

STATE BAR OF TEXAS

Department of Research and Analysis

Racial/Ethnic Minority Attorneys: Attorney Statistical Profile (2008-09)

This report profiles active racial/ethnic minority 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.

	Racial/Ethnic Minority Attorneys 2008-09 N = 12,252		All State Bar Attorneys 2008-09 N = 83,713		
Gender					
 Male	6,782	56%	56,562	68%	
Female	5,391	44%	26,508	32%	
Race	,		/		
Caucasian/Anglo	0	0%	66,361	84%	
African-American/Black	3,435	28%	3,435	4%	
Hispanic/Latino	5,801	47%	5,801	7%	
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,712	14%	1,712	2%	
Native American Indian	246	2%	246	<1%	
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Two or More Races	55	<1% 8%	55	<1%	
Other Race	1003	8%	1003	1%	
Years Licensed *			11		
2 or less years	1,918	16%	7,997	10%	
3 to 6 years	2,293	19%	9,763	12%	
7 to 10 years	2,081	17%	9,316	11%	
11 to 15 years	2,319	19%	11,322	14%	
16 to 20 years	1,358	11%	10,474	13%	
21 to 25 years	797	7%	9,499	11%	
Over 25 years	1,486	12%	25,333	30%	
Median Years Licensed	11 Years		18 Years		
Age					
21 to 25 years	57	<1%	196	<1%	
26 to 30 years	1,582	13%	7,196	9%	
31 to 35 years	2,280	19%	9,689	12%	
36 to 40 years	2,474	20%	10,897	13%	
41 to 45 years	1,797	15%	9,924	12%	
46 to 50 years	1,317	11%	10,510	13%	
51 to 55 years	1,088	9%	10,796	13%	
56 to 60 years	825	7%	9,635	12%	
61 to 65 years	472	4%	6,877	8%	
More than 65 years	357	3%	7,969	10%	
Median Age		40 Years		48 Years	
Member Class—TYLA/Senior*					
TYLA Member	5,493	45%	23,802	28%	
Senior Member	5,493 6,759	55%	59,911	72%	
Senior Member	0,739	33%	39,911	1 2 70	

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Law School Attended		,		,	
Baylor University	275	2%	5,264	6%	
St. Mary's	1,192	10%	6,135	7%	
South Texas	1,045	9%	9,183	11%	
Southern Methodist	665	5%	6,987	8%	
Texas Southern	1,813	15%	2,566	3%	
Texas Tech	498	4%	5,353	6%	
Texas Wesleyan	329	3%	2,031	2%	
University of Houston	1,237	10%	8,978	11%	
University of Texas	1,989	16%	14,515	17%	
Out-of-State/Other Law School	3,209	26%	22,701	27%	
Primary Occupation					
Private Law Practice	6,896	66%	50,346	67%	
Government Attorney	1,613	15%	8,134	11%	
Full-Time Judge	252	2%	1,586	2%	
Law Faculty	86	1%	529	1%	
Corporate/In-House Counsel	906	9%	7,454	10%	
Other Law Related	304	3%	2,173	3%	
Other Non-Law Related	202	2%	2,065	3%	
Retired-Not Working	69	1%	1,772	2%	
Unemployed-Looking	78	1%	378	1%	
Unemployed-Not Looking	54	1%	475	1%	
Firm Size (private practitioners only)			"		
Solo Practitioners	2,753	43%	17,074	35%	
2 to 5 attorneys	1,665	26%	11,370	24%	
6 to 10 attorneys	379	6%	3,656	8%	
11 to 24 attorneys	423	7%	4,065	8%	
25 to 40 attorneys	196	3%	1,967	4%	
41 to 60 attorneys	110	2%	1,053	2%	
Over 60 / 61 to 100 attorneys	300	5%	3,293	7%	
101 to 200 attorneys	89	1%	861	2%	
Over 200 attorneys	519	8%	4,850	10%	
Median Firm Size	3 attorneys		4 atto	rneys	
Members of State Bar Sections					
Section Members	4,063	33%	34,109	41%	
Non Section Members	8,189	67%	49,604	59%	
Members of One Section	1,955	16%	17,229	21%	
Members of Two Sections	1,193	10%	9,786	12%	
Members of Three Sections	561	5%	4,049	5%	
Members of Four or More Sections	354	3%	3,045	4%	

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Section Membership				
Administrative and Public Law	133	1%	1,134	1%
African-American Lawyers	373	3%	406	<1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	112	1%	1,163	1%
American Indian Law	35	<1%	118	<1%
Animal Law	23	<1%	284	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	57	<1%	1,114	1%
Appellate	118	1%	1,769	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	161	1%	223	<1%
Aviation Law	14	<1%	248	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	120	1%	1,328	2%
Business Law	305	2%	4,023	5%
	76	1%	796	1%
Computer and Technology Construction Law	140	1%	2,014	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	134	1%	1,351	2%
	342	3%	3,188	4%
Corporate Counsel Criminal Justice	497	3% 4%	2,502	4% 3%
	88	1%	514	1%
Entertainment and Sports Law				
Environmental and Natural Resources	113	1%	1,371	2%
Family Law	784	6%	4,892	6%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	244	2%	1,984	2%
Government Lawyers	146 123	1% 1%	786	1% 1%
Health Law Hispanic Issues	337	3%	1,249 432	1%
Individual rights and Responsibilities	27	<1%	214	<1%
Insurance Law	128	1%	1,574	2%
Intellectual Property Law	254	2%	2,054	2%
International Law	145	1%	909	1%
James C. Watson Inn	13	<1%	158	<1%
Judicial Law	4	<1%	37	<1%
Justice of the Peace	14	<1%	64	<1%
Juvenile Law	190	2%	829	1%
Labor and Employment Law	453	4%	2,833	3%
Litigation	756	6%	7,752	9%
Military law	215	2%	282	<1%
Municipal Judges	56	<1%	242	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	152	1%	2,915	3%
Poverty Law	432	4%	440	1%
Public Utility Law	50	<1%	445	1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	485	4%	7,320	9%
School Law Sexual Orientation & Gender Identification	113	1%	615	1%
Issues	24	<1%	183	<1%
Taxation	163	1%	1,884	2%
Women and the Law	86	1%	446	1%

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Workers' Compensa	tion 38	<1%	234	<1%
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Board Certifications				
Board Certified Attorneys	386	3%	6,995	8%
Attorneys Not Board Certified	11,866	97%	76,718	92%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	354	3%	5,865	7%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	28	<1%	1,004	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	4	<1%	126	<1%
Attorneys Board Certified In:				
Administrative Law	8	<1%	157	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	2	<1%	159	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	7	<1%	153	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	11	<1%	405	<1%
Civil Trial Law	31	<1%	1,140	1%
Consumer and Commercial Law	4	<1%	68	<1%
Criminal Law	70	1%	834	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	7	<1%	650	1%
Family Law	32	<1%	706	1%
Health Law	1	<1%	50	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	40	<1%	110	<1%
Juvenile Law	12	<1%	62	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	60	<1%	550	1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	10	<1%	263	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	92	1%	1,703	2%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	9	<1%	499	1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	1	<1%	99	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	6	<1%	329	<1%
Tax Law	6	<1%	227	<1%
Workers' Compensation Law	13	<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

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