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Dear Ed:

RE: Bar exam scores

When I went to school, a grade of 66 was an F. Now, is not the time to change bar exam passing grades.

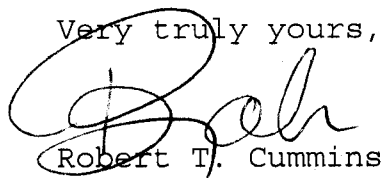
In fact, if there are 400 questions, an applicant should have to get a score of at least 300. That's a 75, which is a low "C."

I have been in the practice of law for 55 years and have noticed in the past 15 years the caliber of admittees is low. In fact, most of them can't get a Martindale-Hubbell rating of "C."

I am opposed to any bar exam grade of less than 75 for admission to Montana practice. To accept any lower percentage will open the Montana Bar for more unqualified attorneys.

Please bring this to the attention of Chief Justice McGrath.

Very truly yours,


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