



STATE BAR OF TEXAS

Department of Research and Analysis

Harris County Attorneys: Attorney Statistical Profile (2006-07)

This report profiles active attorney members of the State Bar of Texas from Harris County as of December 31, 2006, 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, age, graduating law school, primary occupation, law firm size, TYLA membership, section membership, and board certification. Inclusion of Bar fiscal year 1996-97 data allows for comparison.

	Harris County Attorneys				All State Bar Attorneys			
	1996-97		2006-07		1996-97		2006-07	
	N = 16,442		N = 20,006		N = 61,638		N = 79,409	
Gender								
Male	11,915	72%	13,350	67%	45,946	75%	54,546	69%
Female	4,527	28%	6,568	33%	15,691	25%	24,469	31%
Race/Ethnicity								
Caucasian/Anglo	13,792	89%	15,702	83%	52,181	90%	63,942	85%
African-American/Black	823	5%	1,304	7%	1,894	3%	3,153	4%
Hispanic/Latino	509	3%	973	5%	2,948	5%	5,334	7%
Asian/Pacific Islander	207	1%	598	3%	449	1%	1,433	2%
Native American Indian	34	<1%	46	<1%	135	<1%	225	<1%
Other Race	118	1%	270	1%	401	1%	915	1%
Years Licensed *								
2 or less years	2,013	12%	2,251	11%	7,063	11%	7,656	10%
3 to 6 years	2,879	18%	2,493	12%	9,617	16%	9,394	12%
7 to 10 years	2,242	14%	2,307	12%	8,233	13%	9,195	12%
11 to 15 years	2,666	16%	2,845	14%	9,915	16%	11,336	14%
16 to 20 years	2,384	14%	2,500	12%	9,317	15%	9,928	13%
21 to 25 years	1,718	10%	2,339	12%	6,725	11%	9,369	12%
Over 25 years	2,540	15%	5,271	26%	10,768	17%	22,526	28%
Median Years Licensed	12 yrs.		16 yrs.		13 yrs.		16 yrs.	
Age								
21 to 25 years	119	1%	151	1%	444	1%	537	1%
26 to 30 years	1,822	11%	2,042	10%	6,751	11%	7,257	9%
31 to 35 years	2,344	14%	2,473	12%	8,818	14%	9,583	12%
36 to 40 years	2,917	18%	2,587	13%	10,544	17%	10,544	13%
41 to 45 years	2,929	18%	2,400	12%	10,799	18%	9,895	12%
46 to 50 years	2,514	15%	2,776	14%	9,235	15%	10,832	14%
51 to 55 years	1,590	10%	2,738	14%	5,956	10%	10,671	13%
56 to 60 years	881	5%	2,199	11%	3,187	5%	8,683	11%
61 to 65 years	494	3%	1,238	6%	2,072	3%	5,088	6%
More than 65 years	829	5%	1,400	7%	3,814	6%	6,310	8%
Median Age	42 yrs.		46 yrs.		42 yrs.		46 yrs.	
Member Class--TYLA/Senior **								
TYLA Member	5,377	33%	6,261	31%	19,717	32%	23,424	29%
Senior Member	11,065	67%	13,745	69%	41,921	68%	55,985	71%

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Law School Attended								
Baylor University	438	3%	563	3%	4,246	7%	5,120	7%
St. Mary's	286	2%	331	2%	4,467	7%	5,792	7%
South Texas	3,897	24%	4,869	25%	6,497	11%	8,704	11%
Southern Methodist	411	3%	464	2%	5,498	9%	6,712	9%
Texas Southern	687	4%	1,094	6%	1,446	2%	2,313	3%
Texas Tech	213	1%	317	2%	3,569	6%	5,031	6%
Texas Wesleyan	11	<1%	42	<1%	397	1%	1,689	2%
University of Houston	4,113	25%	4,875	25%	6,949	11%	8,648	11%
University of Texas	2,945	18%	3,136	16%	14,004	23%	15,596	20%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	3,242	20%	3,974	20%	13,707	23%	18,456	24%
Primary Occupation								
Private Law Practice	10,221	72%	12,918	72%	37,183	69%	48,911	68%
Government Attorney	741	5%	910	5%	5,815	11%	7,871	11%
Full-Time Judge	233	2%	213	1%	1,378	3%	1,549	2%
Law Faculty	94	1%	114	1%	324	1%	507	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	1,776	13%	2,240	12%	4,876	9%	6,845	9%
Other Law Related	369	3%	562	3%	1,261	2%	2,079	3%
Other Non-Law Related	404	3%	515	3%	1,410	3%	2,059	3%
Retired-Not Working	353	2%	343	2%	1,504	3%	1,599	2%
Unemployed-Looking	---	---	97	1%	---	---	378	1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	---	---	86	<1%	---	---	407	1%
Firm Size (private practitioners only)								
Solo Practitioners	3,266	33%	3,859	32%	12,444	35%	16,508	35%
2 to 5 attorneys	2,243	23%	2,673	22%	8,869	25%	10,889	23%
6 to 10 attorneys	839	9%	947	8%	2,992	8%	3,462	7%
11 to 24 attorneys	783	8%	1,123	9%	3,052	9%	3,900	8%
25 to 40 attorneys	518	5%	565	5%	1,683	5%	2,018	4%
41 to 60 attorneys	340	3%	228	2%	996	3%	1,120	2%
Over 60 / 61 to 100 attorneys ***	1,814	19%	1,297	11%	5,544	16%	4,662	10%
101 to 200 attorneys ***	---	---	105	1%	---	---	734	2%
Over 200 attorneys ***	---	---	1,437	12%	---	---	3,523	8%
Median Firm Size	4 attys.		5 attys.		4 attys.		4 attys.	
Members of State Bar Sections								
Section Members	7,320	45%	8,726	44%	25,176	41%	31,693	40%
Non Section Members	9,122	55%	11,280	56%	36,462	59%	47,716	60%
Members of One Section	3,176	19%	4,474	22%	11,002	18%	15,855	20%
Members of Two Sections	2,395	15%	2,477	12%	8,145	13%	9,247	12%
Members of Three Sections	1,028	6%	1,036	5%	3,481	6%	3,837	5%
Members of Four or More Sections	721	4%	739	4%	2,548	4%	2,754	3%

