

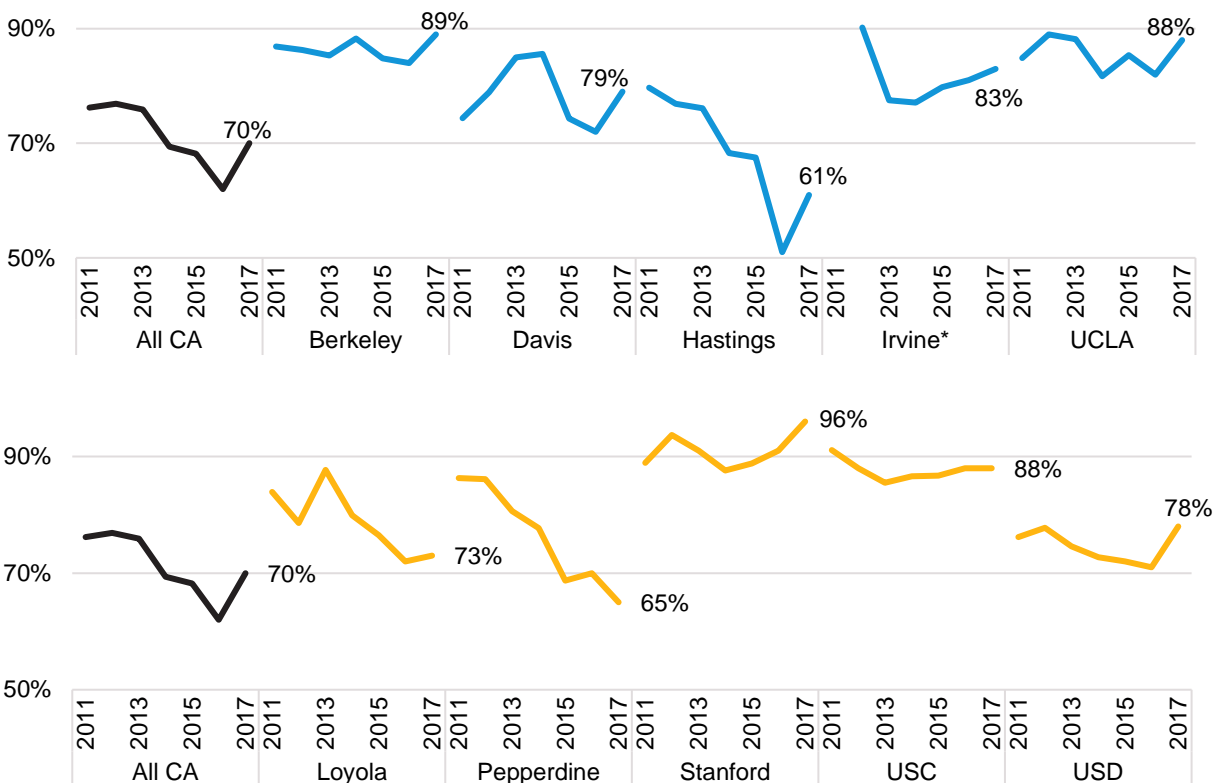
## First-time CA Bar Passage Rate Increases at All UC Law Schools in July 2017

Every UC-affiliated law school saw an increase in first-time bar passage rates in July 2017. UC Berkeley and UCLA had the highest pass rates, with 89% and 88% of first-time examinees passing, respectively. The state's overall first-time pass rate rose from 62% to 70%. UC Hastings saw the largest increase of any UC-affiliated campus, 10 percentage points, between July 2016 and July 2017. Many of UC's benchmark law schools in California also saw improvements.

The July 2017 examination implemented a format change approved in 2015. The new exam now lasts only two days. Prior to July 2017, California administered the second longest Bar Exam in the country which lasted 18 hours over three days.

California has one of the most difficult Bar Exams in the country; in July 2016, California had the lowest first-time pass rate (56%). Other large states like Texas (78%), New York (73%) and Florida (68%) saw significantly higher pass rates for first-time takers<sup>1</sup>.

*First-Time CA Bar Passage Rates for UC and Benchmark Law Schools, July Administration 2011-2017*



<sup>1</sup> 2016 Statistics. (March 2017). *The Bar Examiner*, 86(1), 14-49. Retrieved January 2, 2018, from [http://www.ncbex.org/pdfviewer/?file=%2Fassets%2Fmedia\\_files%2FBar-Examiner%2Farticles%2F2017%2FBE-860117-2016-Statistics.pdf](http://www.ncbex.org/pdfviewer/?file=%2Fassets%2Fmedia_files%2FBar-Examiner%2Farticles%2F2017%2FBE-860117-2016-Statistics.pdf)

\* 2012 is the first year of data available for UC Irvine.