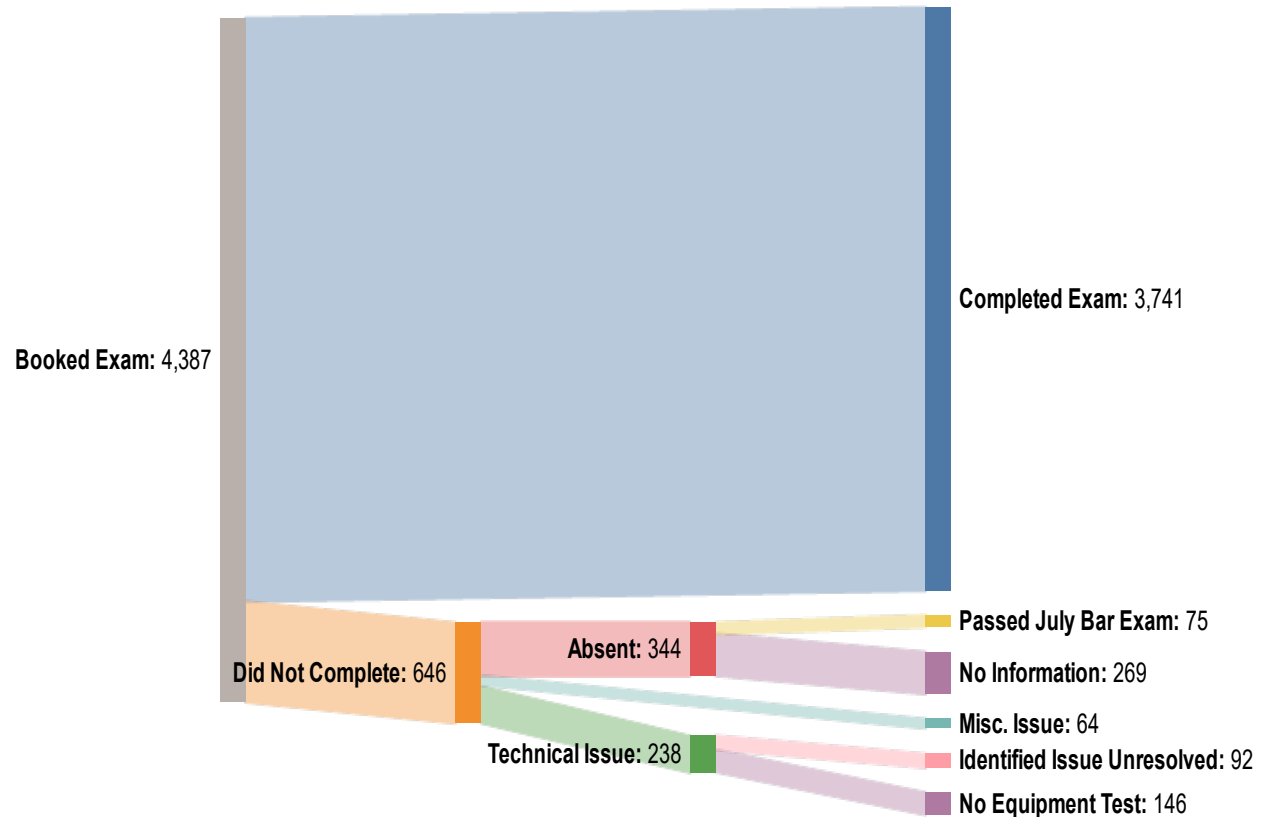
Board of Trustees Updates Related to Committee Work

- **September 2024 Board Meeting:**
 - Midyear Financial Projections
 - \$28.2 million in projected revenue.
 - \$30.2 million in projected expenses.
 - Projected 2024 Deficit: \$2 million.
 - Law School Fee Revisions Finalized
- **November 2024 Board Meeting:**
 - Update from the Office of Admissions
 - July 2024 bar exam results
 - California Bar Exam Experiment Phase One
 - February 2025 question development
 - Court order related to the future bar exam



