STATE BAR OF TEXAS

Department of Research and Analysis

State Bar of Texas Membership: Attorney Statistical Profile (2011-12)

This report profiles active State Bar of Texas 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.

	In-State Attorneys 2011-12 N = 80,657		All State Bar Attorneys 2011-12 N = 89,987	
Gender				
Male	53,568	67%	59,692	67%
Female	26,522	33%	29,613	33%
Race				
White	63,035	83%	70,521	83%
Black/African-American	3,598	5%	4,046	5%
Hispanic/Latino	6,327	8%	6,702	8%
Asian/Pacific Islander	2,002	3%	2,299	3%
American Indian/Alaska Native	223	<1%	262	<1%
Two or More Races	249	<1%	285	<1%
Other Race	848	1%	962	1%
Years Licensed *				
2 or less years	7,389	9%	7,997	9%
3 to 6 years	9,940	12%	10,933	12%
7 to 10 years	8,439	10%	9,510	11%
11 to 15 years	9,912	12%	11,313	13%
16 to 20 years	9,895	12%	11,182	12%
21 to 25 years	8,630	11%	9,695	11%
Over 25 years	26,452	33%	29,357	33%
Median Years Licensed	18 Years		18 Years	
Age				
21 to 25 years	199	<1%	215	<1%
26 to 30 years	6,855	8%	7,448	8%
31 to 35 years	9,791	12%	10,907	12%
36 to 40 years	9,311	12%	10,519	12%
41 to 45 years	9,742	12%	11,077	12%
46 to 50 years	8,839	11%	9,971	11%
51 to 55 years	9,596	12%	10,773	12%
56 to 60 years	9,287	12%	10,442	12%
61 to 65 years	7,552	9%	8,408	9%
More than 65 years	9,478	12%	10,217	11%
Median Age	48 Years		48 Years	
Member Class—TYLA/Senior**				
TYLA Member	22,807	28%	25,183	28%
Senior Member	57,850	72%	64,804	72%

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	In-State Attorneys		All State Bar Attorneys	
	2011-12		2011-12	
	N = 80,657		N = 89,987	
Law School Attended				
Baylor University	5,187	6%	5,486	6%
St. Mary's	6,248	8%	6,531	7%
South Texas	9,486	12%	9,967	11%
Southern Methodist	6,912	9%	7,478	8%
Texas Southern	2,735	3%	2,897	3%
Texas Tech	5,486	7%	5,775	6%
Texas Wesleyan	2,447	3%	2,550	3%
University of Houston	8,803	11%	9,462	11%
University of Texas	14,639	18%	15,873	18%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	18,714	23%	23,968	27%
Primary Occupation				
Private Law Practice	48,331	68%	52,570	67%
Government Attorney	7,299	10%	8,289	11%
Full-Time Judge	1,553	2%	1,626	2%
Law Faculty	445	1%	596	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	6,692	9%	7,979	10%
Other Law Related	1,965	3%	2,340	3%
Other Non-Law Related	1,829	3%	2,205	3%
Retired-Not Working	1,738	2%	2,006	3%
Unemployed-Looking	413	1%	490	1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	404	1%	496	1%
Firm Size (private practitioners only)				
Solo Practitioners	17,253	37%	18,225	36%
2 to 5 attorneys	11,272	24%	12,051	24%
6 to 10 attorneys	3,524	8%	3,842	8%
11 to 24 attorneys	3,818	8%	4,199	8%
25 to 40 attorneys	1,806	4%	2,031	4%
41 to 60 attorneys	1,002	2%	1,154	2%
61 to 100 attorneys	2,070	4%	2,406	5%
101 to 200 attorneys	835	2%	991	2%
Over 200 attorneys	4,448	10%	5,117	10%
Median Firm Size	4 Attorneys		4 Attorneys	
Members of State Bar Sections				
Section Members	35,958	45%	37,733	42%
Non Section Members	44,699	55%	52,254	58%
Members of One Section	18,367	23%	19,464	22%
Members of Two Sections	10,181	13%	10,622	12%
Members of Three Sections	4,257	5%	4,411	5%
Members of Four or More Sections	3,153	4%	3,236	4%

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Section Membership				
Administrative and Public Law	1,080	1%	1,116	1%
African-American Lawyers	359	<1%	397	<1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	1,150	1%	1,190	1%
American Indian Law	92	<1%	105	<1%
Animal Law	311	<1%	331	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	1,027	1%	1,077	1%
Appellate	1,733	2%	1,770	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	230	<1%	252	<1%
Aviation Law	236	<1%	260	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	1,518	2%	1,577	2%
Business Law	3,881	5%	4,033	4%
Computer and Technology	1782	2%	1,837	2%
Construction Law	1,969	2%	2,033	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	1,323	2%	1,355	2%
Corporate Counsel	3,240	4%	3,479	4%
Criminal Justice	3,055	4%	3,130	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	508	1%	548	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	1,261	2%	1,358	2%
Family Law	5,294	7%	5,331	6%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	1,930	2%	1,971	2%
Government Lawyers	813	1%	864	1%
Health Law	1,286	2%	1,380	2%
Hispanic Issues	324	<1%	343	<1%
Individual rights and Responsibilities	211	<1%	225	<1%
Insurance Law	1,577	2%	1,659	2%
Intellectual Property Law	1,999	2%	2,212	2%
International Law	761	1%	867	1%
James C. Watson Inn	142	<1%	143	<1%
Judicial Law	948	1%	955	1%
Justice of the Peace	70	<1%	70	<1%
Juvenile Law	833	1%	836	1%
Labor and Employment Law	2,677	3%	2,823	3%
Litigation	7,393	9%	7,579	8%
Litigation -Sustaining	163	<1%	169	<1%
Military law	267	<1%	348	<1%
Municipal Judges	282	<1%	283	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	3,432	4%	3,661	4%
Poverty Law	482	1%	490	1%
Public Utility Law	426	1%	458	1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	7,195	9%	7,374	8%
School Law	654	1%	671	1%
LGBT Law	249	<1%	265	<1%
Taxation	1,792	2%	1,925	2%
Women and the Law	466	1%	493	1%
Workers' Compensation	259	<1%	268	<1%

Attorneys can have multiple board certifications, therefore the percents do not sum to 100%	In-State Attorneys 2011-12 N = 80,657		All State Bar Attorneys 2011-12 N = 89,987	
Board Certifications				
Board Certified Attorneys	6,979	9%	7,068	8%
Attorneys Not Board Certified	73,678	91%	82,919	92%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	5,912	7%	5,992	7%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	964	1%	954	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	121	<1%	122	<1%
Attorneys Board Certified In:				
Administrative Law	152	<1%	153	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	146	<1%	150	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	140	<1%	142	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	418	1%	419	<1%
Civil Trial Law	1,078	1%	1,088	1%
Consumer and Commercial Law	66	<1%	67	<1%
Criminal Law	836	1%	846	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	665	1%	675	1%
Family Law	729	1%	732	1%
Health Law	52	<1%	54	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	126	<1%	131	<1%
Juvenile Law	68	<1%	68	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	554	1%	575	1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	271	<1%	272	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	1,647	2%	1,661	2%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	496	1%	499	1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	101	<1%	102	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	321	<1%	322	<1%
Tax Law	215	<1%	222	<1%
Workers' Compensation Law	96	<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.