



# STATE BAR OF TEXAS

Department of Research and Analysis

## Harris County Attorneys: Attorney Statistical Profile (2014-15)

This report profiles active State Bar of Texas attorney members in Harris County with membership in the State Bar of Texas as of December 31, 2014. Not all demographic data is provided by every attorney. Separate population totals are provided in italics in each category that is lacking all demographic data. Percentages may not sum to one hundred due to rounding. Over the last 10 years the number of Harris County attorneys has increased by 21 percent, growing from 19,129 attorneys in 2004 to 23,183 in 2014.

	Harris County Attorneys				All Active State Bar Attorneys			
	2004-05		2014-15		2004-05		2014-15	
	<i>N = 19,129</i>		<i>N = 23,183</i>		<i>N = 74,675</i>		<i>N = 96,912</i>	
<b>Sex</b>								
	<i>(N = 19,078)</i>		<i>(N = 23,021)</i>		<i>(N = 74,446)</i>		<i>(N = 96,332)</i>	
Male	13,030	68%	14,778	64%	52,371	70%	63,196	66%
Female	6,048	32%	8,243	36%	22,075	30%	33,136	34%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>								
	<i>(N = 18,027)</i>		<i>(N = 21,957)</i>		<i>(N = 70,434)</i>		<i>(N = 91,966)</i>	
White	15,208	84%	17,291	79%	60,772	86%	74,740	81%
Black/African-American	1,188	7%	1,682	8%	2,788	4%	4,638	5%
Hispanic/Latino	863	5%	1,441	7%	4,759	7%	7,806	8%
Asian/Pacific Islander	468	3%	1,034	5%	1,111	2%	2,851	3%
American Indian/Alaska Native	43	<1%	61	<1%	203	<1%	302	<1%
Two or More Races	--	--	160	1%	--	--	599	1%
Other Race	257	1%	288	1%	801	1%	1,030	1%
<b>Years Licensed *</b>								
2 or less years	2,114	11%	2,336	10%	7,005	9%	8,227	8%
3 to 6 years	2,527	13%	3,028	13%	9,363	13%	11,165	12%
7 to 10 years	2,238	12%	2,708	12%	9,026	12%	10,774	11%
11 to 15 years	2,878	15%	2,690	12%	10,997	15%	11,720	12%
16 to 20 years	2,423	13%	2,465	11%	9,641	13%	11,136	11%
21 to 25 years	2,336	12%	2,542	11%	9,098	12%	10,732	11%
Over 25 years	4,613	24%	7,414	32%	19,545	26%	33,158	34%
Median Years Licensed	15 Years		17 Years		16 Years		18 Years	
<b>Age</b>								
	<i>(N = 19,128)</i>		<i>(N = 23,181)</i>		<i>(N = 74,673)</i>		<i>(N = 96,906)</i>	
21 to 25 years	138	1%	52	<1%	477	1%	213	<1%
26 to 30 years	1,862	10%	2,243	10%	6,566	9%	7,753	8%
31 to 35 years	2,562	13%	3,164	14%	9,869	13%	11,814	12%
36 to 40 years	2,419	13%	2,789	12%	9,634	13%	11,411	12%
41 to 45 years	2,514	13%	2,556	11%	10,214	14%	11,299	12%
46 to 50 years	2,866	15%	2,334	10%	10,724	14%	10,351	11%
51 to 55 years	2,569	13%	2,315	10%	10,035	13%	10,411	11%
56 to 60 years	1,961	10%	2,547	11%	7,614	10%	10,476	11%
61 to 65 years	1,038	5%	2,145	9%	4,128	6%	9,396	10%
More than 65 years	1,199	6%	3,036	13%	5,412	7%	13,782	14%
Median Age	46 Years		47 Years		46 Years		48 Years	
<b>Member Class—TYLA/Senior**</b>								
TYLA Member	6,120	32%	7,233	31%	22,852	31%	26,867	28%
Senior Member	13,009	68%	15,950	69%	51,823	69%	70,045	72%

