STATE BAR OF TEXAS
DEPARTMENT OF RESEARCH & ANALYSIS

Dallas/Fort Worth CMSA[1]: Attorney Statistical Profile (2002-03)

		Dallas-Fort Worth CMSA 1995	Texas Population 1995	Dallas-Fort Worth CMSA 2002	Texas Population 2002
Population Figures[2]	Percentage of Texas Population	24%	…	25%	…
	Percentage of In-State Bar Membership[3]	28%	…	30%	…
	Attorney/Population Ratio	1:294	1:341	1:286	1:337

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Gender[4]	Male	75%	72%	72%
	Female	25%	29%	28%
Race/Ethnicity[5]	Caucasian/Anglo	94%	91%	87%
	African-American/Black	3%	4%	4%
	Hispanic/Latino	2%	3%	7%
	Asian/Pacific Islander	1%	1%	1%
	Native American Indian	<1%	<1%	<1%
	Other	1%	1%	1%
Years Licensed[6]	2 years or less	13%	11%	10%
	3 to 6 years	16%	15%	13%
	7 to 10 years	14%	14%	13%
	11 to 15 years	16%	14%	14%
	16 to 20 years	14%	14%	13%
	21 to 25 years	10%	12%	13%
	More than 25 years	17%	22%	24%
	Median years licensed	*13 years*	*15 years*	*15 years*

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Age	21 to 25 years	1%	<1%	<1%
	26 to 30 years	13%	10%	8%
	31 to 35 years	17%	15%	14%
	36 to 40 years	18%	14%	13%
	41 to 45 years	16%	16%	15%
	46 to 50 years	13%	14%	15%
	51 to 55 years	9%	12%	13%
	56 to 60 years	5%	9%	10%
	61 to 65 years	3%	5%	5%
	More than 65	6%	6%	7%
	Median age	*41 years*	*44 years*	*46 years*
Law School Attended	Baylor	9%	9%	7%
	St. Mary's	4%	4%	8%
	South Texas	3%	3%	11%
	Southern Methodist	24%	22%	9%
	Texas Southern	1%	1%	3%
	Texas Tech	7%	7%	7%
	Texas Wesleyan	2%	5%	2%
	University of Houston	4%	4%	12%
	University of Texas	19%	17%	22%
	Out-of-State Law School	29%	27%	21%
Primary Occupation[7]	Private Practice	71%	71%	69%
	Government	8%	8%	11%
	Judiciary	2%	2%	2%
	Law Faculty	<1%	<1%	1%
	House Counsel	10%	10%	9%
	Other Law Related	2%	3%	3%
	Other Non-Law Related	3%	3%	3%
	Retired or Not Working	3%	2%	2%
	Unemployed: Looking for Work	----	1%	1%
	Unemployed: Not Looking for Work	----	1%	1%

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Law Firm Size (for private practitioners only)	Sole Practitioners	30%	31%	38%
	2 to 5 attorneys	23%	20%	23%
	6 to 10 attorneys	8%	8%	7%
	11 to 24 attorneys	9%	8%	8%
	25 to 40 attorneys	5%	4%	4%
	41 to 60 attorneys	2%	3%	2%
	More than 60 attorneys	24%	26%	18%
	Median firm size	*5 attorneys*	*5 attorneys*	*4 attorneys*
Percent Who Are Members of State Bar Sections	No Sections	53%	53%	54%
	One Section	21%	24%	23%
	Two Sections	16%	14%	13%
	Three Sections	7%	6%	6%
	More than Three Sections	4%	4%	4%
Section Members by Section[8]	Administrative and Public Law	2%	1%	4%
	African-American Lawyers	1%	1%	1%
	Alternative Dispute Resolution	5%	3%	4%
	American Indian Law	<1%	<1%	<1%
	Animal Law	----	1%	1%
	Antitrust and Business Litigation	6%	5%	4%
	Appellate	5%	5%	5%
	Asian Pacific Interest	----	1%	1%
	Aviation Law	1%	1%	1%
	Business Law	20%	16%	13%
	Computer and Technology	4%	4%	4%
	Construction Law	4%	5%	4%
	Consumer Law	6%	4%	5%
	Corporate Counsel	13%	12%	9%
	Criminal Justice	6%	5%	6%

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Section Members by Section (continued)	Entertainment and Sports Law	3%	2%	2%
	Environmental and Natural Resources	4%	3%	4%
	Family Law	13%	12%	14%
	General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	5%	12%	13%
	Government Lawyers	1%	1%	2%
	Health Law	5%	4%	4%
	Hispanic Issues	1%	1%	1%
	Individual Rights and Responsibilities	1%	1%	1%
	Insurance Law	----	4%	4%
	Intellectual Property Law	6%	7%	5%
	International Law	4%	3%	3%
	James C. Watson Inn	<1%	<1%	<1%
	Justice of the Peace	<1%	<1%	<1%
	Juvenile Law	2%	2%	2%
	Labor and Employment Law	10%	10%	9%
	Litigation	28%	23%	25%
	Military Law	<1%	<1%	1%
	Municipal Judges	1%	1%	1%
	Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	5%	4%	7%
	Public Utility Law	1%	1%	1%
	Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law	23%	22%	22%
	School Law	1%	1%	2%
	Sexual Orientation and Gender Identification Issues	----	1%	1%
	Taxation Law	7%	7%	6%
	Women and the Law	2%	2%	2%

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Percent Who Are Board Certified in:	No Areas	91%	87%	85%
	One Area	7%	11%	12%
	Two Areas	1%	2%	3%
	More than Two Areas	<1%	<1%	1%
Board Certified Attorneys by Area of Legal Specialization[9]	Administrative Law	<1%	1%	3%
	Bankruptcy Law: Business	3%	3%	3%
	Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	3%	3%	3%
	Civil Appellate Law	6%	6%	7%
	Civil Trial Law	21%	17%	18%
	Consumer and Commercial Law	1%	1%	1%
	Criminal Law	15%	16%	13%
	Estate Planning and Probate	9%	10%	10%
	Family Law	13%	15%	12%
	Immigration and Nationality Law	1%	1%	1%
	Labor Law	6%	9%	6%
	Oil, Gas and Mineral Law	4%	2%	4%
	Personal Injury Trial Law	22%	20%	24%
	Real Estate Law: Commercial	7%	7%	8%
	Real Estate Law: Farm & Ranch	1%	1%	2%
	Real Estate Law: Residential	3%	4%	6%
	Tax Law	5%	5%	4%

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[1] *The Dallas/Fort Worth Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area includes the counties of Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Henderson, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, and Tarrant. The Fort Worth Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area includes the counties of Hood, Johnson, Parker, and Tarrant counties.*

[2] *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 2002 are derived from the U.S. Census Bureau, as of July 1, 2002.*

[3] *Throughout the report, the statistical information on the In-State Bar membership includes Dallas-Fort Worth CMSA. All data represent active Bar members only. Some figures are estimates, as not all information is known for every active attorney.*

[4] *Some figures do not sum to 100% due to rounding.*

[5] *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.*

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

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

[8] *Percent of all attorneys who are members of any section and who hold membership in the listed section. Note that these figures do not include attorneys specialized in Juvenile Law as this data was not available at the time of analysis.*

[9] *Percent of all board certified attorneys who are certified in the listed area.*

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