



STATE BAR OF TEXAS

DEPARTMENT OF RESEARCH & ANALYSIS

Statistical Profile of the Texas Young Lawyers Association (2000-01)

This report provides statistical information on the Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA), senior members of the State Bar of Texas, and on the entire active State Bar membership. TYLA consists of all attorneys licensed in Texas who are under the age of 36, and those new attorneys who have been licensed for less than three years. The senior bar consists of all attorneys who are not members of TYLA. TYLA members currently represent 32 percent of the entire Bar membership. The figures below are for December 2000, and include attorneys living out-of-state who are licensed in Texas.

		TYLA Membership (12/31/00) (n = 21,815)	Senior Bar Membership (12/31/00) (n = 45,228)¹	State Bar Membership² (12/31/00) (n = 67,524)
Gender	Male	61%	78%	73%
	Female	39%	22%	27%
Race/Ethnicity³	Caucasian/Anglo	81%	91%	88%
	African-American/Black	5%	3%	4%
	Hispanic/Latino	10%	4%	6%
	Asian/Pacific Islander	3%	<1%	1%
	Native American Indian	<1%	<1%	<1%
	Other	2%	1%	1%
Years Licensed⁴	2 years or less	27%	0%	9%
	3 to 6 years	37%	2%	14%
	7 to 10 years	26%	7%	13%
	11 to 15 years	10%	17%	15%
	16 to 20 years	0%	21%	14%
	21 to 25 years	0%	19%	13%
	More than 25 years	0%	33%	22%
	<i>Median years licensed</i>	<i>5 years</i>	<i>21 years</i>	<i>15 years</i>

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Age	21 to 25 years	1%	0%	<1%
	26 to 30 years	27%	0%	9%
	31 to 35 years	41%	0%	13%
	36 to 40 years	27%	8%	14%
	41 to 45 years	2%	22%	16%
	46 to 50 years	1%	23%	16%
	51 to 55 years	1%	19%	13%
	56 to 60 years	<1%	12%	8%
	61 to 65 years	<1%	6%	4%
	More than 65	0%	10%	7%
	<i>Median age</i>	<i>33 years</i>	<i>50 years</i>	<i>45 years</i>
Law School Attended	Baylor	7%	7%	7%
	St. Mary's	8%	7%	7%
	South Texas	11%	11%	11%
	Southern Methodist	8%	9%	9%
	Texas Southern	3%	2%	3%
	Texas Tech	8%	5%	6%
	Texas Wesleyan	3%	1%	1%
	University of Houston	11%	11%	11%
	University of Texas	19%	23%	22%
	Out-of-State Law School	24%	24%	24%
Primary Occupation⁵	Private Practice	68%	66%	67%
	Government	15%	10%	11%
	Judiciary	<1%	3%	2%
	Law Faculty	<1%	1%	1%
	House Counsel	9%	10%	10%
	Other Law Related	3%	3%	3%
	Other Non-Law Related	3%	3%	3%
	Retired or Not Working	<1%	3%	2%
	Unemployed: Looking for Work	1%	1%	1%
	Unemployed: Not Looking for Work	1%	1%	1%

