

## Bar Passage

*Southern Illinois University School of Law was among the first law schools in the nation to create and offer additional bar exam preparation, including workshops and simulated essay exams. The specialized eight-week, no-cost program provides academic support for all Southern Illinois University School of Law graduates preparing to take the bar exam. The program runs concurrently with the commercially (for profit) bar review course.*

- 94% of SIU School of Law graduates taking the July 2008 IL bar exam for the first time passed! (The first time rate for all of IL was 92%.)
- 92% pass rate for all SIU School of Law graduates taking the February 2008 test for the first time (Illinois state average approximately 86%).
- 92% pass rate for all SIU School of Law graduates taking the July 2007 test for the first time (Illinois state average approximately 90%).
- Eleven grads took the Missouri bar in July 2008 and all passed as did another eleven in February 2009.

*Recent graduates keep help their fellow SIU Alums by making a panel presentation on how to study, post tips on our bar blog, and serve as bar buddies.*

*Faculty read and critique essays and offer workshops on essay writing and multiple choice tips. We offer a simulated essay day just a week prior to the exam---for a last minute confidence booster.*