

# Japanese Lawyers and Judicial Reform

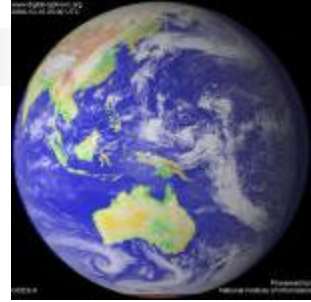
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# Context

- Judicial Reform Regarding Japanese Lawyers
- The Effects of Judicial Reform



# Number of Lawyers



Nation	Number of Lawyers	Ratio of Lawyer & General Public
Japan	20,000	6,300
United States	941,000	290
United Kingdom	83,000	710
Germany	111,000	740
France	36,000	1,640

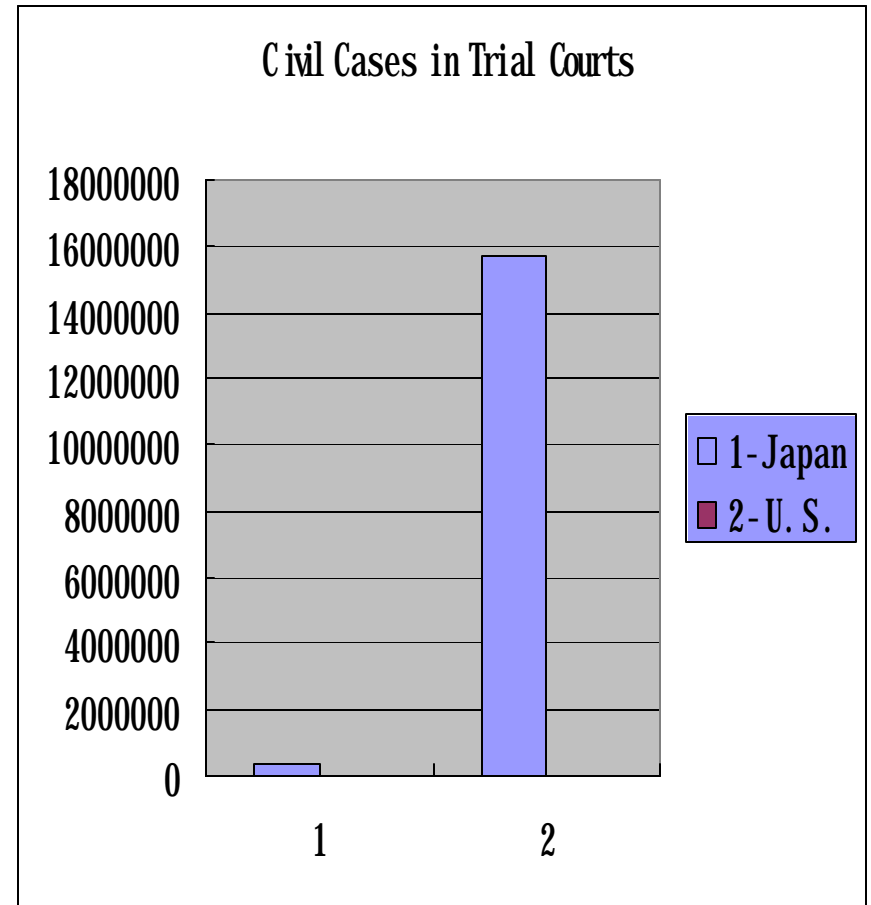
# Bar Exam Passage

- Until 1990, about 500 people per year.
- In 1991, above 600 people.
- In 2002, 1200 people.
- Passing rate of the Bar exam – less than 3%  
(2.5% in year 2002)

