# STATE BAR OF TEXAS

Department of Research and Analysis

## Harris County: Attorney Statistical Profile (2009-10)

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, 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.

| | Harris County Active Attorneys 2009-10 N = 20,784 | | All State Bar Attorneys 2009-10 N = 85,813 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Gender** | | | | |
| Male | 13,636 | 66% | 57,691 | 68% |
| Female | 7,029 | 34% | 27,501 | 32% |
| **Race** | | | | |
| Caucasian/Anglo | 16,039 | 82% | 67,867 | 84% |
| African-American/Black | 1,356 | 7% | 3,627 | 4% |
| Hispanic/Latino | 1,078 | 6% | 6,074 | 8% |
| Asian/Pacific Islander | 750 | 4% | 1,908 | 2% |
| Native American Indian | 52 | <1% | 254 | <1% |
| Two or More Races | 33 | <1% | 140 | <1% |
| Other Race | 262 | 1% | 975 | 1% |
| **Years Licensed *** | | | | |
| 2 or less years | 2,260 | 11% | 7,986 | 9% |
| 3 to 6 years | 2,719 | 13% | 10,335 | 12% |
| 7 to 10 years | 2,185 | 11% | 9,249 | 11% |
| 11 to 15 years | 2,563 | 12% | 11,243 | 13% |
| 16 to 20 years | 2,666 | 13% | 10,911 | 13% |
| 21 to 25 years | 2,264 | 11% | 9,522 | 11% |
| Over 25 years | 6,126 | 29% | 26,567 | 31% |
| Median Years Licensed | 17 Years | | 18 Years | |
| **Age** | | | | |
| 21 to 25 years | 53 | <1% | 208 | <1% |
| 26 to 30 years | 2,095 | 10% | 7,350 | 9% |
| 31 to 35 years | 2,530 | 12% | 10,116 | 12% |
| 36 to 40 years | 2,552 | 12% | 10,793 | 13% |
| 41 to 45 years | 2,355 | 11% | 10,169 | 12% |
| 46 to 50 years | 2,416 | 12% | 10,395 | 12% |
| 51 to 55 years | 2,691 | 13% | 10,748 | 13% |
| 56 to 60 years | 2,398 | 12% | 9,971 | 12% |
| 61 to 65 years | 1,778 | 9% | 7,409 | 9% |
| More than 65 years | 1,911 | 9% | 8,643 | 10% |
| Median Age | 47 Years | | 48 Years | |
| **Member Class—TYLA/Senior**** | | | | |
| TYLA Member | 6,329 | 30% | 24,225 | 28% |
| Senior Member | 14,455 | 70% | 61,588 | 72% |

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| | Harris County Active Attorneys | | All State Bar Attorneys | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2009-10 | | 2009-10 | |
| | N = 20,784 | | N = 85,813 | |
| **Law School Attended** | | | | |
| Baylor University | 567 | 3% | 5,332 | 6% |
| St. Mary's | 357 | 2% | 6,249 | 7% |
| South Texas | 5,038 | 24% | 9,461 | 11% |
| Southern Methodist | 469 | 2% | 7,184 | 8% |
| Texas Southern | 1,170 | 6% | 2,679 | 3% |
| Texas Tech | 347 | 2% | 5,504 | 6% |
| Texas Wesleyan | 53 | <1% | 2,206 | 3% |
| University of Houston | 4,975 | 24% | 9,147 | 11% |
| University of Texas | 3,155 | 15% | 15,781 | 18% |
| Out-of-State/Other Law School | 4,653 | 22% | 22,270 | 26% |
| **Primary Occupation** | | | | |
| Private Law Practice | 12,915 | 71% | 50,994 | 67% |
| Government Attorney | 927 | 5% | 8,263 | 11% |
| Full-Time Judge | 209 | 1% | 1,610 | 2% |
| Law Faculty | 95 | 1% | 518 | 1% |
| Corporate/In-House Counsel | 2,308 | 13% | 7,557 | 10% |
| Other Law Related | 607 | 3% | 2,228 | 3% |
| Other Non-Law Related | 543 | 3% | 2,121 | 3% |
| Retired-Not Working | 354 | 2% | 1,785 | 2% |
| Unemployed-Looking | 117 | 1% | 497 | 1% |
| Unemployed-Not Looking | 102 | 1% | 501 | 1% |
| **Firm Size (private practitioners only)** | | | | |
| Solo Practitioners | 3,885 | 32% | 17,453 | 36% |
| 2 to 5 attorneys | 2,778 | 23% | 11,621 | 24% |
| 6 to 10 attorneys | 974 | 8% | 3,739 | 8% |
| 11 to 24 attorneys | 1,162 | 10% | 4,120 | 8% |
| 25 to 40 attorneys | 436 | 4% | 1,941 | 4% |
| 41 to 60 attorneys | 239 | 2% | 1,077 | 2% |
| 61 to 100 attorneys | 812 | 7% | 3,030 | 6% |
| 101 to 200 attorneys | 120 | 1% | 811 | 2% |
| Over 200 attorneys | 1,823 | 15% | 4,926 | 10% |
| Median Firm Size | 4 Attorneys | | 5 Attorneys | |
| **Members of State Bar Sections** | | | | |
| Section Members | 17,036 | 82% | 35,219 | 41% |
| Non Section Members | 3,748 | 18% | 50,594 | 59% |
| Members of One Section | 4,931 | 24% | 18,288 | 21% |
| Members of Two Sections | 2,594 | 12% | 9,917 | 12% |
| Members of Three Sections | 1,038 | 5% | 4,133 | 5% |
| Members of Four or More Sections | 771 | 4% | 2,881 | 3% |

