STATE BAR OF TEXAS

Department of Research and Analysis

Harris County: Attorney Statistical Profile (2011-12)

This report profiles active Harris County attorney members with membership in the State Bar of Texas as of December 31, 2011, 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 2011-12 N = 21,688		All State Bar Attorneys 2011-12 N = 89,987	
Gender				
Male	14,084	65%	59,692	67%
Female	7,465	35%	29,613	33%
Race				
White	16,497	80%	70,521	83%
Black/African-American	1,510	7%	4,046	5%
Hispanic/Latino	1,219	6%	6,702	8%
Asian/Pacific Islander	892	4%	2,299	3%
American Indian/Alaska Native	58	<1%	262	<1%
Two or More Races	66	<1%	285	<1%
Other Race	258	1%	962	1%
Years Licensed *				
2 or less years	2,264	10%	7,997	9%
3 to 6 years	2,958	14%	10,933	12%
7 to 10 years	2,318	11%	9,510	11%
11 to 15 years	2,578	12%	11,313	13%
16 to 20 years	2,606	12%	11,182	12%
21 to 25 years	2,264	10%	9,695	11%
Over 25 years	6,700	31%	29,357	33%
Median Years Licensed	17 Years		18 Years	
Age				
21 to 25 years	51	<1%	215	<1%
26 to 30 years	2,150	10%	7,448	8%
31 to 35 years	2,853	13%	10,907	12%
36 to 40 years	2,465	11%	10,519	12%
41 to 45 years	2,538	12%	11,077	12%
46 to 50 years	2,282	11%	9,971	11%
51 to 55 years	2,561	12%	10,773	12%
56 to 60 years	2,549	12%	10,442	12%
61 to 65 years	1,983	9%	8,408	9%
More than 65 years	2,252	10%	10,217	11%
Median Age	47 Years		48 Years	
Member Class—TYLA/Senior**				
TYLA Member	6,699	31%	25,183	28%
Senior Member	14,989	69%	64,804	72%

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	Harris County		All State Bar Attorneys	
	2011-12		2011-12	
	N = 21,688		N = 89,987	
Law School Attended				
Baylor University	583	3%	5,486	6%
St. Mary's	387	2%	6,531	7%
South Texas	5,250	24%	9,967	11%
Southern Methodist	484	2%	7,478	8%
Texas Southern	1,283	6%	2,897	3%
Texas Tech	387	2%	5,775	6%
Texas Wesleyan	63	<1%	2,550	3%
University of Houston	5,127	24%	9,462	11%
University of Texas	3,183	15%	15,873	18%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	4,941	23%	23,968	27%
Primary Occupation				
Private Law Practice	13,233	71%	52,570	67%
Government Attorney	880	5%	8,289	11%
Full-Time Judge	202	1%	1,626	2%
Law Faculty	109	1%	596	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	2,428	13%	7,979	10%
Other Law Related	611	3%	2,340	3%
Other Non-Law Related	545	3%	2,205	3%
Retired-Not Working	386	2%	2,006	3%
Unemployed-Looking	123	1%	490	1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	92	<1%	496	1%
Firm Size (private practitioners only)				
Solo Practitioners	3,993	32%	18,225	36%
2 to 5 attorneys	2,850	23%	12,051	24%
6 to 10 attorneys	1,034	8%	3,842	8%
11 to 24 attorneys	1,144	9%	4,199	8%
25 to 40 attorneys	468	4%	2,031	4%
41 to 60 attorneys	253	2%	1,154	2%
61 to 100 attorneys	682	5%	2,406	5%
101 to 200 attorneys	174	1%	991	2%
Over 200 attorneys	1,862	15%	5,117	10%
Median Firm Size	4 Attorneys		4 Attorneys	
Members of State Bar Sections				
Section Members	9,962	46%	37,733	42%
Non Section Members	11,726	54%	52,254	58%
Members of One Section	5,255	24%	19,464	22%
Members of Two Sections	2,747	13%	10,622	12%
Members of Three Sections	1,112	5%	4,411	5%
Members of Four or More Sections	848	4%	3,236	4%

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Section Membership				
Administrative and Public Law	123	1%	1,116	1%
African-American Lawyers	148	1%	397	<1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	330	2%	1,190	1%
American Indian Law	19	<1%	105	<1%
Animal Law	75	<1%	331	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	321	1%	1,077	1%
Appellate	510	2%	1,770	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	82	<1%	252	<1%
Aviation Law	52	<1%	260	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	387	2%	1,577	2%
Business Law	1,126	5%	4,033	4%
Computer and Technology	369	2%	1,837	2%
Construction Law	571	3%	2,033	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	375	2%	1,355	2%
Corporate Counsel	1,208	6%	3,479	4%
Criminal Justice	587	3%	3,130	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	122	1%	548	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	382	2%	1,358	2%
Family Law	1,077	5%	5,331	6%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	412	2%	1,971	2%
Government Lawyers	121	1%	864	1%
Health Law	303	1%	1,380	2%
Hispanic Issues	78	<1%	343	<1%
Individual rights and Responsibilities	42	<1%	225	<1%
Insurance Law	461	2%	1,659	2%
Intellectual Property Law	578	3%	2,212	2%
International Law	395	2%	867	1%
James C. Watson Inn	27	<1%	143	<1%
Judicial Law	132	1%	955	1%
Justice of the Peace	19	<1%	70	<1%
Juvenile Law	147	1%	836	1%
Labor and Employment Law	784	4%	2,823	3%
Litigation	2,400	11%	7,579	8%
Litigation -Sustaining	54	<1%	169	<1%
Military law	46	<1%	348	<1%
Municipal Judges	65	<1%	283	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	1,393	6%	3,661	4%
Poverty Law	75	<1%	490	1%
Public Utility Law	69	<1%	458	1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	1,644	8%	7,374	8%
School Law	102	<1%	671	1%
LGBT Law	75	<1%	265	<1%
Taxation	546	3%	1,925	2%
Women and the Law	147	1%	493	1%
Workers' Compensation	59	<1%	268	<1%

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Board Certifications				
Board Certified Attorneys	1,792	8%	7,068	8%
Attorneys Not Board Certified	19,896	92%	82,919	92%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	1,537	7%	5,992	7%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	238	1%	954	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	17	<1%	122	<1%
Attorneys Board Certified In:				
Administrative Law	3	<1%	153	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	42	<1%	150	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	39	<1%	142	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	124	1%	419	<1%
Civil Trial Law	281	1%	1,088	1%
Consumer and Commercial Law	18	<1%	67	<1%
Criminal Law	134	1%	846	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	163	1%	675	1%
Family Law	172	1%	732	1%
Health Law	10	<1%	54	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	63	<1%	131	<1%
Juvenile Law	12	<1%	68	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	169	1%	575	1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	87	<1%	272	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	437	2%	1,661	2%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	151	1%	499	1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	11	<1%	102	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	78	<1%	322	<1%
Tax Law	49	<1%	222	<1%
Workers' Compensation Law	21	<1%	98	<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, 2011.