Update on the November 8 & 9 Phase One Experimental Exam

California Bar Exam Experiment Phase One: Exam Completion Data



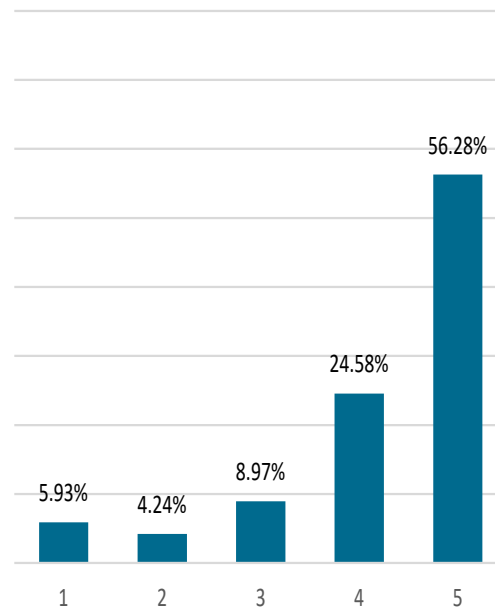
* Totals represent individual applicants. Data is current as of November 26, 2024.



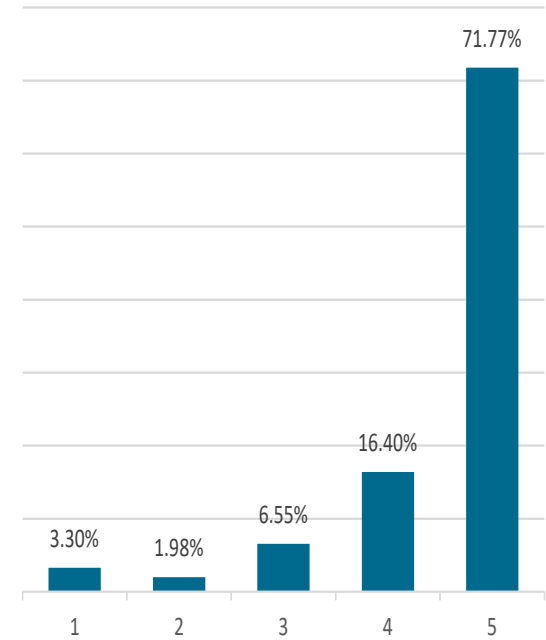
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Meazure Learning Survey: Test Takers Using Remote Exam Platform

"Were you satisfied with your experience
with ProctorU?"



"Please rate your proctor"



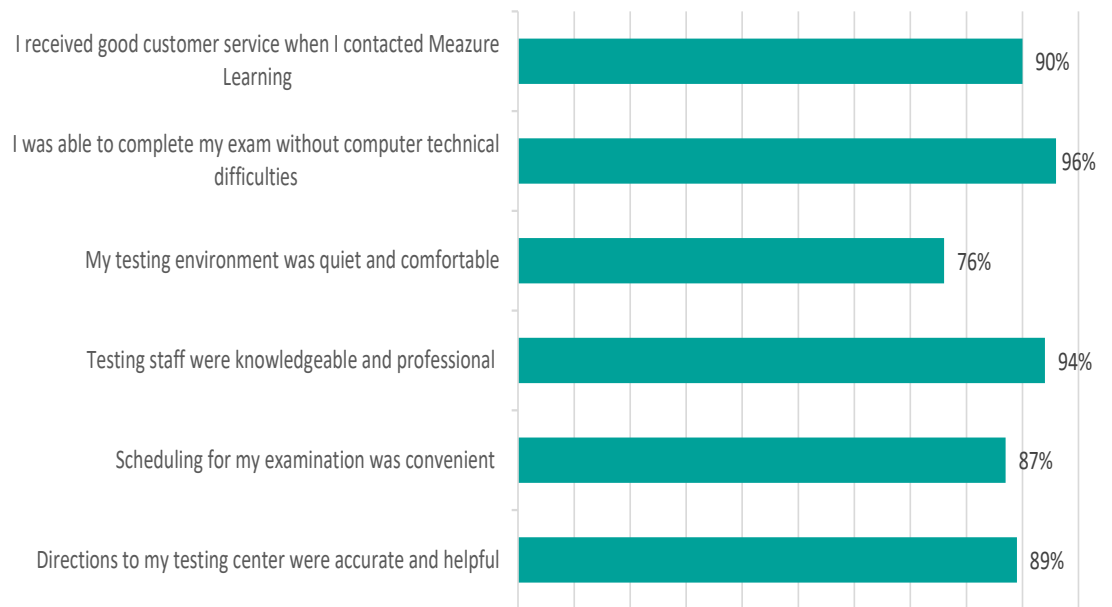
* A total of 1,864 individuals responded to the survey after completing the exam. This total does not include those testing in a test center.



