



# STATE BAR OF TEXAS

## Department of Research and Analysis

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

This report profiles active State Bar of Texas attorney members in Harris County 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.

		Harris County Active Attorneys 2008-09 N = 12,643		All State Bar Attorneys 2008-09 N = 83,713	
<b>Gender</b>					
Male	9,181	73%	56,562	68%	
Female	3,414	27%	26,508	32%	
<b>Race</b>					
Caucasian/Anglo	10,227	86%	66,361	84%	
African-American/Black	706	6%	3,435	4%	
Hispanic/Latino	523	4%	5,801	7%	
Asian/Pacific Islander	268	2%	1,712	2%	
Native American Indian	27	<1%	246	<1%	
Two or More Races	0	0%	55	<1%	
Other Race	141	1%	1003	1%	
<b>Years Licensed *</b>					
2 or less years	105	1%	7,997	10%	
3 to 6 years	1,243	10%	9,763	12%	
7 to 10 years	1,465	12%	9,316	11%	
11 to 15 years	1,830	14%	11,322	14%	
16 to 20 years	1,844	15%	10,474	13%	
21 to 25 years	1,644	13%	9,499	11%	
Over 25 years	4,512	36%	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	261	2%	7,196	9%	
31 to 35 years	1,178	9%	9,689	12%	
36 to 40 years	1,650	13%	10,897	13%	
41 to 45 years	1,596	13%	9,924	12%	
46 to 50 years	1,776	14%	10,510	13%	
51 to 55 years	1,996	16%	10,796	13%	
56 to 60 years	1,693	13%	9,635	12%	
61 to 65 years	1,221	10%	6,877	8%	
More than 65 years	1,272	10%	7,969	10%	
Median Age	51 Years		48 Years		
<b>Member Class—TYLA/Senior**</b>					
TYLA Member	2,306	18%	23,802	28%	
Senior Member	10,337	82%	59,911	72%	

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

	<b>Harris County Active Attorneys</b>		<b>All State Bar Attorneys</b>	
	<b>2008-09</b>		<b>2008-09</b>	
	<b>N = 12,643</b>		<b>N = 83,713</b>	
<b>Law School Attended</b>				
Baylor University	396	3%	5,264	6%
St. Mary's	196	2%	6,135	7%
South Texas	3,044	24%	9,183	11%
Southern Methodist	306	2%	6,987	8%
Texas Southern	674	5%	2,566	3%
Texas Tech	195	2%	5,353	6%
Texas Wesleyan	17	<1%	2,031	2%
University of Houston	3,100	25%	8,978	11%
University of Texas	2,124	17%	14,515	17%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	2,591	20%	22,701	27%
<b>Primary Occupation</b>				
Private Law Practice	9,355	78%	50,346	67%
Government Attorney	442	4%	8,134	11%
Full-Time Judge	150	1%	1,586	2%
Law Faculty	59	<1%	529	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	1,441	12%	7,454	10%
Other Law Related	233	2%	2,173	3%
Other Non-Law Related	178	1%	2,065	3%
Retired-Not Working	141	1%	1,772	2%
Unemployed-Looking	25	<1%	378	1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	32	<1%	475	1%
<b>Firm Size (private practitioners only)</b>				
Solo Practitioners	3,255	31%	17,074	35%
2 to 5 attorneys	2,417	23%	11,370	24%
6 to 10 attorneys	898	9%	3,656	8%
11 to 24 attorneys	1,087	10%	4,065	8%
25 to 40 attorneys	499	5%	1,967	4%
41 to 60 attorneys	247	2%	1,053	2%
Over 60 / 61 to 100 attorneys	247	2%	3,293	7%
101 to 200 attorneys	152	1%	861	2%
Over 200 attorneys	1,584	15%	4,850	10%
Median Firm Size	5 attorneys		4 attorneys	
<b>Members of State Bar Sections</b>				
Section Members	6,653	53%	34,109	41%
Non Section Members	5,990	47%	49,604	59%
Members of One Section	3,286	26%	17,229	21%
Members of Two Sections	1,929	15%	9,786	12%
Members of Three Sections	833	7%	4,049	5%
Members of Four or More Sections	605	5%	3,045	4%

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

Attorneys can belong to multiple sections, therefore the percents do not sum to 100%	Harris County Active Attorneys		All State Bar Attorneys	
	2008-09		2008-09	
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<b>Section Membership</b>				
Administrative and Public Law	81	1%	1,134	1%
African-American Lawyers	103	1%	406	<1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	233	2%	1,163	1%
American Indian Law	18	<1%	118	<1%
Animal Law	47	<1%	284	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	279	2%	1,114	1%
Appellate	416	3%	1,769	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	46	<1%	223	<1%
Aviation Law	39	<1%	248	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	258	2%	1,328	2%
Business Law	863	7%	4,023	5%
Computer and Technology	127	1%	796	1%
Construction Law	432	3%	2,014	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	299	2%	1,351	2%
Corporate Counsel	770	6%	3,188	4%
Criminal Justice	349	3%	2,502	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	94	1%	514	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	274	2%	1,371	2%
Family Law	767	6%	4,892	6%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	316	2%	1,984	2%
Government Lawyers	70	1%	786	1%
Health Law	183	1%	1,249	1%
Hispanic Issues	75	1%	432	1%
Individual rights and Responsibilities	30	<1%	214	<1%
Insurance Law	359	3%	1,574	2%
Intellectual Property Law	403	3%	2,054	2%
International Law	298	2%	909	1%
James C. Watson Inn	28	<1%	158	<1%
Judicial Law	10	<1%	37	<1%
Justice of the Peace	12	<1%	64	<1%
Juvenile Law	119	1%	829	1%
Labor and Employment Law	544	4%	2,833	3%
Litigation	2,065	16%	7,752	9%
Military law	25	<1%	282	<1%
Municipal Judges	36	<1%	242	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	712	6%	2,915	3%
Poverty Law	26	<1%	440	1%
Public Utility Law	44	<1%	445	1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	1,262	10%	7,320	9%
School Law	58	<1%	615	1%
Sexual Orientation & Gender Identification Issues	43	<1%	183	<1%
Taxation	340	3%	1,884	2%
Women and the Law	100	1%	446	1%
Workers' Compensation	35	<1%	234	<1%

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

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Harris County Active Attorneys	All State Bar Attorneys
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Board Certifications				
Board Certified Attorneys	1,653	13%	6,995	8%
Attorneys Not Board Certified	10,990	87%	76,718	92%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	1,404	11%	5,865	7%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	232	2%	1,004	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	17	<1%	126	<1%

Attorneys Board Certified In:				
Administrative Law	2	<1%	157	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	44	<1%	159	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	40	<1%	153	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	110	1%	405	<1%
Civil Trial Law	281	2%	1,140	1%
Consumer and Commercial Law	19	<1%	68	<1%
Criminal Law	119	1%	834	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	157	1%	650	1%
Family Law	160	1%	706	1%
Health Law	8	<1%	50	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	43	<1%	110	<1%
Juvenile Law	11	<1%	62	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	124	1%	550	1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	72	1%	263	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	441	3%	1,703	2%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	134	1%	499	1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	7	<1%	99	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	71	1%	329	<1%
Tax Law	44	<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.