STATE BAR OF TEXAS

Department of Research and Analysis

State Bar of Texas Membership: Attorney Statistical Profile (2009-10)

This report profiles active State Bar of Texas attorney members with membership in the State Bar of Texas as of December 31, 2009, 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.

	In-State Bar Members 2009-10 N = 77,049		All State Bar Attorneys 2009-10 N = 85,813	
Gender				
Male	51,903	68%	57,691	68%
Female	24,642	32%	27,501	32%
Race				
Caucasian/Anglo	60,819	84%	67,867	84%
African-American/Black	3,221	4%	3,627	4%
Hispanic/Latino	5,744	8%	6,074	8%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,673	2%	1,908	2%
Native American Indian	212	<1%	254	<1%
Two or More Races	127	<1%	140	<1%
Other Race	863	1%	975	1%
Years Licensed *				
2 or less years	7,424	10%	7,986	9%
3 to 6 years	9,333	12%	10,335	12%
7 to 10 years	8,187	11%	9,249	11%
11 to 15 years	9,910	13%	11,243	13%
16 to 20 years	9,730	13%	10,911	13%
21 to 25 years	8,382	11%	9,522	11%
Over 25 years	24,083	31%	26,567	31%
Median Years Licensed	18 Years		18 Years	
Age				
21 to 25 years	29	<1%	208	<1%
26 to 30 years	5,116	7%	7,350	9%
31 to 35 years	9,078	12%	10,116	12%
36 to 40 years	9,337	12%	10,793	13%
41 to 45 years	9,297	12%	10,169	12%
46 to 50 years	9,050	12%	10,395	12%
51 to 55 years	9,572	12%	10,748	13%
56 to 60 years	9,328	12%	9,971	12%
61 to 65 years	7,184	9%	7,409	9%
More than 65 years	9,048	12%	8,643	10%
Median Age	49 Years		48 Years	
Member Class—TYLA/Senior**				
TYLA Member	21,955	28%	24,225	28%
Senior Member	55,094	72%	61,588	72%

State Bar Members: Attorney Statistical Profile (2009-10)

	In-State Bar Members		All State Bar Attorneys	
	2009-10		2009-10	
	N = 77,049		N = 85,813	
Law School Attended				
Baylor University	5,052	7%	5,332	6%
St. Mary's	5,957	8%	6,249	7%
South Texas	9,007	12%	9,461	11%
Southern Methodist	6,633	9%	7,184	8%
Texas Southern	2,511	3%	2,679	3%
Texas Tech	5,232	7%	5,504	6%
Texas Wesleyan	2,105	3%	2,206	3%
University of Houston	8,487	11%	9,147	11%
University of Texas	14,567	19%	15,781	18%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	17,498	23%	22,270	26%
Primary Occupation				
Private Law Practice	46,924	69%	50,994	67%
Government Attorney	7,267	11%	8,263	11%
Full-Time Judge	1,541	2%	1,610	2%
Law Faculty	388	1%	518	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	6,336	9%	7,557	10%
Other Law Related	1,874	3%	2,228	3%
Other Non-Law Related	1,772	3%	2,121	3%
Retired-Not Working	1,536	2%	1,785	2%
Unemployed-Looking	419	1%	497	1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	408	1%	501	1%
Firm Size (private practitioners only)				
Solo Practitioners	16,532	37%	17,453	36%
2 to 5 attorneys	10,879	24%	11,621	24%
6 to 10 attorneys	3,416	8%	3,739	8%
11 to 24 attorneys	3,744	8%	4,120	8%
25 to 40 attorneys	1,729	4%	1,941	4%
41 to 60 attorneys	947	2%	1,077	2%
61 to 100 attorneys	2,600	6%	3,030	6%
101 to 200 attorneys	672	1%	811	2%
Over 200 attorneys	4,373	10%	4,926	10%
Median Firm Size	5 Attorneys		5 Attorneys	
Members of State Bar Sections				
Section Members	33,693	44%	35,219	41%
Non Section Members	43,356	56%	50,594	59%
Members of One Section	17,348	23%	18,288	21%
Members of Two Sections	9,536	12%	9,917	12%
Members of Three Sections	4,000	5%	4,133	5%
Members of Four or More Sections	2,809	4%	2,881	3%

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Section Membership				
Administrative and Public Law	1,098	1%	1,119	1%
African-American Lawyers	366	<1%	390	<1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	1,095	1%	1,135	1%
American Indian Law	90	<1%	111	<1%
Animal Law	298	<1%	317	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	1,049	1%	1,097	1%
Appellate	1,716	2%	1,750	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	217	<1%	238	<1%
Aviation Law	220	<1%	248	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	1,368	2%	1,418	2%
Business Law	3,750	5%	3,897	5%
Computer and Technology	735	1%	774	1%
Construction Law	1,992	3%	2,051	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	1,299	2%	1,326	2%
Corporate Counsel	2,969	4%	3,159	4%
Criminal Justice	2,555	3%	2,621	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	495	1%	523	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	1,230	2%	1,312	2%
Family Law	4,904	6%	4,944	6%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	1,948	3%	1,977	2%
Government Lawyers	784	1%	817	1%
Health Law	1,226	2%	1,292	2%
Hispanic Issues	353	<1%	373	<1%
Individual rights and Responsibilities	206	<1%	218	<1%
Insurance Law	1,522	2%	1,588	2%
Intellectual Property Law	1,903	2%	2,084	2%
International Law	757	1%	847	1%
James C. Watson Inn	154	<1%	155	<1%
Judicial Law	1,025	1%	1,034	1%
Justice of the Peace	62	<1%	62	<1%
Juvenile Law	804	1%	807	1%
Labor and Employment Law	2,632	3%	2,766	3%
Litigation	7,291	9%	7,477	9%
Military law	211	<1%	289	<1%
Municipal Judges	292	<1%	292	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	2,831	4%	3,007	4%
Poverty Law	420	1%	429	<1%
Public Utility Law	412	1%	438	1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	7,017	9%	7,184	8%
School Law	612	1%	625	1%
Sexual Orientation & Gender Identification Issues	199	<1%	213	<1%
Taxation	1,750	2%	1,870	2%
Women and the Law	430	1%	440	1%
Workers' Compensation	261	<1%	267	<1%

Attorneys can have multiple board certifications, therefore the percents do not sum to 100%	In-State Bar Members 2009-10 N = 77,049		All State Bar Attorneys 2009-10 N = 85,813	
Board Certifications				
Board Certified Attorneys	7,020	9%	7,116	8%
Attorneys Not Board Certified	70,029	91%	78,697	92%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	5,908	8%	5,995	7%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	985	1%	994	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	126	<1%	127	<1%
Attorneys Board Certified In:				
Administrative Law	153	<1%	154	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	154	<1%	157	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	147	<1%	149	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	420	1%	422	<1%
Civil Trial Law	1,109	1%	1,117	1%
Consumer and Commercial Law	68	<1%	69	<1%
Criminal Law	845	1%	856	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	663	1%	671	1%
Family Law	711	1%	715	1%
Health Law	51	<1%	53	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	114	<1%	121	<1%
Juvenile Law	68	<1%	68	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	553	1%	578	1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	265	<1%	267	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	1,680	2%	1,696	2%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	510	1%	513	1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	104	<1%	104	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	330	<1%	331	<1%
Tax Law	221	<1%	229	<1%
Workers' Compensation Law	103	<1%	104	<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, 2009.