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El Paso County Attorneys: Attorney Statistical Profile (2006-07)

This report profiles active attorney members of the State Bar of Texas from El Paso 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.

	El Paso County Attorneys				All State Bar Attorneys			
	1996-97		2006-07		1996-97		2006-07	
	N = 1,093		N = 1,117		N = 61,638		N = 79,409	
Gender								
Male	862	79%	845	76%	45,946	75%	54,546	69%
Female	231	21%	270	24%	15,691	25%	24,469	31%
Race/Ethnicity								
Caucasian/Anglo	737	73%	640	61%	52,181	90%	63,942	85%
African-American/Black	9	1%	13	1%	1,894	3%	3,153	4%
Hispanic/Latino	246	24%	369	35%	2,948	5%	5,334	7%
Asian/Pacific Islander	2	<1%	7	1%	449	1%	1,433	2%
Native American Indian	1	<1%	1	<1%	135	<1%	225	<1%
Other Race	13	1%	22	2%	401	1%	915	1%
Years Licensed *								
2 or less years	108	10%	89	8%	7,063	11%	7,656	10%
3 to 6 years	163	15%	111	10%	9,617	16%	9,394	12%
7 to 10 years	121	11%	113	10%	8,233	13%	9,195	12%
11 to 15 years	170	16%	153	14%	9,915	16%	11,336	14%
16 to 20 years	193	18%	137	12%	9,317	15%	9,928	13%
21 to 25 years	135	12%	143	13%	6,725	11%	9,369	12%
Over 25 years	203	19%	371	33%	10,768	17%	22,526	28%
Median Years Licensed	15 yrs.		19 yrs.		13 yrs.		16 yrs.	
Age								
21 to 25 years	11	1%	1	<1%	444	1%	537	1%
26 to 30 years	115	11%	78	7%	6,751	11%	7,257	9%
31 to 35 years	145	13%	123	11%	8,818	14%	9,583	12%
36 to 40 years	174	16%	138	12%	10,544	17%	10,544	13%
41 to 45 years	196	18%	139	12%	10,799	18%	9,895	12%
46 to 50 years	175	16%	154	14%	9,235	15%	10,832	14%
51 to 55 years	101	9%	173	15%	5,956	10%	10,671	13%
56 to 60 years	53	5%	133	12%	3,187	5%	8,683	11%
61 to 65 years	47	4%	74	7%	2,072	3%	5,088	6%
More than 65 years	76	7%	104	9%	3,814	6%	6,310	8%
Median Age	43 yrs.		48 yrs.		42 yrs.		46 yrs.	
Member Class--TYLA/Senior **								
TYLA Member	316	29%	271	24%	19,717	32%	23,424	29%
Senior Member	777	71%	846	76%	41,921	68%	55,985	71%

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Law School Attended								
Baylor University	45	4%	40	4%	4,246	7%	5,120	7%
St. Mary's	87	8%	109	10%	4,467	7%	5,792	7%
South Texas	38	4%	36	3%	6,497	11%	8,704	11%
Southern Methodist	30	3%	28	3%	5,498	9%	6,712	9%
Texas Southern	23	2%	40	4%	1,446	2%	2,313	3%
Texas Tech	187	17%	224	20%	3,569	6%	5,031	6%
Texas Wesleyan	1	<1%	4	<1%	397	1%	1,689	2%
University of Houston	69	6%	61	6%	6,949	11%	8,648	11%
University of Texas	352	33%	297	27%	14,004	23%	15,596	20%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	245	23%	257	23%	13,707	23%	18,456	24%
Primary Occupation								
Private Law Practice	723	73%	651	62%	37,183	69%	48,911	68%
Government Attorney	147	15%	256	24%	5,815	11%	7,871	11%
Full-Time Judge	39	4%	53	5%	1,378	3%	1,549	2%
Law Faculty	0	0%	1	<1%	324	1%	507	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	27	3%	19	2%	4,876	9%	6,845	9%
Other Law Related	14	1%	18	2%	1,261	2%	2,079	3%
Other Non-Law Related	17	2%	20	2%	1,410	3%	2,059	3%
Retired-Not Working	20	2%	15	1%	1,504	3%	1,599	2%
Unemployed-Looking	---	---	4	<1%	---	---	378	1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	---	---	10	1%	---	---	407	1%
Firm Size (private practitioners only)								
Solo Practitioners	282	41%	312	49%	12,444	35%	16,508	35%
2 to 5 attorneys	194	28%	156	25%	8,869	25%	10,889	23%
6 to 10 attorneys	40	6%	30	5%	2,992	8%	3,462	7%
11 to 24 attorneys	40	6%	49	8%	3,052	9%	3,900	8%
25 to 40 attorneys	31	5%	28	4%	1,683	5%	2,018	4%
41 to 60 attorneys	39	6%	51	8%	996	3%	1,120	2%
Over 60 / 61 to 100 attorneys ***	61	9%	4	1%	5,544	16%	4,662	10%
101 to 200 attorneys ***	---	---	2	<1%	---	---	734	2%
Over 200 attorneys ***	---	---	3	<1%	---	---	3,523	8%
Median Firm Size	3 attys.		2 attys.		4 attys.		4 attys.	
Members of State Bar Sections								
Section Members	423	39%	379	34%	25,176	41%	31,693	40%
Non Section Members	670	61%	738	66%	36,462	59%	47,716	60%
Members of One Section	184	17%	186	17%	11,002	18%	15,855	20%
Members of Two Sections	133	12%	96	9%	8,145	13%	9,247	12%
Members of Three Sections	60	5%	51	5%	3,481	6%	3,837	5%
Members of Four or More Sections	46	4%	46	4%	2,548	4%	2,754	3%