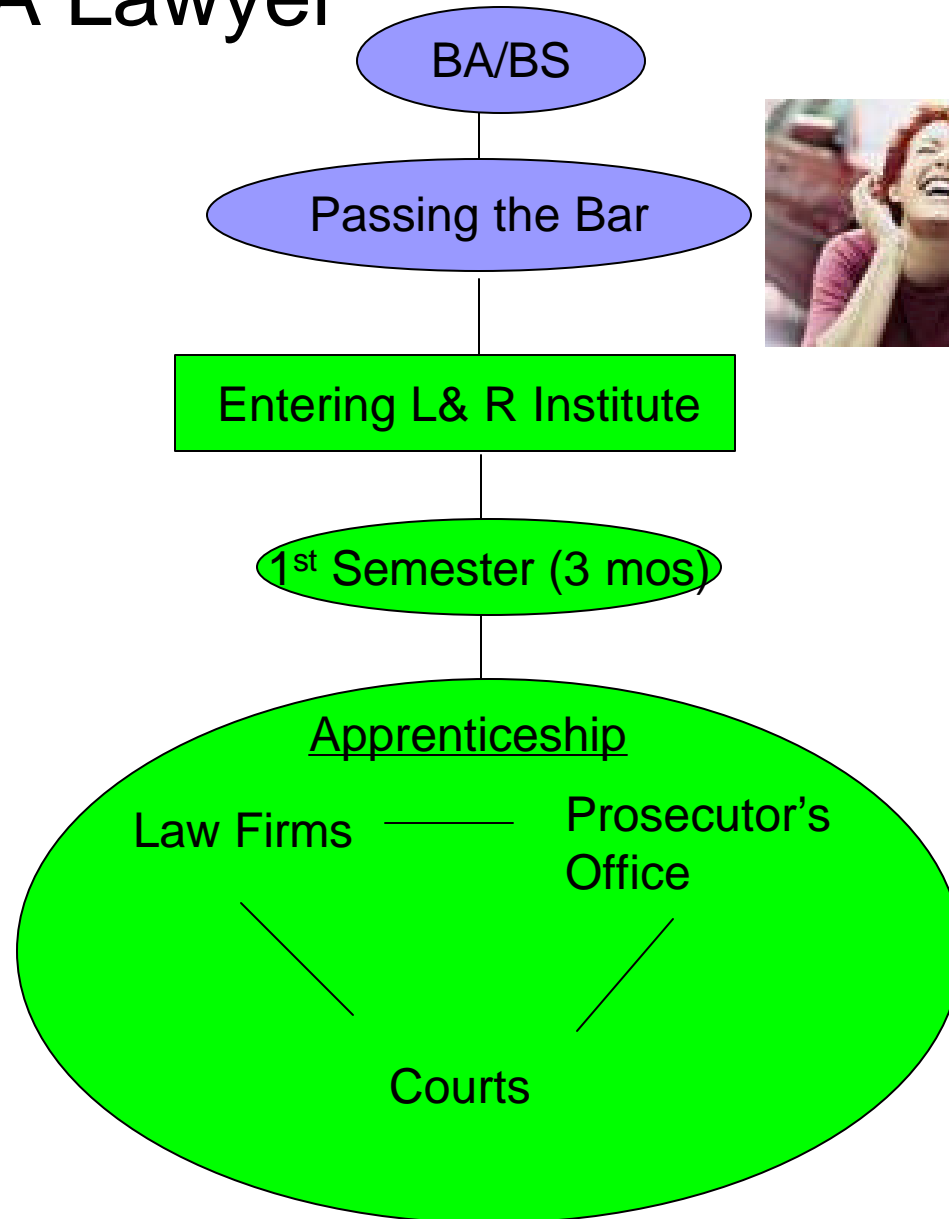


# Why So Few?

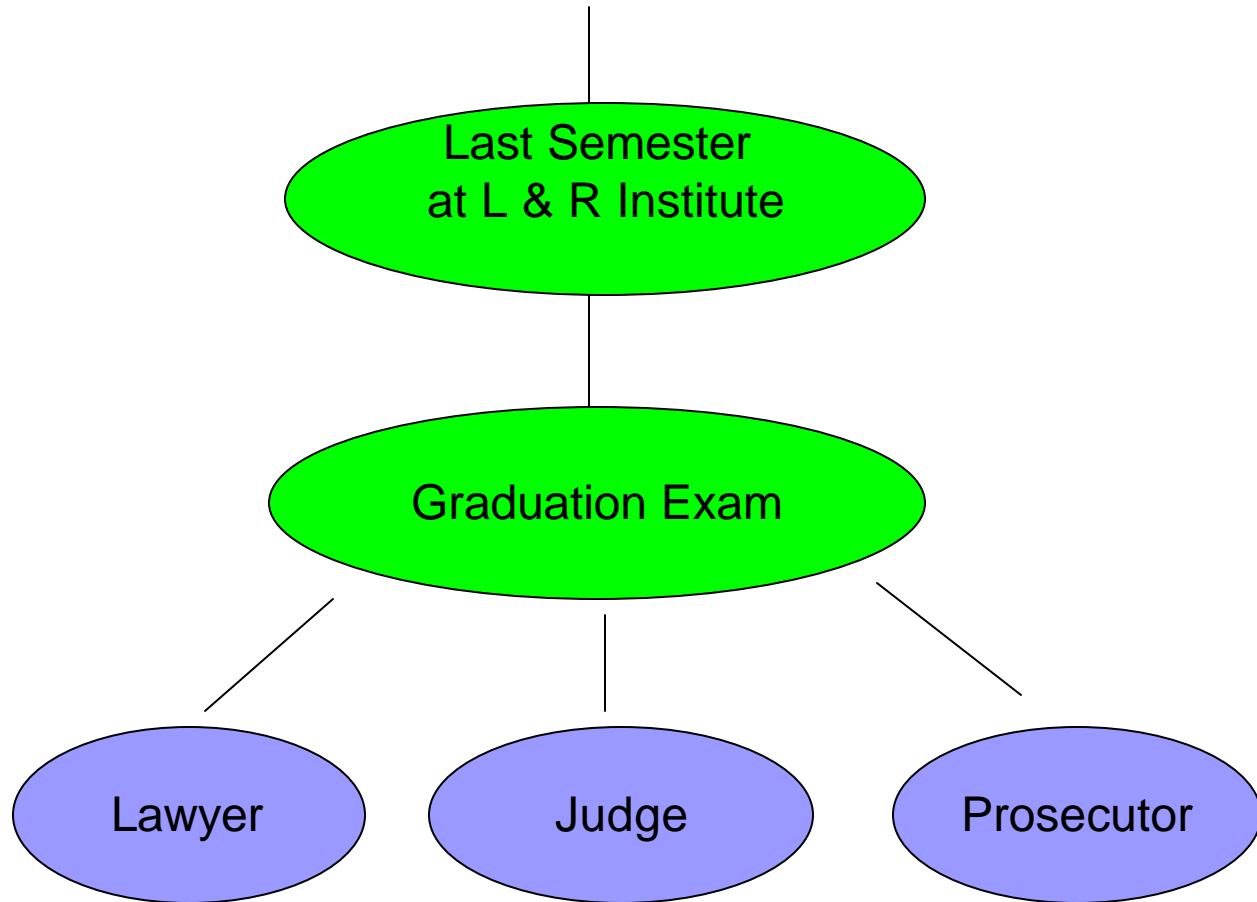
- Japanese Culture
  - Homogeneity in Thoughts and Values
  - Tendency to maintain harmony instead of lawsuits.
- The concept of “elite profession” v. commercial service



