ABA Law School Graduate (JD DEGREE not Masters /LLM) Eligibility Requirements:
Graduation from an ABA approved law school does not automatically qualify an individual to sit for the bar examination in New York. The applicant’s study of law at an ABA approved law school must satisfy the eligibility requirements of Section 520.3 of the Rules of the Court of Appeals. Rule 520.3(a)(1) requires that the law school shall have been approved at all times during the period of the applicant’s attendance. If the law school you attended did not have ABA status during all periods of your study then you do not currently qualify to sit for the bar examination under Rule 520.3(a)(1) and you will be required to petition the Court of Appeals for a waiver under Rule 520.14. You should carefully review Rule 520.3 before entering the information requested below certifying your compliance with Rule 520.3. You will need a copy of your law school transcript to complete this section.

1. ABA Law School (school where JD was awarded)

2. Credit Awarded toward the Juris Doctor degree.
   A. Minimum number of credits required by your law school for graduation with a Juris Doctor degree.
   B. Total number of credits earned (or will be earned) by you by graduation including transfer credits from another school, joint degree credits counted towards law degree and credits earned for study in a Foreign Country (see Rule 520.3[c][1][i]).

3. Did you receive transfer credit from attendance at the U.S. campus of another law school?
   A. If Yes, what U.S. law school?
   B. If Yes, how many total credits were accepted for transfer?

4. Credits Awarded for Stand-Alone Professional Responsibility Course(s) (Rule 520.3[c][1][iii])

5. Credits Awarded for Clinical Coursework in Law School (Rule 520.3[c][2])

6. Credits Awarded for Field Placement Programs or Externship (Rule 520.3[c][3])
   A. Credits Awarded, if any, for a Classroom Instructional Component of Field Placement Program or Externship.

7. Credits Awarded for Joint Degree Courses or Other Courses Taught Outside of the Law School (Rule 520.3[c][5]). Only include the credits awarded toward the Juris Doctor degree.
8. Did you receive credit for any coursework conducted by Distance Education? Distance education is an educational process in which more than one-third of the course instruction is characterized by the separation, in time or place, or both, between instructor and student, and technology is used to deliver instruction.

   A. If yes, how many credits were awarded for Synchronous Distance Education courses (live audiovisual or online web-conferencing)? (See Rule 520.3[c][6])
       Yes  No

   B. If yes, how many credits were awarded for Asynchronous Distance Education courses (i.e., correspondence, pre-recorded lectures)?
       Yes  No

   C. If yes, were at least 28 credits completed prior to completing any distance education courses?
       Yes  No

   D. If yes, were more than 4 credit hours of distance education courses taken in any ONE semester?
       Yes  No

9. Credits Awarded for Study of Law in a Foreign Country (Rule 520.3[e])

10. Number of Months for Completion of Juris Doctor degree (520.3[d][4]).

   A. Enter the month and year the applicant first commenced the study of law whether at your current law school or at another law school from which you received transfer credits.

   B. Enter the month and year the applicant completed all coursework for the Juris Doctor degree. Note that this is NOT necessarily the same as the month of graduation.

   11. Course Load (Rule 520.3[d][5])

   A. Enter the highest number of credits the applicant was enrolled in in any one semester or term.

Proof Required: After your application is processed the Board will email you (1) a Law School Certificate of Attendance Form and (2) a Handwriting Specimen form that must be completed and filed with the Board by no later than February 1st for February Exam or June 15th for the July exam. Applicants must complete the top portion of the Law School Certificate of Attendance form and then submit the form to the law school to complete the Certification at the bottom of the form. The Handwriting Specimen form must be completed by the applicant in the presence of a law school official and then certified by an appropriate official at the law school. Both the Law School Certificate of Attendance form and the Handwriting Specimen forms must be mailed to the Board directly by the law school. Forms that are submitted directly by the applicant will not be accepted.