



# STATE BAR OF TEXAS

## Department of Research and Analysis

### State Bar of Texas Membership: Attorney Statistical Profile (2008-09)

This report profiles active State Bar of Texas attorney members with membership in the State Bar of Texas as of December 31, 2008, 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 2008-09 N = 75,087		All State Bar Attorneys 2008-09 N = 83,713	
<b>Gender</b>					
Male	50,924	68%	56,562	68%	
Female	23,650	32%	26,508	32%	
<b>Race</b>					
Caucasian/Anglo	59,400	84%	66,361	84%	
African-American/Black	3,040	4%	3,435	4%	
Hispanic/Latino	5,468	8%	5,801	7%	
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,490	2%	1,712	2%	
Native American Indian	205	<1%	246	<1%	
Two or More Races	51	<1%	55	<1%	
Other Race	891	1%	1003	1%	
<b>Years Licensed *</b>					
2 or less years	7,455	10%	7,997	10%	
3 to 6 years	8,762	12%	9,763	12%	
7 to 10 years	8,215	11%	9,316	11%	
11 to 15 years	9,980	13%	11,322	14%	
16 to 20 years	9,334	12%	10,474	13%	
21 to 25 years	8,375	11%	9,499	11%	
Over 25 years	22,959	31%	25,333	30%	
Median Years Licensed	18 Years		18 Years		
<b>Age</b>					
21 to 25 years	185	<1%	196	<1%	
26 to 30 years	6,614	9%	7,196	9%	
31 to 35 years	8,658	12%	9,689	12%	
36 to 40 years	9,634	13%	10,897	13%	
41 to 45 years	8,757	12%	9,924	12%	
46 to 50 years	9,344	12%	10,510	13%	
51 to 55 years	9,608	13%	10,796	13%	
56 to 60 years	8,597	11%	9,635	12%	
61 to 65 years	6,253	8%	6,877	8%	
More than 65 years	7,412	10%	7,969	10%	
Median Age	48 Years		48 Years		
<b>Member Class—TYLA/Senior**</b>					
TYLA Member	21,516	29%	23,802	28%	
Senior Member	53,571	71%	59,911	72%	

**State Bar Members: Attorney Statistical Profile (2008-09)**

	<b>In-State Bar Members</b>		<b>All State Bar Attorneys</b>	
	<b>2007-08</b>		<b>2007-08</b>	
	<b>N = 75,087</b>		<b>N = 83,713</b>	
<b>Law School Attended</b>				
Baylor University	4,967	7%	5,264	6%
St. Mary's	5,846	8%	6,135	7%
South Texas	8,722	12%	9,183	11%
Southern Methodist	6,452	9%	6,987	8%
Texas Southern	2,406	3%	2,566	3%
Texas Tech	5,089	7%	5,353	6%
Texas Wesleyan	1,935	3%	2,031	2%
University of Houston	8,318	11%	8,978	11%
University of Texas	14,515	19%	14,515	17%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	16,837	22%	22,701	27%
<b>Primary Occupation</b>				
Private Law Practice	46,279	69%	50,346	67%
Government Attorney	7,155	11%	8,134	11%
Full-Time Judge	1,517	2%	1,586	2%
Law Faculty	395	1%	529	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	6,242	9%	7,454	10%
Other Law Related	1,818	3%	2,173	3%
Other Non-Law Related	1,727	3%	2,065	3%
Retired-Not Working	1,526	2%	1,772	2%
Unemployed-Looking	316	<1%	378	1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	382	1%	475	1%
<b>Firm Size (private practitioners only)</b>				
Solo Practitioners	16,171	36%	17,074	35%
2 to 5 attorneys	10,643	24%	11,370	24%
6 to 10 attorneys	3,329	8%	3,656	8%
11 to 24 attorneys	3,698	8%	4,065	8%
25 to 40 attorneys	1,737	4%	1,967	4%
41 to 60 attorneys	924	2%	1,053	2%
Over 60 / 61 to 100 attorneys	2,798	6%	3,293	7%
101 to 200 attorneys	743	2%	861	2%
Over 200 attorneys	4,301	10%	4,850	10%
Median Firm Size	4 attorneys		4 attorneys	
<b>Members of State Bar Sections</b>				
Section Members	32,624	43%	34,109	41%
Non Section Members	42,463	57%	49,604	59%
Members of One Section	16,327	22%	17,229	21%
Members of Two Sections	9,418	13%	9,786	12%
Members of Three Sections	3,922	5%	4,049	5%
Members of Four or More Sections	2,957	4%	3,045	4%

