SCHOOL OF LAW
UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

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To: Whom it may concern

From: Pontus Niklasson
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Re: University of Washington School of Law and Washington State Bar Exam passing score changes

The Supreme Court of Washington recently lowered the passing UBE score for the Washington bar exam from 266 to 260; it had been previously lowered from 267 to 266. This was made retroactive to July 2020. See AMENDED ORDER NO. 25700-B-747 (https://www.courts.wa.gov/content/publicUpload/Supreme%20Court%20Orders/Amended%20Order%2025700-B-747.pdf).

This has affected the law school's first-time bar exam passage rates for the past 5 July exams. These are the updated passage rates across all exam jurisdictions:

	Pre-change	**Post-change**
July 2025	93%	93.37%
July 2024	94%	95%
July 2023	94%	97%
July 2022	91%	92%
July 2021	93%	94%

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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