# How to Be A Lawyer



# How to Be a Lawyer (Cont'd)



# Why Is Judicial Reform Necessary?

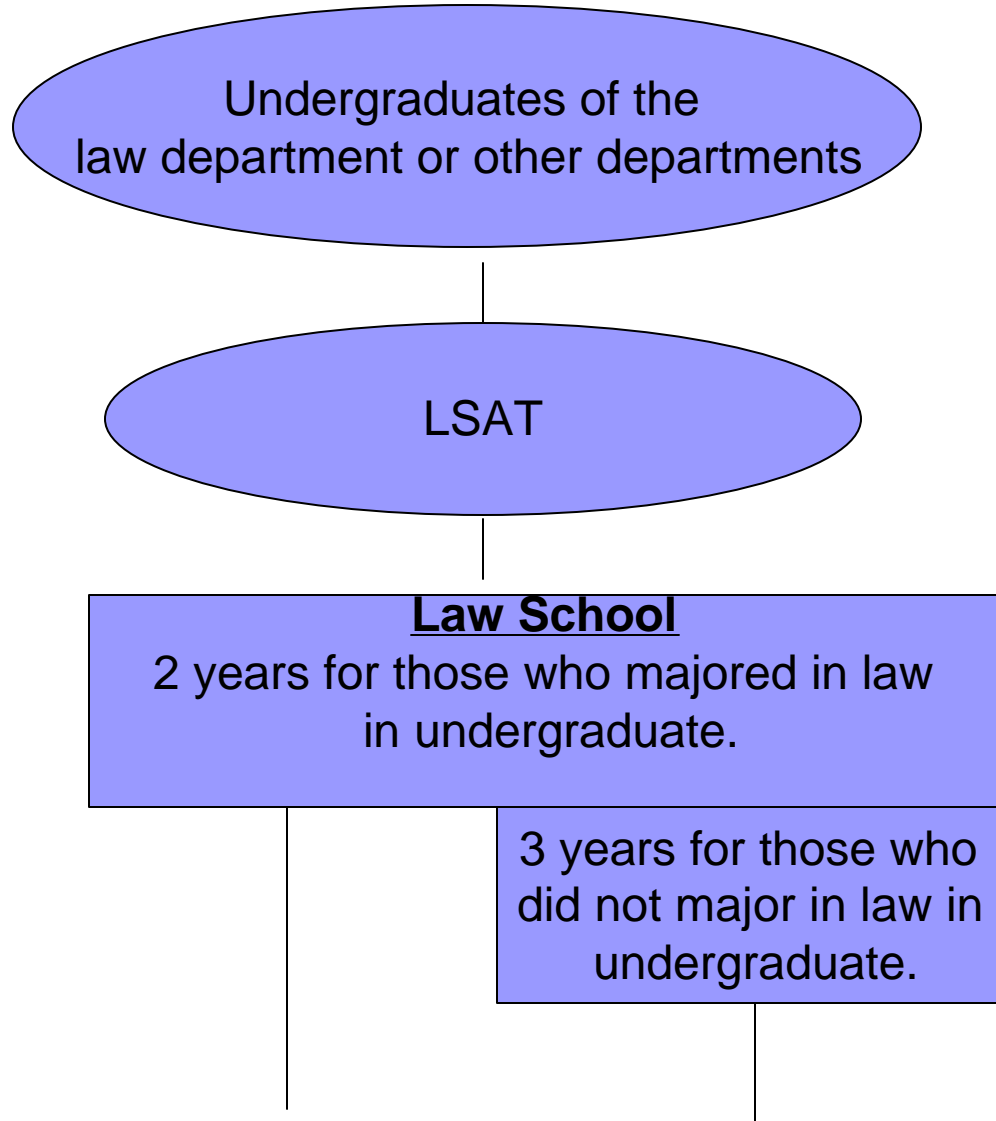
- Background
- Lack of Lawyers in Non-Metropolitan Areas
- Lack of Corporate and International Lawyers
  - The corporate risk has increased.
    - derivative suits
    - foreign investors
    - complex international transactions

