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To my fellow Ateneo Law School alumni, faculty members and students:

The results of the bar examinations administered in September of 2025 under the chairpersonship of Associate Justice Amy C. Lazaro-Javier have today been officially released and I am delighted to share the news that our Ateneo Law School (ALS) registered a 98.11% passing rate among first time takers and a 96.52% passing rate among all ALS takers. Based on these passing rates, the ALS ranked first among all law schools that had more than 100 exam takers in both the first-time takers and overall categories.

With respect to individual rankings, two (2) of our students ranked among the top twenty (20) passers.

This announcement is, as always, a moment of great joy—and no small measure of relief—for our ALS bar passers, considering all that they had given and endured to achieve this milestone in their quest. We are deeply happy for, and immensely proud of, each one of them. Not any prouder, however, of each one of you who had helped so very generously in countless ways to enable them to reach this point. Indeed, success in the bar exams bears eloquent witness to the value and durable strength of our Ateneo Law community—one we trust will continue to flourish well into the future, because of and for each one of us.

We are not unmindful, of course, that the announcement of the results comes at a time marked by widespread corruption and serious challenges to the rule of law, both domestically and abroad. It is our fervent hope that each of our ALS bar passers will enter the legal profession as principled lawyers animated by zeal, courage and Ignatian fervor—committed to upholding the primacy of the law as an instrument for the protection of individual rights, the promotion of the common good, the pursuit of justice, and the demand for accountability. And just as we came to one another's aid in our collective effort toward success in the 2025 Bar Examinations, may we continue to stand by one another as one Ateneo Law community, drawing strength from our shared mission as Ateneo lawyers.

My sincere thanks once again to everyone who helped sustain the Ateneo Law spirit throughout the 2025 Bar Examinations season. And even as we rightly celebrate, let us not forget—nor cease to support—those among our ALS bar takers who may have fallen short this time. They, too, will undoubtedly rise again with renewed confidence and resolve. We are, and will always remain, here for you.

One big fight!

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