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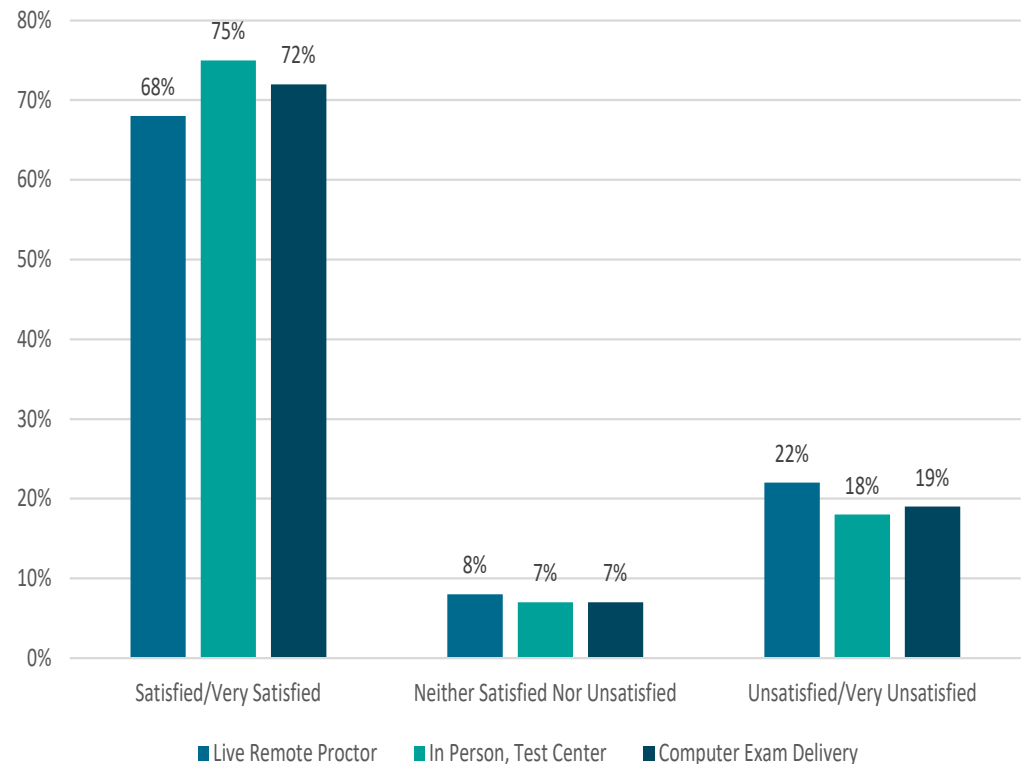
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Meazure Learning Survey: Satisfaction of In Person, Test Center Participants (Agree or Strongly Agree)