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	2004-05 N = 19,129		2014-15 N = 23,183		2004-05 N = 74,675		2014-15 N = 96,912	
<b>Law School Attended</b>								
Baylor University	495	3%	617	3%	4,526	7%	5,689	6%
St. Mary's	273	1%	398	2%	5,007	7%	7,010	7%
South Texas	4,298	22%	5,634	24%	7,529	11%	10,709	11%
Southern Methodist	409	2%	511	2%	5,821	9%	7,935	8%
Texas Southern	941	5%	1,393	6%	1,910	3%	3,211	3%
Texas Tech	268	1%	397	2%	4,312	6%	6,246	6%
Texas A&M/Formerly Texas Wesleyan	41	<1%	76	<1%	1,255	2%	2,751	3%
University of Houston	4,347	23%	5,294	23%	7,593	11%	9,834	10%
University of Texas	2,858	15%	3,272	14%	13,991	21%	16,068	17%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	3,517	18%	5,591	24%	15,840	23%	27,459	28%
<b>Primary Occupation</b>								
	<i>(N = 16,691)</i>		<i>(N = 19,016)</i>		<i>(N = 66,272)</i>		<i>(N = 82,044)</i>	
Private Practitioners								
Solo Practitioners	3,738	22%	4,017	21%	15,559	23%	18,990	23%
2 to 5 attorneys	2,540	15%	2,959	16%	10,140	15%	12,667	15%
6 to 10 attorneys	884	5%	1,079	6%	3,312	5%	4,204	5%
11 to 24 attorneys	1,054	6%	1,218	6%	3,776	6%	4,500	5%
25 to 40 attorneys	546	3%	522	3%	1,912	3%	2,127	3%
41 to 60 attorneys	228	1%	242	1%	1,192	2%	1,148	1%
More than 60 attorneys	2,740	16%	2,898	15%	8,428	13%	8,879	11%
Subtotal	11,730	70%	12,935	68%	44,319	67%	52,515	64%
Government Attorney	891	5%	904	5%	7,379	11%	8,464	10%
Full-Time Judge	213	1%	199	1%	1,490	2%	1,685	2%
Law Faculty	107	1%	111	1%	468	1%	577	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	2,147	13%	2,676	14%	6,352	10%	9,016	11%
Other Law Related	522	3%	718	4%	1,940	3%	2,756	3%
Other Non-Law Related	527	3%	596	3%	1,973	3%	2,539	3%
Public Interest Lawyer	--	--	131	1%	--	--	758	1%
Retired-Not Working	329	2%	476	3%	1,483	2%	2,515	3%
Unemployed-Looking	120	1%	140	1%	403	1%	645	1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	105	1%	130	1%	465	1%	574	1%
<b>Members of State Bar Sections</b>								
Section Members	8,184	43%	10,983	47%	29,690	40%	41,491	43%
Non Section Members	10,945	57%	12,200	53%	44,985	60%	55,421	57%
Members of One Section	4,047	21%	5,653	24%	14,551	19%	21,179	22%
Members of Two Sections	2,379	12%	3,031	13%	8,681	12%	11,759	12%
Members of Three Sections	1,022	5%	1,328	6%	3,796	5%	4,901	5%
Members of Four or More Sections	736	4%	971	4%	2,662	4%	3,652	4%

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therefore the percents do not sum to 100%

