



STATE BAR OF TEXAS

Department of Research and Analysis

Harris County Attorneys: Attorney Statistical Profile (2016-17)

This report profiles active Harris County attorneys with membership in the State Bar of Texas as of December 31, 2016. 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 18 percent, growing from 20,006 attorneys in 2006 to 23,602 in 2016.

	Harris County Attorneys				All Active State Bar Attorneys			
	2006-07 N = 20,006		2016-17 N = 23,602		2006-07 N = 79,409		2016-17 N = 100,294	
Sex								
	<i>(N = 19,918)</i>		<i>(N = 23,433)</i>		<i>(N = 79,015)</i>		<i>(N = 99,636)</i>	
Male	13,350	67%	14,809	63%	54,546	69%	64,599	65%
Female	6,568	33%	8,624	37%	24,469	31%	35,037	35%
Race/Ethnicity								
	<i>(N = 18,893)</i>		<i>(N = 22,462)</i>		<i>(N = 75,002)</i>		<i>(N = 95,433)</i>	
White	15,702	83%	17,369	77%	63,942	85%	76,509	80%
Black/African-American	1,304	7%	1,780	8%	3,153	4%	5,022	5%
Hispanic/Latino	973	5%	1,600	7%	5,334	7%	8,529	9%
Asian/Pacific Islander	598	3%	1,153	5%	1,433	2%	3,211	3%
American Indian/Alaska Native	46	<1%	70	<1%	225	<1%	326	<1%
Two or More Races	--	--	180	1%	--	--	709	1%
Other Race	270	1%	310	1%	915	1%	1,127	1%
Years Licensed *								
2 or less years	2,251	11%	2,120	9%	7,656	10%	7,630	8%
3 to 6 years	2,493	12%	3,053	13%	9,394	12%	11,461	11%
7 to 10 years	2,307	12%	2,791	12%	9,195	12%	11,310	11%
11 to 15 years	2,845	14%	2,849	12%	11,336	14%	12,250	12%
16 to 20 years	2,500	12%	2,455	10%	9,928	13%	11,225	11%
21 to 25 years	2,339	12%	2,506	11%	9,369	12%	10,960	11%
Over 25 years	5,271	26%	7,828	33%	22,526	28%	35,458	35%
Median Years Licensed	16 Years		18 Years		16 Years		19 Years	
Age								
	<i>(N = 20,004)</i>		<i>(N = 23,602)</i>		<i>(N = 79,410)</i>		<i>(N = 100,294)</i>	
21 to 25 years	151	1%	54	<1%	537	1%	194	<1%
26 to 30 years	2,042	10%	2,077	9%	7,257	9%	7,345	7%
31 to 35 years	2,473	12%	3,233	14%	9,583	12%	12,082	12%
36 to 40 years	2,587	13%	2,973	13%	10,554	13%	12,363	12%
41 to 45 years	2,400	12%	2,453	10%	9,895	12%	11,006	11%
46 to 50 years	2,776	14%	2,501	11%	10,832	14%	11,286	11%
51 to 55 years	2,738	14%	2,193	9%	10,671	13%	9,984	10%
56 to 60 years	2,199	11%	2,383	10%	8,683	11%	10,506	10%
61 to 65 years	1,238	6%	2,278	10%	5,088	6%	9,636	10%
More than 65 years	1,400	7%	3,457	15%	6,310	8%	15,892	16%
Median Age	46 Years		48 Years		46 Years		49 Years	
Member Class—TYLA/Senior**								
TYLA Member	6,261	31%	7,133	30%	23,424	29%	26,998	27%
Senior Member	13,745	69%	16,469	70%	55,985	71%	73,296	73%