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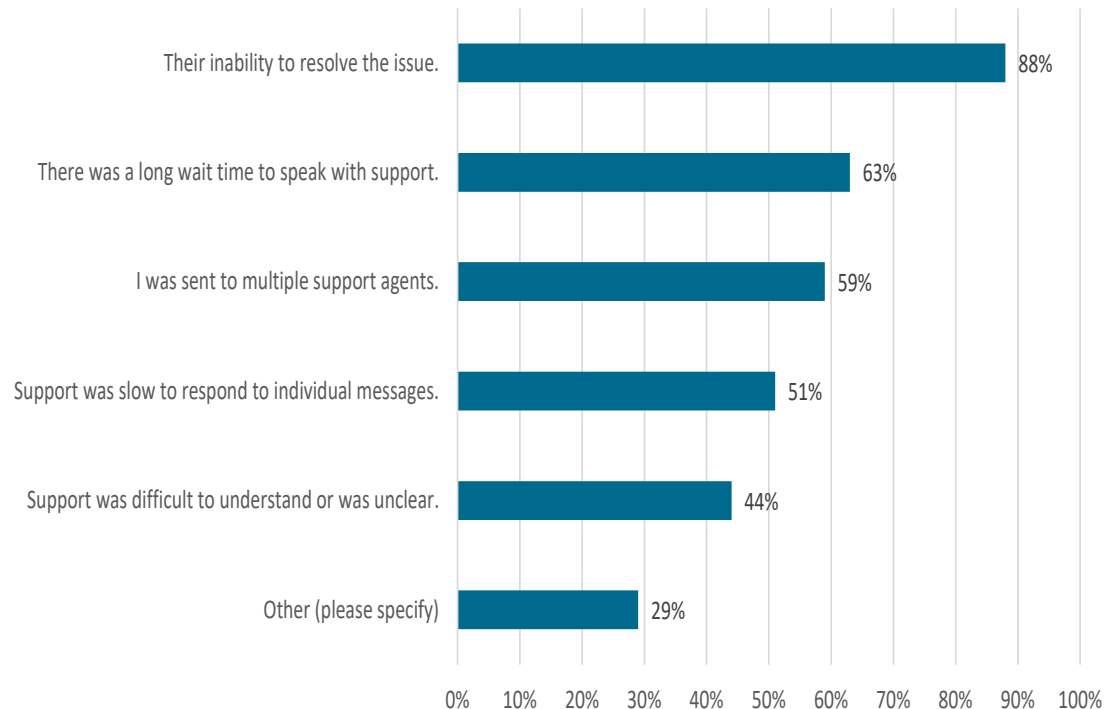
State Bar Survey: Overall Satisfaction with the Exam Experience



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Nearly 9-in-10 respondents that did not complete the experimental exam said they were dissatisfied with the support they received.

State Bar Survey: Were any of the following experiences part of the reason you were dissatisfied with support?



* Total of 97 responses received for this questions.