Section Membership	Harris County Attorneys				All Active State Bar Attorneys			
	2004-05 N = 19,129		2014-15 N = 23,183		2004-05 N = 74,675		2014-15 N = 96,912	
Administrative and Public Law	106	1%	128	1%	1,044	1%	1,213	1%
African-American Lawyers	121	1%	162	1%	270	<1%	473	<1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	321	2%	317	1%	1,113	1%	1,148	1%
American Indian Law	26	<1%	24	<1%	100	<1%	156	<1%
Animal Law	67	<1%	88	<1%	246	<1%	372	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	364	2%	281	1%	1,156	2%	968	1%
Appellate	491	3%	559	2%	1,669	2%	1,911	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	59	<1%	84	<1%	148	<1%	269	<1%
Aviation Law	47	<1%	60	<1%	234	<1%	290	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	305	2%	376	2%	1,085	1%	1,550	2%
Business Law	1,039	5%	1,217	5%	3,607	5%	4,325	4%
Collaborative Law	--	--	55	<1%	--	--	259	<1%
Computer and Technology	196	1%	497	2%	844	1%	2,144	2%
Construction Law	481	3%	626	3%	1,606	2%	2,133	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	373	2%	372	2%	1,243	2%	1,337	1%
Corporate Counsel	956	5%	1,484	6%	2,728	4%	4,153	4%
Criminal Justice	374	2%	568	2%	1,952	3%	3,110	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	120	1%	136	1%	470	1%	611	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	389	2%	406	2%	1,245	2%	1,397	1%
Family Law	909	5%	1,174	5%	4,329	6%	5,871	6%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	386	2%	483	2%	1,763	2%	2,309	2%
Government Lawyers	111	1%	137	1%	697	1%	908	1%
Health Law	263	1%	325	1%	1,202	2%	1,650	2%
Hispanic Issues	83	<1%	107	<1%	347	0%	481	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	--	--	292	1%	--	--	996	1%
Individual rights and Responsibilities	33	<1%	46	<1%	167	<1%	214	<1%
Insurance Law	445	2%	535	2%	1,526	2%	1,814	2%
Intellectual Property Law	513	3%	638	3%	1,718	2%	2,449	3%
International Law	354	2%	420	2%	843	1%	898	1%
James C. Watson Inn	19	<1%	25	<1%	101	<1%	150	<1%
Judicial Law	4	<1%	135	1%	26	<1%	1,093	1%
Justice of the Peace	14	<1%	34	<1%	59	<1%	115	<1%
Juvenile Law	128	1%	140	1%	758	1%	870	1%
Labor and Employment Law	724	4%	890	4%	2,730	4%	3,062	3%
Legislative and Campaign Law	--	--	29	<1%	--	--	270	<1%
Litigation	2,448	13%	2,445	11%	7,436	10%	7,588	8%
Litigation -Sustaining	--	--	68	<1%	--	--	212	<1%
Military law	24	<1%	74	<1%	221	<1%	493	1%
Municipal Judges	58	<1%	70	<1%	246	<1%	302	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	817	4%	1,901	8%	2,070	3%	5,024	5%
Poverty Law	--	--	82	<1%	--	--	475	<1%
Public Utility Law	62	<1%	75	<1%	402	1%	499	1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	1,591	8%	1,789	8%	6,609	9%	8,158	8%
School Law	90	<1%	129	1%	560	1%	716	1%
LGBT Law	65	<1%	107	<1%	185	<1%	399	<1%
Taxation	480	3%	600	3%	1,677	2%	2,115	2%
Women and the Law	147	1%	217	1%	428	1%	735	1%
Workers' Compensation	--	--	52	<1%	--	--	303	<1%

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<b>Board Certifications</b>								
Board Certified Attorneys	1,727	9%	1,797	8%	6,710	9%	7,130	7%
Attorneys Not Board Certified	17,402	91%	21,386	92%	67,965	91%	89,782	93%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	1,463	8%	1,549	7%	5,577	7%	6,037	6%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	245	1%	232	1%	1,011	1%	976	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	19	<1%	16	<1%	122	<1%	117	<1%
<b>Attorneys Board Certified In:</b>								
Administrative Law	3	<1%	1	<1%	175	<1%	146	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	46	<1%	36	<1%	162	<1%	137	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	39	<1%	34	<1%	153	<1%	133	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	115	1%	130	1%	393	1%	428	<1%
Civil Trial Law	299	2%	260	1%	1,188	2%	1,014	1%
Consumer and Commercial Law	17	<1%	18	<1%	62	0%	73	<1%
Criminal Appellate	--	--	18	<1%	--	--	121	<1%
Criminal Law	124	1%	123	1%	794	1%	829	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	163	1%	169	1%	617	1%	682	1%
Family Law	162	1%	177	1%	671	1%	786	1%
Health Law	7	<1%	8	<1%	35	<1%	89	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	44	<1%	70	<1%	84	<1%	143	<1%
Juvenile Law	13	<1%	12	<1%	50	<1%	69	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	131	1%	191	1%	478	1%	628	1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	91	<1%	98	<1%	261	<1%	322	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	471	2%	421	2%	1,739	2%	1,588	2%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	144	1%	146	1%	479	1%	487	1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	9	<1%	8	<1%	94	<1%	94	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	74	<1%	75	<1%	311	<1%	300	<1%
Tax Law	58	<1%	50	<1%	229	<1%	215	<1%
Workers' Compensation Law	--	--	16	<1%	--	--	96	<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 demographic data is self-reported and represents active attorney Bar members in good standing as of December 31, 2014. Not all demographic data is provided by every attorney. Separate population totals are provided in italics in each category that is lacking full membership representation. Percentages may not sum to one hundred due to rounding.