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Law School Attended								
Baylor University	563	3%	624	3%	5,120	7%	5,752	6%
St. Mary's	331	2%	386	2%	5,792	7%	7,198	7%
South Texas	4,869	25%	5,563	24%	8,704	11%	11,000	11%
Southern Methodist	464	2%	537	2%	6,712	9%	8,140	8%
Texas Southern	1,094	6%	1,444	6%	2,313	3%	3,370	3%
Texas Tech	317	2%	426	2%	5,031	6%	6,489	6%
Texas A&M/Formerly Texas Wesleyan	42	0%	80	0%	1,689	2%	3,349	3%
University of Houston	4,875	25%	5,294	22%	8,648	11%	9,974	10%
University of Texas	3,136	16%	3,277	14%	15,596	20%	16,093	16%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	3,974	20%	5,971	25%	18,456	24%	28,929	29%
Primary Occupation								
	(N = 17,314)		(N = 18,989)		(N = 70,110)		(N = 83,678)	
Private Practitioners								
Solo Practitioners	3,859	22%	4,019	21%	16,508	24%	19,199	23%
2 to 5 attorneys	2,673	15%	2,963	16%	10,889	16%	12,704	15%
6 to 10 attorneys	947	5%	1,086	6%	3,462	5%	4,348	5%
11 to 24 attorneys	1,123	6%	1,110	6%	3,900	6%	4,389	5%
25 to 40 attorneys	565	3%	505	3%	2,018	3%	2,167	3%
41 to 60 attorneys	228	1%	247	1%	1,120	2%	1,230	1%
More than 60 attorneys	2,839	16%	2,915	15%	8,919	13%	9,044	11%
Subtotal	12,234	71%	12,845	68%	46,816	67%	53,081	63%
Government Attorney	910	5%	955	5%	7,871	11%	8,792	11%
Full-Time Judge	213	1%	207	1%	1,549	2%	1,740	2%
Law Faculty	114	1%	106	1%	507	1%	592	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	2,240	13%	2,694	14%	6,845	10%	9,439	11%
Other Law Related	562	3%	694	4%	2,079	3%	2,910	3%
Other Non-Law Related	515	3%	585	3%	2,059	3%	2,546	3%
Public Interest Lawyer	--	--	156	1%	--	--	873	1%
Retired-Not Working	343	2%	527	3%	1,599	2%	2,735	3%
Unemployed-Looking	97	1%	98	1%	378	1%	440	1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	86	0%	122	1%	407	1%	530	1%
Members of State Bar Sections								
Section Members	8,726	44%	11,569	49%	31,693	40%	44,081	44%
Non Section Members	11,280	56%	12,033	51%	47,716	60%	56,213	56%
Members of One Section	4,474	22%	6,141	26%	15,855	20%	22,804	23%
Members of Two Sections	2,477	12%	3,075	13%	9,247	12%	12,195	12%
Members of Three Sections	1,036	5%	1,383	6%	3,837	5%	5,272	5%
Members of Four or More Sections	739	4%	970	4%	2,754	3%	3,810	4%

