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**Seventeen Graduates from the Santa Barbara and Ventura  
Colleges of Law Pass the California State Bar Exam**

(VENTURA, CA – December 3, 2009) — Seventeen recent graduates from the Santa Barbara and Ventura Colleges of Law have passed the July 2009 General Bar Examination, a key requirement for admission into the State Bar, the law school announced today.

Successful candidates from the Santa Barbara campus are Ramo Robert Amador, Leanne Gerritsen, Jordan Hankey, David Kelly, Ruby Lem, Diane Hadjes Pereira and Heather Segal. From the Ventura campus, successful passers were Ryan Blatz, Gina Herkel, Anzac Jacobs, Joseph Jones, Michael Labrum, Jennifer Lyons, Erin Mayo, Janet Mertes, Kimberlee Ray and David Tetzlaff.

“We are extremely proud of each of these individuals and look forward to welcoming them into the legal community,” said College of Law Dean Heather Georgakis. “Through their studies these former students demonstrated a true passion for the law, and we know that the legal fraternity will be richer with them as members.”

The three-day General Bar Examination is given twice a year (February and July) and consists of a multiple-choice multistate bar section, six essay questions and two performance tests designed to assess an applicant's ability to apply general legal knowledge to practical tasks. Those who pass the exam and who have satisfied other requirements for admission to the Bar may either take the Attorney's Oath individually or participate in admissions ceremonies held this month throughout the state.

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Currently celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Santa Barbara and Ventura Colleges of Law offers a State Bar-accredited part-time evening program leading to the awarding of a Juris Doctor degree and academic eligibility to sit for the California State Bar Examination. With a faculty comprised of judges and practicing attorneys who bring real-world experience into the curriculum, its classes are taught in a supportive and practical learning environment that encourage students to fulfill their dreams while adhering to the highest levels of ethics, professional responsibility and civic duty. Its more than 1,700 graduates include judges, court commissioners and numerous elected officials as well as hundreds of lawyers practicing throughout California. Further information on the law school and its programs may be obtained at [www.CollegesOfLaw.org](http://www.CollegesOfLaw.org).

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