

PTO EXAM (1996) DATA FROM SURVEY OF ALL WHO PASSED (40% RESPONDING)

PERCENTAGES OF PASSING CANDIDATES WHO ATTENDED SPECIFIC PATENT REVIEW COURSES

COURSE PROVIDER	ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE
Patent Resources Group (PRG)	68.06%
Practising Law Institute (PLI)	13.20%
Institute of Patent Studies (IPS)	4.51%
University of Houston Law School	3.81%
West Bar Review (no longer operational)*	3.47%
John Marshall Law School	2.78%
Patent Bar Seminars, Inc.	2.08%
Professional Programs Group (PPG)	2.08%

HOW PASSING CANDIDATES RATED REVIEW COURSES THEY ATTENDED** (SCALE: LOW OF 1 TO HIGH OF 4)

COURSE PROVIDER	INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS	LECTURERS	COMFORT OF PHYSICAL FACILITIES	COURSE ADM. & ORGANIZATION	AVERAGE OF ALL CATEGORIES
Patent Resources Group	3.60	3.24	3.39	3.53	3.44
Practising Law Institute	2.85	2.92	2.61	2.82	2.80
Institute of Patent Studies	2.22	2.31	2.23	2.62	2.35

EXTENT OF PASSING CANDIDATES' LEGAL BACKGROUND

	PERCENTAGE
Lawyer Admitted to Practice	65%
Law School Grad Not Yet Admitted	10%
Law Student	10%
None of the Above	15%

TECHNICAL/SCIENTIFIC BACKGROUND OF PASSING CANDIDATES

	PERCENTAGE
Electrical	29%
Computers	11%
Mechanical	21%
Chemical	17%
Biotechnology	13%
Other	9%

*West Bar Review, including its Patent Bar Review, was a division of the West Publishing Company. Days prior to the August 27, 1997 PTO examination, West discontinued all of its Bar Review Courses.

**As seen in the topmost table above, the data for five of the eight review course providers show that each accounted for between 2% and 3.8% of passing candidates' review course attendance. Because no statistical significance can be attributed to the numbers that support such minor percentages, those five providers are omitted from this table.

Dear Professor Kayton:

Your course, and particularly your talk, was a revelation. You made it crystal-clear ... what the PTO's examiners would be looking for.... Your approach, and structure, proved to be correct and effective.

George S. Cole, Menlo Park, CA

Thank you for your Patent Bar Review Course. It works.... I passed the exam on my first try.... While I put in an enormous amount of time studying, you provided the framework which made my studying effective.

Nancy J. Moriarty, Portland OR

I am writing to thank you

Your tips were uncanny and exactly on point.... During the exam I followed your directions.... I felt relaxed because everything appeared to be going smoothly, and I finished an hour early. Frankly, if it didn't work, I could always blame you in order to save face. However, quite the contrary, I passed.

Todd L. Juneau, Washington, DC

... I now wish that they reported passing grades – I know I scored near 100.... I have never witnessed an exam prep course dissect an exam and create a fail-proof technique for passing an exam as you did You're a genius and I thank you.

Engineer and lawyer, North Bethesda, MD

I appreciate your efforts in providing the suggestions and new study materials based on the recent changes in the PTO afternoon exam format. This type of effort speaks highly of your commitment to your students and the quality of your program. Thank you.

Kenyon S. Jenckes, Pasadena, CA