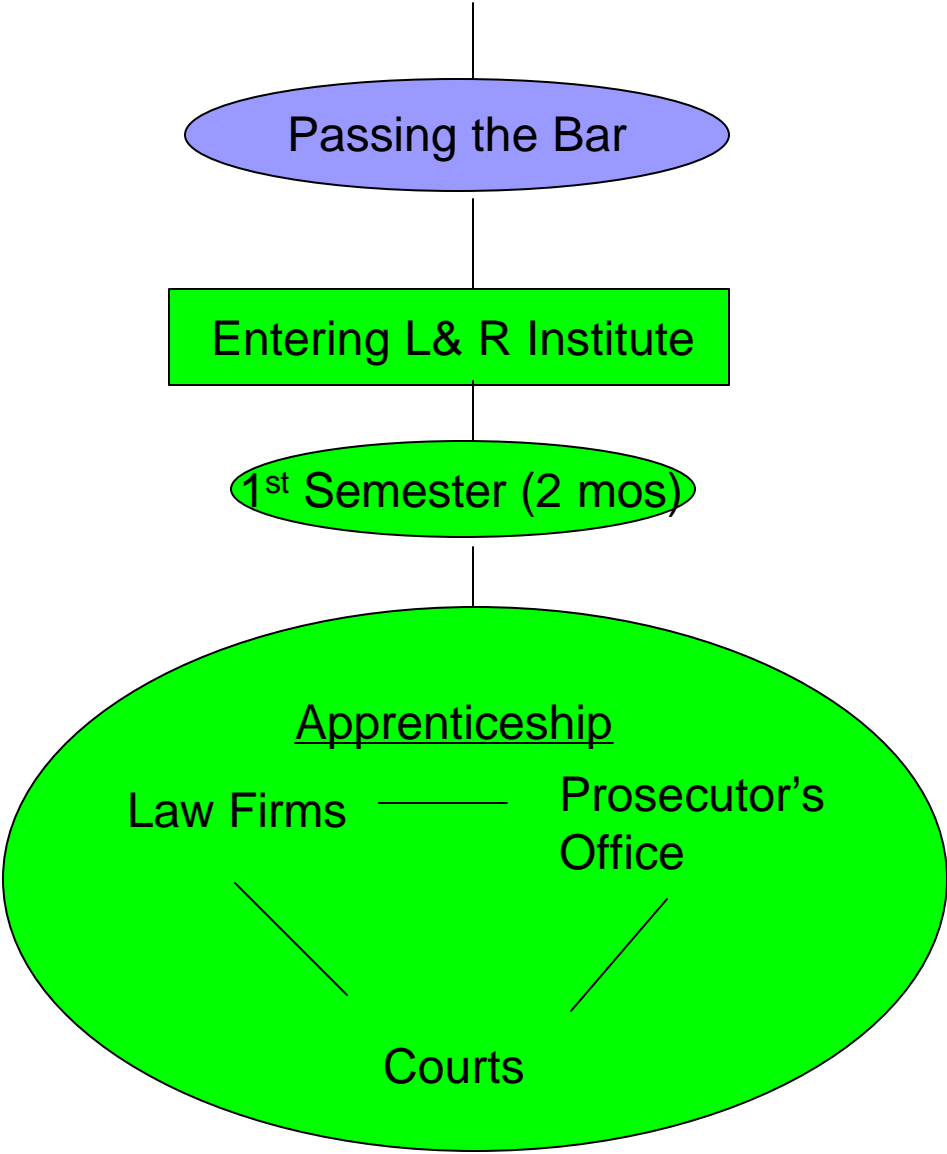


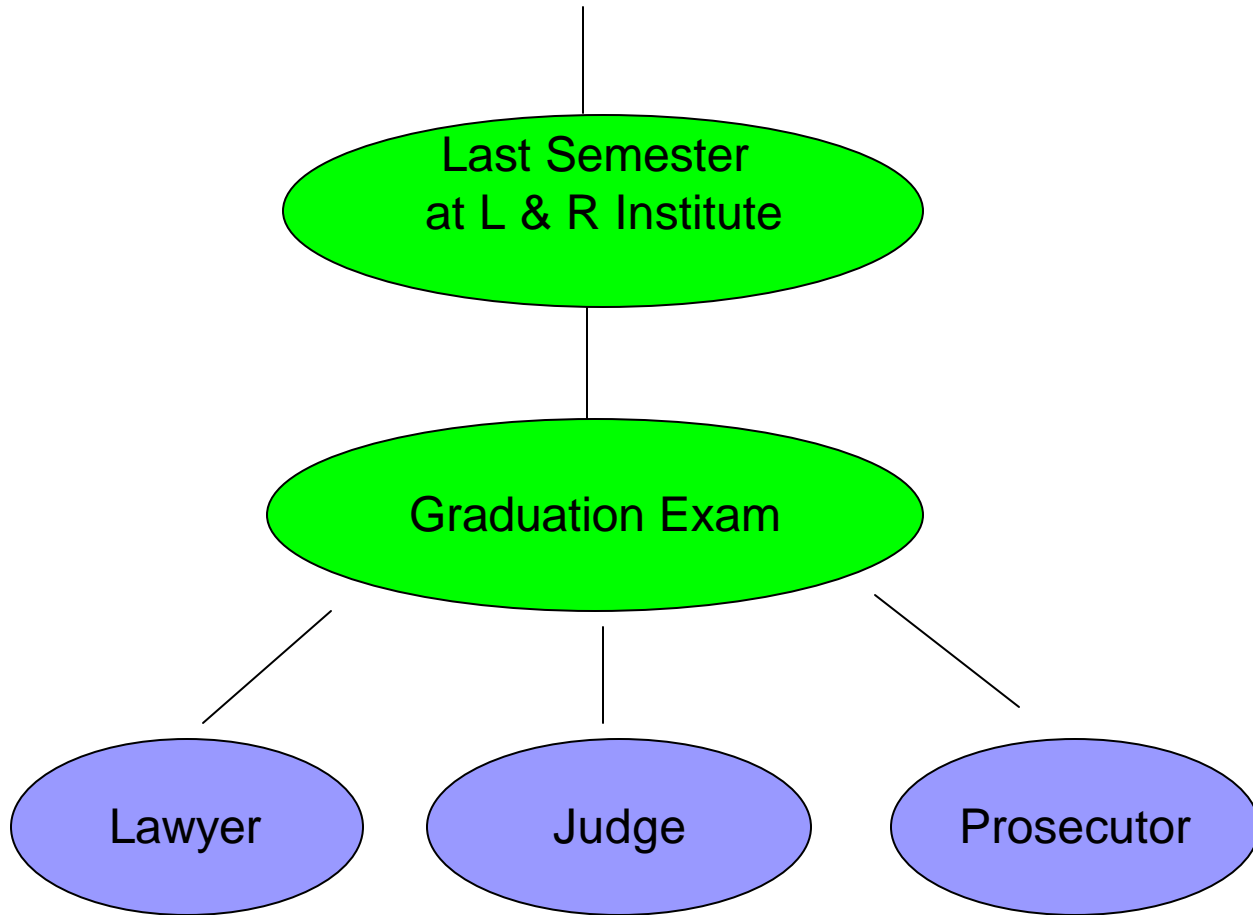
# Solutions

- To increase the number of bar applicants to 3,000 per year in 2010.
- In what ways?
  - ? to adopt the American model of law school.

# New Legal Education







# Changes

- More Competitive
- Larger Law Firms
- More Specialized
- More Diversified



Thank you for  
listening!

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