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Photo caption: Mat Staver, Dean of Liberty University School of Law, receives a high-five from his wife, Anita, in his Orlando, Fla., office Thursday upon news of the high bar passage rate for recent grads.

Liberty University School of Law now ranks No. 2 in the state for passage rates on the Virginia Bar Exam. At 94.4 percent, Liberty is just behind the University of Virginia (96.8).

“That’s going to put us in the top 5 percent of all law schools in the country,” said [Mat Staver](#), Dean of Liberty University School of Law.

Working out of his Orlando, Fla., office on Thursday, Staver was jubilant when he heard the news from Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr., who had received the call from members of the Board of Bar Examiners that afternoon.

“He had a whole room full of people cheering,” Falwell said. “It’s wonderful news for the law school. It just means we’re achieving our goals much more quickly than we hoped.”

[Liberty University School of Law](#) opened in August 2004. With tracks in civil, criminal and constitutional litigation, as well as business planning, estate planning, real estate development and government administration, the school is equipping a generation of Christian leaders with skills that are on par with graduates of the nation’s top law schools.