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| **Section Membership** | | | | |
| Administrative and Public Law | 121 | 1% | 1,119 | 1% |
| African-American Lawyers | 156 | 1% | 390 | <1% |
| Alternative Dispute Resolution | 300 | 1% | 1,135 | 1% |
| American Indian Law | 14 | <1% | 111 | <1% |
| Animal Law | 71 | <1% | 317 | <1% |
| Antitrust and Business Litigation | 317 | 2% | 1,097 | 1% |
| Appellate | 534 | 3% | 1,750 | 2% |
| Asian-Pacific Interest | 81 | <1% | 238 | <1% |
| Aviation Law | 46 | <1% | 248 | <1% |
| Bankruptcy Law | 368 | 2% | 1,418 | 2% |
| Business Law | 1,093 | 5% | 3,897 | 5% |
| Computer and Technology | 168 | 1% | 774 | 1% |
| Construction Law | 570 | 3% | 2,051 | 2% |
| Consumer and Commercial Law | 365 | 2% | 1,326 | 2% |
| Corporate Counsel | 1,098 | 5% | 3,159 | 4% |
| Criminal Justice | 517 | 2% | 2,621 | 3% |
| Entertainment and Sports Law | 128 | 1% | 523 | 1% |
| Environmental and Natural Resources | 361 | 2% | 1,312 | 2% |
| Family Law | 1,000 | 5% | 4,944 | 6% |
| General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm | 410 | 2% | 1,977 | 2% |
| Government Lawyers | 130 | 1% | 817 | 1% |
| Health Law | 288 | 1% | 1,292 | 2% |
| Hispanic Issues | 88 | <1% | 373 | <1% |
| Individual rights and Responsibilities | 46 | <1% | 218 | <1% |
| Insurance Law | 439 | 2% | 1,588 | 2% |
| Intellectual Property Law | 557 | 3% | 2,084 | 2% |
| International Law | 373 | 2% | 847 | 1% |
| James C. Watson Inn | 30 | <1% | 155 | <1% |
| Judicial Law | 160 | 1% | 1,034 | 1% |
| Justice of the Peace | 15 | <1% | 62 | <1% |
| Juvenile Law | 148 | 1% | 807 | 1% |
| Labor and Employment Law | 753 | 4% | 2,766 | 3% |
| Litigation | 2,336 | 11% | 7,477 | 9% |
| Military law | 33 | <1% | 289 | <1% |
| Municipal Judges | 74 | <1% | 292 | <1% |
| Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law | 1,075 | 5% | 3,007 | 4% |
| Poverty Law | 61 | <1% | 429 | <1% |
| Public Utility Law | 71 | <1% | 438 | 1% |
| Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law | 1,608 | 8% | 7,184 | 8% |
| School Law | 91 | <1% | 625 | 1% |
| Sexual Orientation & Gender Identification Issues | 58 | <1% | 213 | <1% |
| Taxation | 526 | 3% | 1,870 | 2% |
| Women and the Law | 135 | 1% | 440 | 1% |
| Workers' Compensation | 60 | <1% | 267 | <1% |

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| **Board Certifications** | | | | |
| Board Certified Attorneys | 1,799 | 9% | 7,116 | 8% |
| Attorneys Not Board Certified | 18,985 | 91% | 78,697 | 92% |
| Attorneys Board Certified in One Area | 1,540 | 7% | 5,995 | 7% |
| Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas | 241 | 1% | 994 | 1% |
| Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas | 18 | <1% | 127 | <1% |
| **Attorneys Board Certified In:** | | | | |
| Administrative Law | 3 | <1% | 154 | <1% |
| Bankruptcy Law: Business | 45 | <1% | 157 | <1% |
| Bankruptcy Law: Consumer | 40 | <1% | 149 | <1% |
| Civil Appellate Law | 119 | 1% | 422 | <1% |
| Civil Trial Law | 282 | 1% | 1,117 | 1% |
| Consumer and Commercial Law | 19 | <1% | 69 | <1% |
| Criminal Law | 131 | 1% | 856 | 1% |
| Estate Planning and Probate Law | 169 | 1% | 671 | 1% |
| Family Law | 167 | 1% | 715 | 1% |
| Health Law | 10 | <1% | 53 | <1% |
| Immigration and Nationality Law | 54 | <1% | 121 | <1% |
| Juvenile Law | 15 | <1% | 68 | <1% |
| Labor and Employment Law | 166 | 1% | 578 | 1% |
| Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law | 81 | <1% | 267 | <1% |
| Personal Injury Trial Law | 453 | 2% | 1,696 | 2% |
| Real Estate Law: Commercial | 156 | 1% | 513 | 1% |
| Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch | 11 | <1% | 104 | <1% |
| Real Estate Law: Residential | 80 | <1% | 331 | <1% |
| Tax Law | 53 | <1% | 229 | <1% |
| Workers' Compensation Law | 22 | <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.