



# STATE BAR OF TEXAS

## Department of Research and Analysis

### State Bar of Texas Membership: Dallas County Attorney Statistical Profile (2008-09)

This report profiles active Dallas County State Bar of Texas attorney members with membership in the State Bar of Texas as of December 31, 2008, roughly the midpoint of the Bar's fiscal year. Numbers and percents are given by key demographic variables including gender, race/ethnicity, years licensed in any jurisdiction, graduating law school, primary occupation, law firm size, section membership, and board certification.

	Dallas County Active Attorneys 2008-09 N = 9,845		All State Bar Attorneys 2008-09 N = 83,713	
<b>Gender</b>				
Male	7,228	74%	56,562	68%
Female	2,563	26%	26,508	32%
<b>Race</b>				
Caucasian/Anglo	8,426	91%	66,361	84%
African-American/Black	305	3%	3,435	4%
Hispanic/Latino	284	3%	5,801	7%
Asian/Pacific Islander	136	1%	1,712	2%
Native American Indian	35	0%	246	<1%
Two or More Races	0	0%	55	<1%
Other Race	100	1%	1003	1%
<b>Years Licensed *</b>				
2 or less years	82	1%	7,997	10%
3 to 6 years	982	10%	9,763	12%
7 to 10 years	1,181	12%	9,316	11%
11 to 15 years	1,444	15%	11,322	14%
16 to 20 years	1,360	14%	10,474	13%
21 to 25 years	1,391	14%	9,499	11%
Over 25 years	3,404	35%	25,333	30%
Median Years Licensed	21 Years		18 Years	
<b>Age</b>				
21 to 25 years	0	0%	196	<1%
26 to 30 years	250	3%	7,196	9%
31 to 35 years	1,044	11%	9,689	12%
36 to 40 years	1,367	14%	10,897	13%
41 to 45 years	1,347	14%	9,924	12%
46 to 50 years	1,519	15%	10,510	13%
51 to 55 years	1,403	14%	10,796	13%
56 to 60 years	1,164	12%	9,635	12%
61 to 65 years	836	8%	6,877	8%
More than 65 years	914	9%	7,969	10%
Median Age	49 Years		48 Years	
<b>Member Class—TYLA/Senior**</b>				
TYLA Member	1,958	20%	23,802	28%
Senior Member	7,887	80%	59,911	72%

**State Bar Members: Dallas County Attorney Statistical Profile (2008-09)**

	<b>Dallas County Active Attorneys</b>		<b>All State Bar Attorneys</b>	
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<b>Law School Attended</b>				
Baylor University	720	7%	5,264	6%
St. Mary's	335	3%	6,135	7%
South Texas	246	2%	9,183	11%
Southern Methodist	2,674	27%	6,987	8%
Texas Southern	96	1%	2,566	3%
Texas Tech	611	6%	5,353	6%
Texas Wesleyan	254	3%	2,031	2%
University of Houston	310	3%	8,978	11%
University of Texas	1,654	17%	14,515	17%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	2,945	30%	22,701	27%
<b>Primary Occupation</b>				
Private Law Practice	7,397	75%	50,346	67%
Government Attorney	403	4%	8,134	11%
Full-Time Judge	126	1%	1,586	2%
Law Faculty	34	0%	529	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	985	11%	7,454	10%
Other Law Related	127	1%	2,173	3%
Other Non-Law Related	151	2%	2,065	3%
Retired-Not Working	100	1%	1,772	2%
Unemployed-Looking	18	0%	378	1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	18	0%	475	1%
<b>Firm Size (private practitioners only)</b>				
Solo Practitioners	2,028	23%	17,074	35%
2 to 5 attorneys	1,724	19%	11,370	24%
6 to 10 attorneys	732	8%	3,656	8%
11 to 24 attorneys	786	9%	4,065	8%
25 to 40 attorneys	395	4%	1,967	4%
41 to 60 attorneys	294	3%	1,053	2%
Over 60 / 61 to 100 attorneys	1,214	14%	3,293	7%
101 to 200 attorneys	238	3%	861	2%
Over 200 attorneys	1,444	16%	4,850	10%
Median Firm Size	11 attorneys		4 attorneys	
<b>Members of State Bar Sections</b>				
Section Members	5,409	55%	34,109	41%
Non Section Members	4,436	45%	49,604	59%
Members of One Section	2,698	27%	17,229	21%
Members of Two Sections	1,626	17%	9,786	12%
Members of Three Sections	635	6%	4,049	5%
Members of Four or More Sections	450	5%	3,045	4%