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Section Membership								
Administrative and Public Law	123	1%	137	1%	1,081	1%	1,231	1%
African-American Lawyers	150	1%	199	1%	336	<1%	589	1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	310	2%	324	1%	1,139	1%	1,170	1%
Animal Law	60	<1%	88	<1%	253	<1%	367	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	339	2%	283	1%	1,119	1%	966	1%
Appellate	511	3%	597	3%	1,713	2%	1,996	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	67	<1%	96	<1%	186	<1%	309	<1%
Aviation Law	49	<1%	53	<1%	244	<1%	273	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	339	2%	405	2%	1,238	2%	1,551	2%
Business Law	1,102	6%	1,191	5%	3,879	5%	4,519	5%
Collaborative Law	--	--	53	<1%	--	--	275	<1%
Computer and Technology	179	1%	520	2%	786	1%	2,203	2%
Construction Law	502	3%	671	3%	1,802	2%	2,250	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	383	2%	377	2%	1,306	2%	1,398	1%
Corporate Counsel	996	5%	1,511	6%	2,878	4%	4,488	4%
Criminal Justice	424	2%	543	2%	2,214	3%	3,214	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	148	1%	131	1%	523	1%	637	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	377	2%	359	2%	1,269	2%	1,310	1%
Family Law	926	5%	1,242	5%	4,462	6%	6,093	6%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	395	2%	470	2%	1,785	2%	2,320	2%
Government Lawyers	108	1%	142	1%	725	1%	987	1%
Health Law	280	1%	372	2%	1,215	2%	1,741	2%
Hispanic Issues	97	<1%	123	1%	402	1%	539	1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	--	--	346	1%	--	--	1,146	1%
Individual rights and Responsibilities	37	<1%	44	<1%	182	<1%	196	<1%
Insurance Law	457	2%	591	3%	1,520	2%	2,046	2%
Intellectual Property Law	534	3%	622	3%	1,850	2%	2,519	3%
International Law	364	2%	388	2%	811	1%	915	1%
James C. Watson Inn	32	<1%	25	<1%	154	<1%	139	<1%
Judicial	15	<1%	128	1%	56	<1%	987	1%
Justice of the Peace Courts	11	<1%	42	<1%	51	<1%	134	<1%
Juvenile Law	155	1%	147	1%	813	1%	910	1%
Labor and Employment Law	775	4%	894	4%	2,799	4%	3,228	3%
Legislative and Campaign Law	--	--	22	<1%	--	--	240	<1%
LGBT Law	53	<1%	122	1%	170	<1%	501	<1%
Litigation	2,451	12%	2,674	11%	7,416	9%	8,563	9%
Litigation -Sustaining	--	--	78	<1%	--	--	251	<1%
Military and Veterans Law	22	<1%	79	<1%	230	<1%	544	1%
Municipal Judges	56	<1%	67	<1%	245	<1%	302	<1%
Native American Law	19	<1%	24	<1%	105	<1%	138	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	899	4%	1,789	8%	2,357	3%	4,694	5%
Poverty Law	52	<1%	98	<1%	340	<1%	561	1%
Public Utility Law	65	<1%	70	<1%	403	1%	493	<1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	1,690	8%	1,958	8%	7,020	9%	8,954	9%
School Law	83	<1%	122	1%	574	1%	747	1%
Tax	485	2%	629	3%	1,674	2%	2,189	2%
Women and the Law	132	1%	283	1%	424	1%	1,004	1%
Workers' Compensation	--	--	63	<1%	--	--	328	<1%

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Board Certifications								
Board Certified Attorneys	1,813	9%	1,799	8%	7,060	9%	7,197	7%
Attorneys Not Board Certified	18,193	91%	21,803	92%	72,349	91%	93,097	93%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	1,548	8%	1,565	7%	5,907	7%	6,151	6%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	247	1%	217	1%	1,029	1%	936	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	18	<1%	17	<1%	124	<1%	110	<1%
Attorneys Board Certified In:								
Administrative Law	2	<1%	1	<1%	162	<1%	145	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	47	<1%	30	<1%	160	<1%	127	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	44	<1%	32	<1%	159	<1%	132	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	121	1%	131	1%	408	1%	428	<1%
Civil Trial Law	294	1%	251	1%	1,173	1%	978	1%
Consumer and Commercial Law	20	<1%	19	<1%	68	<1%	73	<1%
Criminal Appellate	--	--	21	<1%	--	--	127	<1%
Criminal Law	129	1%	124	1%	836	1%	832	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	170	1%	166	1%	654	1%	695	1%
Family Law	170	1%	186	1%	705	1%	818	1%
Health Law	7	<1%	9	<1%	47	<1%	67	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	51	<1%	72	<1%	102	<1%	162	<1%
Juvenile Law	14	<1%	14	<1%	58	<1%	68	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	159	1%	193	1%	544	1%	637	1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	82	<1%	108	<1%	262	<1%	373	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	480	2%	412	2%	1,768	2%	1,551	2%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	145	1%	145	1%	490	1%	476	<1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	9	<1%	7	<1%	99	<1%	87	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	78	<1%	68	<1%	329	<1%	282	<1%
Tax Law	57	<1%	45	<1%	231	<1%	208	<1%
Workers' Compensation Law	17	<1%	16	<1%	92	<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 36 years old or younger and for attorneys of any age who are in their first five years of practice.

General Notes

All demographic data is self-reported and represents active attorney Bar members in good standing as of December 31, 2016. 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.