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**New York State Court of Appeals Regents' Certificates of Law  
Students' Qualifying Education J2015**

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## Overview of the Records

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<b>Repository:</b>	New York State Archives
<b>Summary:</b>	The series consists of original certificates issued by the State Board of Regents endorsing the qualifying education of students who learned the practice of law through clerking rather than attendance at law school. Students were examined in accordance with regulations established by the Regents in subjects prescribed by rules of the Court of Appeals (arithmetic, grammar, geography, orthography, English and American history, and English composition). If the student was deemed qualified, certificates were issued.
<b>Creator:</b>	New York (State). Court of Appeals
<b>Title:</b>	Regents' certificates of law students' qualifying education
<b>Quantity:</b>	1 cubic foot
<b>Inclusive Date:</b>	1883-1887
<b>Series:</b>	J2015

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## Arrangement

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Chronological by date filed.

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## Scope and Content Note

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Certificates show name of the student; certificate number; date filed with the court; statement of qualification; date issued; and the signatures of the chancellor, secretary, and examiner. All bear the seal of the regents.

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## Related Information

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### Related Material

J0109Series J0109, New York State Court of Appeals Index to Regents' Certificates of Law Students' Qualifying Education, 1881-1921, indexes this series.

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## Use of Records

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### Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of this material.

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## Administrative Information

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### Custodial History

These records were transferred to the Archives from the Court of Appeals in the late 1980s. The accession resulted from a project by Archives staff in 1997 to accession or integrate estrayed or unidentified records.

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## Access Terms

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- Law--Study and teaching
- Regulating professional standards

- Certificates
- Courts--New York (State)
- Certifying lawyers
- New York (State)
- Law students
- University of the State of New York