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Update: *The Faculty Lounge* has posted an updated blog that removed school funded positions from the "full-time, long-term, bar admission required" category. Roger Williams, like most law schools in our region, does not fund these positions, so those employment numbers did not change. However, Yale's employment rate changed to 77% and UMASS's changed to 23% in the "full-time, long-term, bar admission required" category. Here is the latest blog: <http://www.thefacultyounge.org/2013/04/a-cleaner-ranking-of-schools-long-term-full-time-employment-minus-law-school-funded-jobs.html>

The American Bar Association has adopted new requirements for how ABA - approved schools report employment outcomes for their graduates.

The blog *The Faculty Lounge* has compiled the most recent data on one category of employment, "full-time, bar admission required," and while the overall law firm employment market remains very soft, I am pleased to report that RWU Law grads are having better outcomes than is the case at many schools.

<http://www.thefacultyounge.org/2013/03/-full-rankings-bar-admission-required-full-time-long-term.html>

New England Law Schools are ranked below

1. Harvard (87%)
2. Yale (82%)
3. Boston College (65%)
4. Boston University (64%)
5. New Hampshire (61%)
6. Connecticut (54%)
7. **Roger Williams (51%)**
8. Vermont (45%)
9. Northeastern (43%)
10. Maine (42%)
11. Quinnipiac (41%)
12. Suffolk (40%)
13. New England (36%)
14. Western New England (34%)
15. University of Massachusetts (30%)

Nationally, Roger Williams has the same employment rate as nationally ranked law schools, like Colorado, Pittsburgh, and Villanova, and ahead of many others.

It is important to remember that the “full-time, bar admission required” category does not capture all successful outcomes for graduates as it does not include, for example, 2012 RWU Law alums enrolled in LLM programs, serving as fellows in federal agencies, or running an NGO (among others).

While success in the job market is the result of many factors (not least the overall economy), RWU continues to support its graduates with a laser-like focus on passing the bar on the first take <http://law.rwu.edu/blog/rwu-law-again-tops-regional-law-schools-time-massachusetts-bar-exam>, a commitment to providing a rich array of experiential learning opportunities, so that they can hit the ground running in whatever practice setting awaits <http://law.rwu.edu/experiential-learning>, and offering the services of an excellent Career Development Office. <http://law.rwu.edu/careers/career-services-office>