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Section Membership								
Administrative and Public Law	11	1%	7	1%	1,111	2%	1,081	1%
African-American Lawyers	1	<1%	1	<1%	242	<1%	336	<1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	13	1%	10	1%	1,203	2%	1,139	1%
American Indian Law	3	<1%	2	<1%	123	<1%	105	<1%
Animal Law	2	<1%	2	<1%	50	<1%	253	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	19	2%	13	1%	1,084	2%	1,119	1%
Appellate	29	3%	24	2%	1,324	2%	1,713	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	1	<1%	1	<1%	101	<1%	186	<1%
Aviation Law	0	0%	1	<1%	190	<1%	244	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	---	---	19	2%	---	---	1,238	2%
Business Law	60	5%	42	4%	3,936	6%	3,879	5%
Computer and Technology	13	1%	1	<1%	912	1%	786	1%
Construction Law	21	2%	30	3%	1,026	2%	1,802	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	35	3%	22	2%	1,724	3%	1,306	2%
Corporate Counsel	21	2%	12	1%	2,448	4%	2,878	4%
Criminal Justice	37	3%	45	4%	1,442	2%	2,214	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	8	1%	1	<1%	503	1%	523	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	14	1%	10	1%	1,537	2%	1,269	2%
Family Law	76	7%	68	6%	3,575	6%	4,462	6%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	24	2%	22	2%	1,562	3%	1,785	2%
Government Lawyers	18	2%	13	1%	539	1%	725	1%
Health Law	22	2%	15	1%	1,236	2%	1,215	2%
Hispanic Issues	14	1%	18	2%	257	<1%	402	1%
Individual Rights and Responsibilities	2	<1%	1	<1%	176	<1%	182	<1%
Insurance Law	---	---	15	1%	---	---	1,520	2%
Intellectual Property Law	5	<1%	5	<1%	1,284	2%	1,850	2%
International Law	19	2%	8	1%	1,049	2%	811	1%
James C. Watson Inn	1	<1%	2	<1%	72	<1%	154	<1%
Judicial	0	0%	1	<1%	3	<1%	56	<1%
Justice of the Peace	0	0%	0	0%	56	<1%	51	<1%
Juvenile Law	9	1%	10	1%	588	1%	813	1%
Labor and Employment Law	80	7%	64	6%	2,811	5%	2,799	4%
Litigation	145	13%	101	9%	7,239	12%	7,416	9%
Military Law	1	<1%	3	<1%	172	<1%	230	<1%
Municipal Judges	3	<1%	3	<1%	195	<1%	245	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	9	1%	4	<1%	2,103	3%	2,357	3%
Poverty Law	---	---	13	1%	---	---	340	<1%
Public Utility Law	6	1%	3	<1%	425	1%	403	1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	100	9%	92	8%	5,723	9%	7,020	9%
School Law	13	1%	14	1%	578	1%	574	1%
Sexual Orientation & Gender Identification Issues	---	---	1	<1%	---	---	170	<1%
Taxation	29	3%	20	2%	1,504	2%	1,674	2%
Women and the Law	13	1%	10	1%	500	1%	424	1%

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Board Certifications								
Board Certified Attorneys	146	13%	140	13%	5,780	9%	7,060	9%
Attorneys Not Board Certified	947	87%	977	87%	55,858	91%	72,349	91%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	107	10%	112	10%	4,591	7%	5,907	7%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	38	3%	28	3%	1,050	2%	1,029	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	1	<1%	0	0%	139	<1%	124	<1%
Attorneys Board Certified In:								
Administrative Law	0	0%	0	0%	177	<1%	162	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	11	1%	8	1%	185	<1%	160	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	6	1%	7	1%	152	<1%	159	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	9	1%	9	1%	346	1%	408	1%
Civil Trial Law	38	3%	24	2%	1,250	2%	1,173	1%
Consumer and Commercial Law	2	<1%	3	<1%	40	<1%	68	<1%
Criminal Law	11	1%	12	1%	650	1%	836	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	11	1%	11	1%	498	1%	654	1%
Family Law	18	2%	14	1%	600	1%	705	1%
Health Law	---	---	0	0%	---	---	47	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	3	<1%	2	<1%	67	<1%	102	<1%
Juvenile Law	---	---	1	<1%	---	---	58	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	7	1%	17	2%	254	<1%	544	1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	0	0%	0	0%	268	<1%	262	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	47	4%	40	4%	1,494	2%	1,768	2%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	10	1%	11	1%	481	1%	490	1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	0	0%	0	0%	118	<1%	99	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	6	1%	4	<1%	326	1%	329	<1%
Tax Law	7	1%	5	<1%	217	<1%	231	<1%
Workers' Compensation Law	---	---	0	0%	---	---	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.