STATE BAR OF TEXAS
DEPARTMENT OF RESEARCH & ANALYSIS

El Paso County: Attorney Statistical Profile (2002-03)

		El Paso County 1995	Texas Population 1995	El Paso County 2002	Texas Population 2002
Population Figures[1]	Percentage of Texas Population	4%	…	3%	…
	Percentage of In-State Bar Membership[2]	2%	…	2%	…
	Attorney/Population Ratio	1:646	1:341	1:658	1:337

		El Paso County Attorneys (12/31/95) (n = 1,034)	El Paso County Attorneys (12/31/02) (n = 1,060)	In-State State Bar of Texas Membership (12/31/02) (n = 64,633)
Gender	Male	80%	77%	72%
	Female	20%	23%	28%
Race/Ethnicity[3]	Caucasian/Anglo	75%	66%	87%
	African-American/Black	1%	1%	4%
	Hispanic/Latino	23%	30%	7%
	Asian/Pacific Islander	<1%	1%	1%
	Native American Indian	<1%	0%	<1%
	Other	2%	2%	1%
Years Licensed[4]	2 years or less	10%	8%	10%
	3 to 6 years	16%	11%	13%
	7 to 10 years	11%	11%	13%
	11 to 15 years	16%	14%	14%
	16 to 20 years	17%	13%	13%
	21 to 25 years	12%	15%	13%
	More than 25 years	19%	28%	24%
	Median years licensed	*15 years*	*18 years*	*15 years*

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Age	21 to 25 years	1%	<1%	<1%
	26 to 30 years	10%	6%	8%
	31 to 35 years	12%	13%	14%
	36 to 40 years	17%	14%	13%
	41 to 45 years	19%	13%	15%
	46 to 50 years	16%	17%	15%
	51 to 55 years	9%	13%	13%
	56 to 60 years	5%	11%	10%
	61 to 65 years	4%	4%	5%
	More than 65	7%	10%	7%
	Median age	*43 years*	*47 years*	*46 years*
Law School Attended	Baylor	4%	4%	7%
	St. Mary's	8%	9%	8%
	South Texas	3%	3%	11%
	Southern Methodist	3%	3%	9%
	Texas Southern	2%	3%	3%
	Texas Tech	17%	20%	7%
	Texas Wesleyan	<1%	<1%	2%
	University of Houston	6%	6%	12%
	University of Texas	33%	30%	22%
	Out-of-State Law School	23%	21%	21%
Primary Occupation[5]	Private Practice	74%	65%	69%
	Government	14%	23%	11%
	Judiciary	4%	5%	2%
	Law Faculty	<1%	<1%	1%
	House Counsel	3%	2%	9%
	Other Law Related	1%	2%	3%
	Other Non-Law Related	2%	1%	3%
	Retired or Not Working	2%	2%	2%
	Unemployed: Looking for Work	----	0%	1%
	Unemployed: Not Looking for Work	----	1%	1%

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Law Firm Size (for private practitioners only)	Sole Practitioners	41%	49%	38%
	2 to 5 attorneys	28%	26%	23%
	6 to 10 attorneys	6%	5%	7%
	11 to 24 attorneys	6%	9%	8%
	25 to 40 attorneys	5%	5%	4%
	41 to 60 attorneys	6%	6%	2%
	More than 60 attorneys	9%	1%	18%
	Median firm size	*3 attorneys*	*2 attorneys*	*4 attorneys*
Percent Who Are Members of State Bar Sections	No Sections	55%	65%	54%
	One Section	19%	17%	23%
	Two Sections	15%	9%	13%
	Three Sections	6%	5%	6%
	More than Three Sections	5%	4%	4%
Section Members by Section[6]	Administrative and Public Law	4%	2%	4%
	African-American Lawyers	0%	1%	1%
	Alternative Dispute Resolution	4%	4%	4%
	American Indian Law	2%	1%	<1%
	Animal Law	----	1%	1%
	Antitrust and Business Litigation	5%	4%	4%
	Appellate	6%	8%	5%
	Asian Pacific Interest	----	0%	1%
	Aviation Law	<1%	1%	1%
	Business Law	15%	11%	13%
	Computer and Technology	4%	1%	4%
	Construction Law	5%	7%	4%
	Consumer Law	9%	7%	5%
	Corporate Counsel	6%	3%	9%
	Criminal Justice	8%	13%	6%

