



# STATE BAR OF TEXAS

## Department of Research and Analysis

### Racial/Ethnic Minority Attorneys: Attorney Statistical Profile (2009-10)

This report profiles active racial/ethnic minority 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.

	Racial/Ethnic Minority Attorneys 2009-10 N = 12,978		All State Bar Attorneys 2009-10 N = 85,813	
<b>Gender</b>				
Male	7,125	55%	57,691	68%
Female	5,767	45%	27,501	32%
<b>Race</b>				
Caucasian/Anglo	0	0%	67,867	84%
African-American/Black	3,627	28%	3,627	4%
Hispanic/Latino	6,074	47%	6,074	8%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,908	15%	1,908	2%
Native American Indian	254	2%	254	<1%
Two or More Races	140	1%	140	<1%
Other Race	975	8%	975	1%
<b>Years Licensed *</b>				
2 or less years	1,974	15%	7,986	9%
3 to 6 years	2,484	19%	10,335	12%
7 to 10 years	2,132	16%	9,249	11%
11 to 15 years	2,406	19%	11,243	13%
16 to 20 years	1,546	12%	10,911	13%
21 to 25 years	846	7%	9,522	11%
Over 25 years	1,573	12%	26,567	31%
Median Years Licensed	11 Years		18 Years	
<b>Age</b>				
21 to 25 years	54	<1%	208	<1%
26 to 30 years	1,740	13%	7,350	9%
31 to 35 years	2,369	18%	10,116	12%
36 to 40 years	2,527	19%	10,793	13%
41 to 45 years	1,973	15%	10,169	12%
46 to 50 years	1,390	11%	10,395	12%
51 to 55 years	1,088	8%	10,748	13%
56 to 60 years	887	7%	9,971	12%
61 to 65 years	539	4%	7,409	9%
More than 65 years	409	3%	8,643	10%
Median Age	40 Years		48 Years	
<b>Member Class—TYLA/Senior**</b>				
TYLA Member	5,741	44%	24,225	28%
Senior Member	7,237	56%	61,588	72%

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	Racial/Ethnic Minority Attorneys			All State Bar Attorneys	
	2009-10			2009-10	
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<b>Law School Attended</b>					
Baylor University	285	2%	5,332	6%	
St. Mary's	1,236	10%	6,249	7%	
South Texas	1,121	9%	9,461	11%	
Southern Methodist	710	5%	7,184	8%	
Texas Southern	1,905	15%	2,679	3%	
Texas Tech	535	4%	5,504	6%	
Texas Wesleyan	356	3%	2,206	3%	
University of Houston	1,297	10%	9,147	11%	
University of Texas	2,058	16%	15,781	18%	
Out-of-State/Other Law School	3,475	27%	22,270	26%	
<b>Primary Occupation</b>					
Private Law Practice	7,097	66%	50,994	67%	
Government Attorney	1,676	15%	8,263	11%	
Full-Time Judge	263	2%	1,610	2%	
Law Faculty	82	1%	518	1%	
Corporate/In-House Counsel	934	9%	7,557	10%	
Other Law Related	336	3%	2,228	3%	
Other Non-Law Related	209	2%	2,121	3%	
Retired-Not Working	68	1%	1,785	2%	
Unemployed-Looking	117	1%	497	1%	
Unemployed-Not Looking	48	<1%	501	1%	
<b>Firm Size (private practitioners only)</b>					
Solo Practitioners	2,794	42%	17,453	36%	
2 to 5 attorneys	1,744	26%	11,621	24%	
6 to 10 attorneys	394	6%	3,739	8%	
11 to 24 attorneys	442	7%	4,120	8%	
25 to 40 attorneys	200	3%	1,941	4%	
41 to 60 attorneys	121	2%	1,077	2%	
61 to 100 attorneys	272	4%	3,030	6%	
101 to 200 attorneys	80	1%	811	2%	
Over 200 attorneys	543	8%	4,926	10%	
Median Firm Size	3 Attorneys		5 Attorneys		
<b>Members of State Bar Sections</b>					
Section Members	4,348	34%	35,219	41%	
Non Section Members	8,630	66%	50,594	59%	
Members of One Section	2,125	16%	18,288	21%	
Members of Two Sections	1,271	10%	9,917	12%	
Members of Three Sections	577	4%	4,133	5%	
Members of Four or More Sections	375	3%	2,881	3%	

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Section Membership	Racial/Ethnic Minority Attorneys		All State Bar Attorneys	
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Administrative and Public Law	132	1%	1,119	1%
African-American Lawyers	355	3%	390	<1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	106	1%	1,135	1%
American Indian Law	32	<1%	111	<1%
Animal Law	25	<1%	317	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	63	<1%	1,097	1%
Appellate	129	1%	1,750	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	181	1%	238	<1%
Aviation Law	12	<1%	248	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	145	1%	1,418	2%
Business Law	314	2%	3,897	5%
Computer and Technology	85	1%	774	1%
Construction Law	151	1%	2,051	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	137	1%	1,326	2%
Corporate Counsel	337	3%	3,159	4%
Criminal Justice	522	4%	2,621	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	91	1%	523	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	111	1%	1,312	2%
Family Law	823	6%	4,944	6%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	263	2%	1,977	2%
Government Lawyers	156	1%	817	1%
Health Law	139	1%	1,292	2%
Hispanic Issues	292	2%	373	<1%
Individual rights and Responsibilities	27	<1%	218	<1%
Insurance Law	121	1%	1,588	2%
Intellectual Property Law	259	2%	2,084	2%
International Law	131	1%	847	1%
James C. Watson Inn	11	<1%	155	<1%
Judicial Law	133	1%	1,034	1%
Justice of the Peace	11	<1%	62	<1%
Juvenile Law	172	1%	807	1%
Labor and Employment Law	455	4%	2,766	3%
Litigation	721	6%	7,477	9%
Military law	34	<1%	289	<1%
Municipal Judges	75	1%	292	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	150	1%	3,007	4%
Poverty Law	127	1%	429	<1%
Public Utility Law	47	<1%	438	1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	469	4%	7,184	8%
School Law	133	1%	625	1%
Sexual Orientation & Gender Identification Issues	30	<1%	213	<1%
Taxation	168	1%	1,870	2%
Women and the Law	80	1%	440	1%
Workers' Compensation	49	<1%	267	<1%

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Board Certifications				
Board Certified Attorneys	412	3%	7,116	8%
Attorneys Not Board Certified	12,566	97%	78,697	92%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	380	3%	5,995	7%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	28	<1%	994	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	12	<1%	127	<1%

Attorneys Board Certified In:				
Administrative Law	7	<1%	154	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	2	<1%	157	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	7	<1%	149	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	12	<1%	422	<1%
Civil Trial Law	30	<1%	1,117	1%
Consumer and Commercial Law	4	<1%	69	<1%
Criminal Law	75	1%	856	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	9	<1%	671	1%
Family Law	35	<1%	715	1%
Health Law	1	<1%	53	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	43	<1%	121	<1%
Juvenile Law	13	<1%	68	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	66	1%	578	1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	10	<1%	267	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	96	1%	1,696	2%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	11	<1%	513	1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	1	<1%	104	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	6	<1%	331	<1%
Tax Law	6	<1%	229	<1%
Workers' Compensation Law	14	<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.