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Law Firm Size (for private practitioners only)	Sole Practitioners	20%	43%	36%
	2 to 5 attorneys	24%	24%	24%
	6 to 10 attorneys	10%	7%	8%
	11 to 24 attorneys	10%	7%	8%
	25 to 40 attorneys	5%	3%	4%
	41 to 60 attorneys	3%	2%	2%
	More than 60 attorneys	27%	13%	18%
	<i>Median firm size</i>	<i>9 attorneys</i>	<i>3 attorneys</i>	<i>4 attorneys</i>
Percent Who Are Members of State Bar Sections	No Sections	62%	55%	57%
	One Section	19%	19%	19%
	Two Sections	12%	13%	13%
	Three Sections	4%	7%	6%
	More than Three Sections	3%	6%	5%
Section Members by Section⁶	Administrative and Public Law	4%	5%	4%
	African-American Lawyers	2%	1%	1%
	Alternative Dispute Resolution	1%	6%	4%
	American Indian Law	<1%	1%	<1%
	Animal Law	1%	1%	1%
	Antitrust and Business Litigation	4%	5%	5%
	Appellate Practice and Advocacy	6%	5%	6%
	Asian Pacific Islander Interest	1%	<1%	1%
	Aviation Law	1%	1%	1%
	Business Law	13%	14%	14%
	Computer	5%	4%	4%
	Construction Law	3%	5%	4%
	Consumer Law	4%	6%	6%
	Corporate Counsel	11%	10%	11%
	Criminal Justice	6%	6%	6%

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Section Members by Section, continued	Entertainment and Sports Law	2%	2%	2%
	Environmental and Natural Resources	4%	5%	5%
	Family Law	9%	15%	13%
	General Practice, Solo and Small Firm	6%	8%	8%
	Government Lawyers	2%	3%	2%
	Health Law	5%	5%	5%
	Hispanic Issues	2%	1%	1%
	Individual Rights and Responsibilities	<1%	1%	1%
	Insurance Law	5%	4%	4%
	Intellectual Property Law	9%	6%	7%
	International Law	3%	4%	4%
	James C. Watson Inn	<1%	1%	<1%
	Justice of the Peace	<1%	<1%	<1%
	Juvenile Law	2%	3%	2%
	Labor and Employment Law	12%	10%	11%
	Litigation	31%	26%	28%
	Military Law	1%	1%	1%
	Municipal Judges	<1%	1%	1%
	Oil, Gas and Mineral Law	3%	9%	7%
	Public Utility Law	1%	2%	2%
	Real Estate, Probate and Trust	15%	26%	23%
	School Law	2%	2%	2%
	Sexual Orientation and Gender Identification Issues	1%	1%	1%
Taxation Law	6%	6%	6%	
Women and the Law	3%	2%	2%	

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Percent Who Are Board Certified	No Areas	98%	87%	91%
	One Area	2%	10%	8%
	Two Areas	<1%	2%	2%
	More than Two Areas	0%	<1%	<1%
Board Certified Attorneys by Area of Legal Specialization⁷	Administrative Law	2%	3%	3%
	Bankruptcy Law: Business	<1%	3%	3%
	Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	2%	3%	3%
	Civil Appellate Law	9%	6%	6%
	Civil Trial Law	4%	21%	19%
	Consumer Law	1%	1%	1%
	Criminal Law	18%	11%	12%
	Estate Planning and Probate	10%	9%	9%
	Family Law	6%	10%	10%
	Immigration and Nationality Law	1%	1%	1%
	Labor Law	15%	5%	6%
	Oil, Gas and Mineral Law	1%	5%	4%
	Personal Injury Trial Law	31%	26%	26%
	Real Estate Law: Commercial	3%	8%	8%
	Real Estate Law: Farm & Ranch	0%	2%	2%
	Real Estate Law: Residential	2%	5%	5%
Tax Law	2%	4%	4%	

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¹ TYLA and Senior Bar membership figures do not sum to the total State Bar membership figure (67,524), as 481 members had to be dropped from the Senior Bar analysis due to apparent misclassification in the membership database.

² Throughout the report, the statistical information on the Bar membership includes both TYLA and Senior Bar members. All data represent active Bar members only. Some figures are estimates, as not all information is known for every active attorney.

³ Race/ethnicity was known for 95 percent of the active Bar membership in 2000.

⁴ Based on year first licensed in any jurisdiction.

⁵ Primary occupation and law firm size figures are estimates as these demographics are unknown for some attorneys.

⁶ Percent of all attorneys who are members of any section and who hold membership in the listed section.

⁷ Percent of all board certified attorneys who are certified in the listed area.