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Section Members by Section (continued)	Entertainment and Sports Law	2%	1%	2%
	Environmental and Natural Resources	4%	4%	4%
	Family Law	17%	18%	14%
	General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	4%	12%	13%
	Government Lawyers	4%	3%	2%
	Health Law	5%	5%	4%
	Hispanic Issues	2%	3%	1%
	Individual Rights and Responsibilities	1%	1%	1%
	Insurance Law	----	4%	4%
	Intellectual Property Law	2%	1%	5%
	International Law	5%	4%	3%
	James C. Watson Inn	<1%	1%	<1%
	Justice of the Peace	<1%	<1%	<1%
	Juvenile Law	1%	3%	2%
	Labor and Employment Law	20%	15%	9%
	Litigation	36%	30%	25%
	Military Law	1%	1%	1%
	Municipal Judges	1%	1%	1%
	Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	3%	<1%	7%
	Public Utility Law	2%	1%	1%
	Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law	21%	23%	22%
	School Law	3%	3%	2%
	Sexual Orientation and Gender Identification Issues	----	<1%	1%
	Taxation Law	6%	5%	6%
	Women and the Law	3%	2%	2%

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Percent Who Are Board Certified in:	No Areas	86%	78%	85%
	One Area	10%	16%	12%
	Two Areas	4%	5%	3%
	More than Two Areas	<1%	1%	1%
Board Certified Attorneys by Area of Legal Specialization[7]	Administrative Law	0%	<1%	3%
	Bankruptcy Law: Business	8%	4%	3%
	Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	4%	5%	3%
	Civil Appellate Law	6%	7%	7%
	Civil Trial Law	26%	20%	18%
	Consumer and Commercial Law	1%	1%	1%
	Criminal Law	8%	11%	13%
	Estate Planning and Probate	8%	8%	10%
	Family Law	14%	13%	12%
	Immigration and Nationality Law	2%	4%	1%
	Labor Law	5%	9%	6%
	Oil, Gas and Mineral Law	0%	0%	4%
	Personal Injury Trial Law	30%	28%	24%
	Real Estate Law: Commercial	7%	7%	8%
	Real Estate Law: Farm & Ranch	0%	0%	2%
	Real Estate Law: Residential	4%	4%	6%
	Tax Law	6%	5%	4%

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[1] *Attorney population figures used to calculate statistics in the section titled Population Figures are from the State Bar's membership records as of December 31, 1995 and December 31, 2002. General population figures used to calculate 1995 statistics are estimates provided by the Texas State Data Center: Population Estimates and Projections Program, as of January 1, 1996. General population figures for 2001 are derived from the U.S. Census Bureau, as of July 1, 2001.*

[2] *Throughout the report, the statistical information on the In-State Bar membership includes El Paso County. All data represent active Bar members only. Some figures are estimates, as not all information is known for every active attorney.*

[3] *Race/ethnicity was known for 94 percent of the active Bar membership in 1995 and for 95 percent of the active Bar membership in December 2002.*

[4] *Based on year first licensed in any jurisdiction.*

[5] *Primary occupation and law firm size figures are estimates as these demographics are unknown for some attorneys.*

[6] *Percent of all attorneys who are members of any section and who hold membership in the listed section.*

[7] *Percent of all board certified attorneys who are certified in the listed area. Note that these figures do not include attorneys specialized in Juvenile Law as this data was not available at the time of analysis.*

---- Indicates that the sections were not in existence, and primary occupation was categorized differently at that time.