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Section Membership								
Administrative and Public Law	142	1%	123	1%	1,111	2%	1,081	1%
African-American Lawyers	98	1%	150	1%	242	<1%	336	<1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	339	2%	310	2%	1,203	2%	1,139	1%
American Indian Law	27	<1%	19	<1%	123	<1%	105	<1%
Animal Law	10	<1%	60	<1%	50	<1%	253	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	381	2%	339	2%	1,084	2%	1,119	1%
Appellate	401	2%	511	3%	1,324	2%	1,713	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	41	<1%	67	<1%	101	<1%	186	<1%
Aviation Law	50	<1%	49	<1%	190	<1%	244	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	---	---	339	2%	---	---	1,238	2%
Business Law	1,167	7%	1,102	6%	3,936	6%	3,879	5%
Computer and Technology	251	2%	179	1%	912	1%	786	1%
Construction Law	325	2%	502	3%	1,026	2%	1,802	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	528	3%	383	2%	1,724	3%	1,306	2%
Corporate Counsel	912	6%	996	5%	2,448	4%	2,878	4%
Criminal Justice	293	2%	424	2%	1,442	2%	2,214	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	137	1%	148	1%	503	1%	523	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	478	3%	377	2%	1,537	2%	1,269	2%
Family Law	782	5%	926	5%	3,575	6%	4,462	6%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	354	2%	395	2%	1,562	3%	1,785	2%
Government Lawyers	89	1%	108	1%	539	1%	725	1%
Health Law	303	2%	280	1%	1,236	2%	1,215	2%
Hispanic Issues	67	<1%	97	<1%	257	<1%	402	1%
Individual Rights and Responsibilities	52	<1%	37	<1%	176	<1%	182	<1%
Insurance Law	---	---	457	2%	---	---	1,520	2%
Intellectual Property Law	439	3%	534	3%	1,284	2%	1,850	2%
International Law	460	3%	364	2%	1,049	2%	811	1%
James C. Watson Inn	10	<1%	32	<1%	72	<1%	154	<1%
Judicial	0	0%	15	<1%	3	<1%	56	<1%
Justice of the Peace	17	<1%	11	<1%	56	<1%	51	<1%
Juvenile Law	101	1%	155	1%	588	1%	813	1%
Labor and Employment Law	783	5%	775	4%	2,811	5%	2,799	4%
Litigation	2,490	15%	2,451	12%	7,239	12%	7,416	9%
Military Law	17	<1%	22	<1%	172	<1%	230	<1%
Municipal Judges	29	<1%	56	<1%	195	<1%	245	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	797	5%	899	4%	2,103	3%	2,357	3%
Poverty Law	---	---	52	<1%	---	---	340	<1%
Public Utility Law	84	1%	65	<1%	425	1%	403	1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	1,432	9%	1,690	8%	5,723	9%	7,020	9%
School Law	98	1%	83	<1%	578	1%	574	1%
Sexual Orientation & Gender Identification Issues	---	---	53	<1%	---	---	170	<1%
Taxation	468	3%	485	2%	1,504	2%	1,674	2%
Women and the Law	159	1%	132	1%	500	1%	424	1%

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Board Certifications								
Board Certified Attorneys	1,523	9%	1,813	9%	5,780	9%	7,060	9%
Attorneys Not Board Certified	14,919	91%	18,193	91%	55,858	91%	72,349	91%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	1,240	8%	1,548	8%	4,591	7%	5,907	7%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	262	2%	247	1%	1,050	2%	1,029	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	21	<1%	18	<1%	139	<1%	124	<1%

Attorneys Board Certified In:								
Administrative Law	4	<1%	2	<1%	177	<1%	162	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	55	<1%	47	<1%	185	<1%	160	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	38	<1%	44	<1%	152	<1%	159	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	94	1%	121	1%	346	1%	408	1%
Civil Trial Law	305	2%	294	1%	1,250	2%	1,173	1%
Consumer and Commercial Law	9	<1%	20	<1%	40	<1%	68	<1%
Criminal Law	116	1%	129	1%	650	1%	836	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	129	1%	170	1%	498	1%	654	1%
Family Law	150	1%	170	1%	600	1%	705	1%
Health Law	---	---	7	<1%	---	---	47	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	35	<1%	51	<1%	67	<1%	102	<1%
Juvenile Law	---	---	14	<1%	---	---	58	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	77	<1%	159	1%	254	<1%	544	1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	101	1%	82	<1%	268	<1%	262	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	416	3%	480	2%	1,494	2%	1,768	2%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	150	1%	145	1%	481	1%	490	1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	13	<1%	9	<1%	118	<1%	99	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	82	<1%	78	<1%	326	1%	329	<1%
Tax Law	54	<1%	57	<1%	217	<1%	231	<1%
Workers' Compensation Law	---	---	17	<1%	---	---	92	<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.
- *** The firm size categories '61 to 100 attorneys', '101 to 200 attorneys', and 'Over 200 attorneys' were introduced in 2004.
- Indicates that the given category or group was not in existence.

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. Bar geography, such as county membership and various district memberships, is based on members' official address. Bar members' official address was determined by work address; if work address was unavailable, home address was used.