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	<b>2008-09</b>		<b>2008-09</b>	
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<b>Section Membership</b>				
Administrative and Public Law	1,107	1%	1,134	1%
African-American Lawyers	307	<1%	406	<1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	1,228	2%	1,163	1%
American Indian Law	96	<1%	118	<1%
Animal Law	274	<1%	284	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	1,066	1%	1,114	1%
Appellate	1,735	2%	1,769	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	203	<1%	223	<1%
Aviation Law	225	<1%	248	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	1,286	2%	1,328	2%
Business Law	3,875	5%	4,023	5%
Computer and Technology	749	1%	796	1%
Construction Law	1,954	3%	2,014	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	1,324	2%	1,351	2%
Corporate Counsel	2,987	4%	3,188	4%
Criminal Justice	2,446	3%	2,502	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	481	1%	514	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	1,274	2%	1,371	2%
Family Law	4,853	6%	4,892	6%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	1,952	3%	1,984	2%
Government Lawyers	754	1%	786	1%
Health Law	1,175	2%	1,249	1%
Hispanic Issues	409	1%	432	1%
Individual rights and Responsibilities	202	<1%	214	0%
Insurance Law	1,509	2%	1,574	2%
Intellectual Property Law	1,883	3%	2,054	2%
International Law	820	1%	909	1%
James C. Watson Inn	158	<1%	158	<1%
Judicial Law	37	<1%	37	<1%
Justice of the Peace	64	<1%	64	<1%
Juvenile Law	825	1%	829	1%
Labor and Employment Law	2,681	4%	2,833	3%
Litigation	7,536	10%	7,752	9%
Military law	215	<1%	282	<1%
Municipal Judges	242	<1%	242	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	2,741	4%	2,915	3%
Poverty Law	432	1%	440	1%
Public Utility Law	417	1%	445	1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	7,154	10%	7,320	9%
School Law	604	1%	615	1%
Sexual Orientation & Gender Identification Issues	173	<1%	183	<1%
Taxation	1,770	2%	1,884	2%
Women and the Law	436	1%	446	1%
Workers' Compensation	224	<1%	234	<1%

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	2008-09		2008-09	
	N = 75,087		N = 83,713	
<b>Board Certifications</b>				
Board Certified Attorneys	6,898	9%	6,995	8%
Attorneys Not Board Certified	68189	91%	76,718	92%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	5,775	8%	5,865	7%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	997	1%	1,004	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	126	<1%	126	<1%
<b>Attorneys Board Certified In:</b>				
Administrative Law	155	<1%	157	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	157	<1%	159	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	152	<1%	153	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	402	1%	405	<1%
Civil Trial Law	1,130	2%	1,140	1%
Consumer and Commercial Law	67	<1%	68	<1%
Criminal Law	824	1%	834	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	643	1%	650	1%
Family Law	701	1%	706	1%
Health Law	48	<1%	50	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	103	<1%	110	<1%
Juvenile Law	62	<1%	62	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	528	1%	550	1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	261	<1%	263	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	1,684	2%	1,703	2%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	496	1%	499	1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	99	<1%	99	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	327	<1%	329	<1%
Tax Law	220	<1%	227	<1%
Workers' Compensation Law	98	<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, 2008.