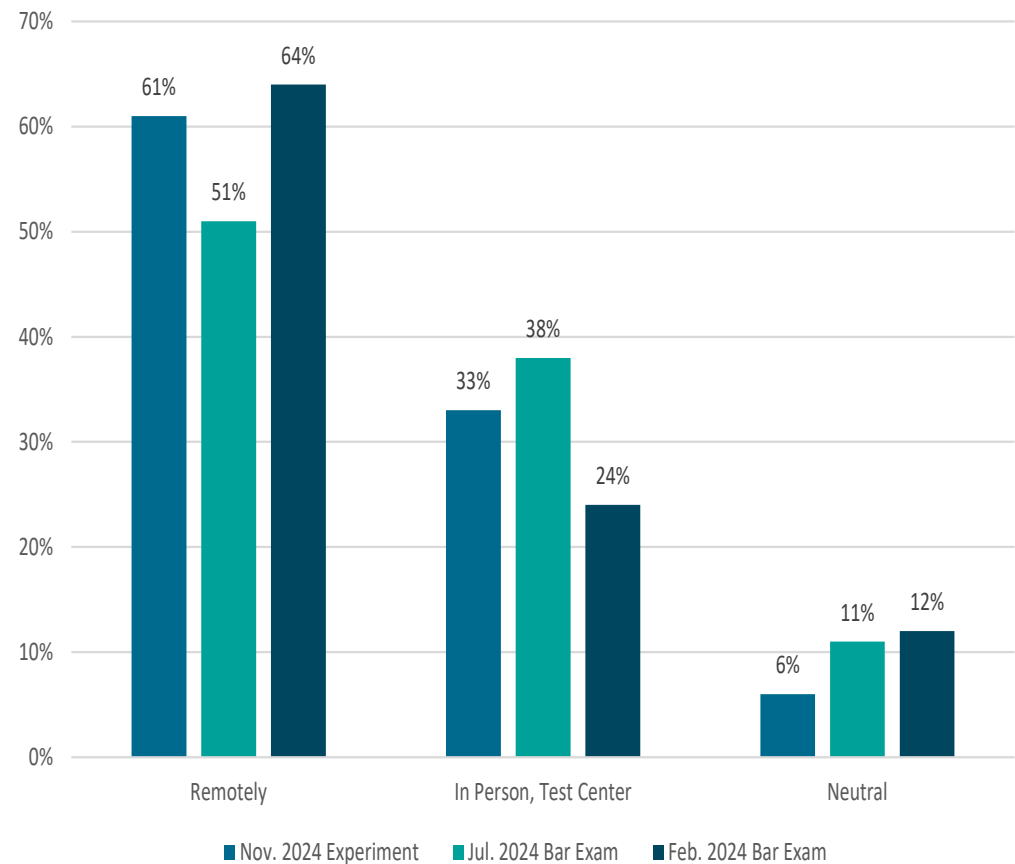


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- Prior to the exam, 14% of applicants listed in person as their preferred modality.
- After the exam, 33% of survey respondents said they would prefer in person for a future bar exam.

**State Bar Survey:
Preferred Exam Modality for a Future Bar Examination**



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State Bar Survey: Agreement with the Following Statements About the Multiple-Choice Questions

	Agree/ Strongly Agree	Disagree/ Strongly Disagree
The questions were clear and concise	66%	20%
The questions were related to long-established concepts, not recent cases	69%	9%
Topics covered were relevant to the material I studied	72%	12%
There were questions where none of the answer options seemed correct	39%	32%
There were questions where several answer options seemed correct	62%	13%
There were questions which contained content which seemed to be legally incorrect	23%	43%
The question difficulty aligned with my expectations based on past practice exams and study materials.	58%	19%
The question style and format was consistent throughout the exam	78%	8%
The questions were related to obscure or minor details	40%	26%
The question wording aligned with standard legal terminology and phrasing I was accustomed to	66%	15%



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- **Addressing Technical Issues**
 - Top issue: Computer-equipment requirements.
 - *Meazure Learning raising system requirements for remote exams.*
 - *Emphasize equipment tests and technical requirements.*
 - *Mandatory mock exam with proctor and software exposure.*
- **Addressing Support Dissatisfaction**
 - *Meazure Learning will increase support staff to improve response and are looking to utilize most experienced proctors for the February exam.*
- **Enhancing Remote Exam Experience**
 - Top issue: Digital notepad and annotation tools do not fully replicate in-person experience.
 - *Adopting white board scratch paper approach.*
 - *Meazure Learning adding custom annotation tools.*
- **Clearer Pre-Exam Communication**
 - Top issue: More information about software installation and system requirements is desired.
 - *Staff are expanding exam resources to provide more detail and will include the same information in the bar exam countdown emails.*



Fee Bill Update Related to Committee Work

AB 3279

- **Increases Fees:**
 - \$88 for active licensees
- **Committee Oversight**
 - Clarifies CBE does not oversee/regulate Non-JD Programs (§§ 6046.7; 6060.7)
 - Does not impact acquiescence requirement in law school rules.
- **Defers Deadline for Evaluation of Bar Exam:**
 - Due in 2025 for a period of time not to exceed seven years from the deployment of a new bar examination developed in accordance with the order of the California Supreme Court. (§6046.8)
- **New Report to Legislature:**
 - Number of complaints regarding access issues on the bar exam beginning July 1, 2026 (§6060.10) (effective until January 1, 2030)

