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**04.03.2009 | Law** Even in today's economy, the University of Dayton School of Law's class of 2008 was successful in securing jobs.

Nearly 94 percent of the class found employment within nine months of graduation. Law school officials call it "the highest employment rate in years." It's an increase of nearly 2 percent from 2007.

The job placement rate isn't the only good news the University of Dayton School of Law will report to the American Bar Association for its annual report.

Ninety-two percent of the University of Dayton law school's 2008 class who took the Ohio bar exam for the first time in July passed the test. That rate tied for second in the state. Among all test-takers, the University of Dayton tied The Ohio State University and the University of Akron for the top spot.

The numbers for first-time test-takers, all test-takers and job placement have continued to climb in recent years, according to University of Dayton School of Law officials.

Publications, such as *U.S. News & World Report*, use this data to rank law schools. All schools report how their graduates fared in finding a job within nine months of graduation.

A variety of factors contributed to the 2008 graduates' success, said Assistant Dean and Director of Career Services Tim Swensen. Swensen noticed more students taking advantage of the school's "Road to Bar Pass" program, individualized counseling sessions with career services office personnel and networking opportunities with alumni.

"I am very pleased with the continual improvement of our students in the bar exam," University of Dayton School of Law Dean Lisa Kloppenberg said. "It's a testament to the hard work, dedication and quality of students we attract with our Lawyer as Problem Solver program."

The School of Law developed its Lawyer as Problem Solver program in 2005 because students and employers asked for curriculum that included more practical skills needed to deal with real clients. The program, which has a two-year option for flexibility, emphasizes service and applying legal education to solve problems for clients, communities and the world.

The program has attracted the attention of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, *The New York Times* and *The National Law Journal*, among others. The International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution honored the program with an award for excellence in 2006.

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