STATE BAR OF TEXAS

Department of Research and Analysis

State Bar of Texas Membership: Attorney Statistical Profile (2007-08)

This report profiles active State Bar of Texas attorney members with membership in the State Bar of Texas as of December 31, 2007, 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		All State Bar Attorneys	
	2007-08		2007-08	
	N = 73,308		N = 81,601	
Gender				
Male	50,144	69%	55,625	69%
Female	22,783	31%	25,490	31%
Race				
Caucasian/Anglo	58,449	85%	65,160	85%
African-American/Black	2,947	4%	3,317	4%
Hispanic/Latino	5,265	8%	5,584	7%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,346	2%	1,558	2%
Native American Indian	194	<1%	233	<1%
Other Race	854	1%	970	1%
Years Licensed *				
2 or less years	7,351	10%	7,963	10%
3 to 6 years	8,558	12%	9,560	12%
7 to 10 years	8,150	11%	9,273	11%
11 to 15 years	10,038	14%	11,285	14%
16 to 20 years	9,086	12%	10,193	12%
21 to 25 years	8,387	11%	9,474	12%
Over 25 years	21,733	30%	23,848	29%
Median Years Licensed	17 yrs.		17 yrs.	
Age				
21 to 25 years	195	<1%	207	<1%
26 to 30 years	6,410	9%	7,015	9%
31 to 35 years	8,423	12%	9,456	12%
36 to 40 years	9,563	13%	10,848	13%
41 to 45 years	8,708	12%	9,822	12%
46 to 50 years	9,548	13%	10,736	13%
51 to 55 years	9,631	13%	10,782	13%
56 to 60 years	8,227	11%	9,232	11%
61 to 65 years	5,777	8%	6,302	8%
More than 65 years	6,673	9%	7,157	9%
Median Age	47 yrs.		47 yrs.	
Member Class—TYLA/Senior**				
TYLA Member	21,309	29%	23,695	29%
Senior Member	51,999	71%	57,906	71%

State Bar Members: Attorney Statistical Profile (2007-08)

	In-State Bar Members		All State Bar Attorneys	
	2007-08		2007-08	
	N = 73,308		N = 81,601	
Law School Attended				
Baylor University	4,921	7%	5,193	6%
St. Mary's	5,705	8%	5,976	7%
South Texas	8,515	12%	8,960	11%
Southern Methodist	6,278	9%	6,822	8%
Texas Southern	2,316	3%	2,459	3%
Texas Tech	4,944	7%	5,200	6%
University of Houston	8,204	11%	8,824	11%
University of Texas	14,443	20%	15,631	19%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	17,982	25%	22,536	28%
Primary Occupation				
Private Law Practice	45,756	64%	49,661	68%
Government Attorney	6,968	10%	7,927	11%
Full-Time Judge	1,515	2%	1,583	2%
Law Faculty	390	1%	521	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	5,981	8%	7,175	10%
Other Law Related	1,776	2%	2,123	3%
Other Non-Law Related	1,730	2%	2,068	3%
Retired-Not Working	1,480	2%	1,687	2%
Unemployed-Looking	298	<1%	370	1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	370	1%	453	1%
Firm Size (private practitioners only)				
Solo Practitioners	15,918	36%	16,815	35%
2 to 5 attorneys	10,446	24%	11,135	23%
6 to 10 attorneys	3,254	7%	3,583	8%
11 to 24 attorneys	3,594	8%	3,972	8%
25 to 40 attorneys	1,767	4%	1,993	4%
41 to 60 attorneys	955	2%	1,087	2%
Over 60 / 61 to 100 attorneys	3,092	7%	3,628	8%
101 to 200 attorneys	731	2%	836	2%
Over 200 attorneys	4,046	9%	4,537	10%
Median Firm Size	4 attys.		4 attys.	
Members of State Bar Sections				
Section Members	31,668	43%	33,084	41%
Non Section Members	41,640	57%	48,517	59%
Members of One Section	15,404	21%	16,673	20%
Members of Two Sections	9,100	12%	9,513	12%
Members of Three Sections	3,847	5%	3,992	5%
Members of Four or More Sections	3,317	5%	2,906	4%

State Bar Members: Attorney Statistical Profile (2007-08)

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Section Membership				
Administrative and Public Law	1,110	2%	1,134	1%
African-American Lawyers	327	<1%	358	<1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	1,105	2%	1,148	1%
American Indian Law	83	<1%	100	<1%
Animal Law	254	<1%	265	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	1,081	1%	1,124	1%
Appellate	1,708	2%	1,729	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	195	<1%	211	<1%
Aviation Law	208	<1%	225	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	1,214	2%	1,254	2%
Business Law	3,790	5%	3,933	5%
Computer and Technology	748	1%	800	1%
Construction Law	1,814	2%	1,866	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	1,289	2%	1,313	2%
Corporate Counsel	2,813	4%	3,019	4%
Criminal Justice	2,278	3%	2,325	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	483	1%	518	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	1,235	2%	1,326	2%
Family Law	4,674	6%	4,705	6%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	1,839	3%	1,866	2%
Government Lawyers	711	1%	745	1%
Health Law	1,175	2%	1,245	2%
Hispanic Issues	408	1%	430	1%
Individual rights and Responsibilities	184	<1%	195	<1%
Insurance Law	1,441	2%	1,494	2%
Intellectual Property Law	1,826	2%	1,998	2%
International Law	780	1%	878	1%
James C. Watson Inn	153	<1%	153	<1%
Justice of the Peace	49	<1%	50	<1%
Juvenile Law	801	1%	803	1%
Labor and Employment Law	2,673	4%	2,810	3%
Litigation	7,579	10%	7,769	10%
Military law	187	<1%	248	<1%
Municipal Judges	240	<1%	241	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	2,426	3%	2,579	3%
Poverty Law	380	1%	387	<1%
Public Utility Law	400	1%	421	1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	7,044	10%	7,205	9%
School Law	593	1%	606	1%
Sexual Orientation & Gender Identification Issues	152	<1%	159	<1%
Taxation	1,678	2%	1,792	2%
Women and the Law	446	1%	462	1%

Attorneys can have multiple board certifications, therefore the percents do not sum to 100%	In-State Bar Members 2007-08 N = 73,308		All State Bar Attorneys 2007-08 N = 81,601	
Board Certifications				
Board Certified Attorneys	6,897	9%	6,977	9%
Attorneys Not Board Certified	66,411	91%	74,624	91%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	5,768	8%	5,842	7%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	1,005	1%	1,011	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	124	<1%	124	<1%
Attorneys Board Certified In:				
Administrative Law	156	<1%	159	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	157	<1%	159	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	155	<1%	157	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	402	1%	404	<1%
Civil Trial Law	1,150	2%	1,158	1%
Consumer and Commercial Law	66	<1%	67	<1%
Criminal Law	814	1%	824	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	642	1%	646	1%
Family Law	697	1%	698	1%
Health Law	44	<1%	47	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	98	<1%	103	<1%
Juvenile Law	59	<1%	59	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	517	1%	537	1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	258	<1%	262	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	1,725	2%	1,737	2%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	484	1%	486	1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	98	<1%	98	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	326	<1%	326	<1%
Tax Law	221	<1%	228	<1%
Workers' Compensation Law	91	<1%	91	<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, 2007.