## State Bar Members: Dallas County Attorney Statistical Profile (2008-09)

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therefore the percents do not sum to 100%

<b>Section Membership</b>	<b>Dallas County Active Attorneys</b>		<b>All State Bar Attorneys</b>	
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Administrative and Public Law	60	1%	1,134	1%
African-American Lawyers	43	<1%	406	<1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	187	2%	1,163	1%
American Indian Law	12	<1%	118	<1%
Animal Law	30	<1%	284	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	342	3%	1,114	1%
Appellate	292	3%	1,769	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	34	<1%	223	<1%
Aviation Law	55	1%	248	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	294	3%	1,328	2%
Business Law	902	9%	4,023	5%
Computer and Technology	147	1%	796	1%
Construction Law	341	3%	2,014	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	190	2%	1,351	2%
Corporate Counsel	601	6%	3,188	4%
Criminal Justice	226	2%	2,502	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	91	1%	514	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	136	1%	1,371	2%
Family Law	551	6%	4,892	6%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	227	2%	1,984	2%
Government Lawyers	44	<1%	786	1%
Health Law	203	2%	1,249	1%
Hispanic Issues	45	<1%	432	1%
Individual rights and Responsibilities	27	<1%	214	<1%
Insurance Law	342	3%	1,574	2%
Intellectual Property Law	435	4%	2,054	2%
International Law	136	1%	909	1%
James C. Watson Inn	21	<1%	158	<1%
Judicial Law	4	<1%	37	<1%
Justice of the Peace	3	<1%	64	<1%
Juvenile Law	65	1%	829	1%
Labor and Employment Law	508	5%	2,833	3%
Litigation	1,443	15%	7,752	9%
Military law	11	<1%	282	<1%
Municipal Judges	26	<1%	242	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	259	3%	2,915	3%
Poverty Law	10	<1%	440	1%
Public Utility Law	42	<1%	445	1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	1,193	12%	7,320	9%
School Law	48	<1%	615	1%
Sexual Orientation & Gender Identification Issues	29	<1%	183	<1%
Taxation	356	4%	1,884	2%
Women and the Law	73	1%	446	1%
Workers' Compensation	33	<1%	234	<1%

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Board Certifications				
Board Certified Attorneys	1,015	10%	6,995	8%
Attorneys Not Board Certified	8830	90%	76,718	92%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	896	9%	5,865	7%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	110	1%	1,004	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	9	<1%	126	<1%

Attorneys Board Certified In:				
Administrative Law	2	<1%	157	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	29	<1%	159	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	16	<1%	153	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	70	1%	405	<1%
Civil Trial Law	189	2%	1,140	1%
Consumer and Commercial Law	5	<1%	68	<1%
Criminal Law	95	1%	834	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	96	1%	650	1%
Family Law	127	1%	706	1%
Health Law	11	<1%	50	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	15	<1%	110	<1%
Juvenile Law	3	<1%	62	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	143	1%	550	1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	19	<1%	263	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	200	2%	1,703	2%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	51	1%	499	1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	2	<1%	99	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	19	<1%	329	<1%
Tax Law	35	<1%	227	<1%
Workers' Compensation Law	16	<1%	98	<1%

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**Footnotes**

- \* Based on year first licensed in any jurisdiction.
- \*\* Texas Young Lawyers Association membership is automatic for attorneys less than 37 years of age and for attorneys of any age who have been licensed for less than four years.

**General Notes**

All data represent active attorney Bar members in good standing. Some figures are estimates as not all demographic data is known for all attorneys; individual data items will not sum to the column headers in these instances. Percentages may not sum to one hundred due to rounding. Note that this profile only includes those attorneys who were active and in good standing as of December 31, 2008.