STATE BAR OF TEXAS

Department of Research and Analysis

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

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, 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.

	Harris County Active Attorneys 2008-09 N = 20,265		All State Bar Attorneys 2008-09 N = 83,713	
Gender				
Male	13,403	67%	56,562	68%
Female	6,730	33%	26,508	32%
Race				
Caucasian/Anglo	15,633	77%	66,361	84%
African-American/Black	1,315	6%	3,435	4%
Hispanic/Latino	1,034	5%	5,801	7%
Asian/Pacific Islander	674	3%	1,712	2%
Native American Indian	50	<1%	246	<1%
Two or More Races	12	<1%	55	<1%
Other Race	1,547	8%	1003	1%
Years Licensed *				
2 or less years	2,253	11%	7,997	10%
3 to 6 years	2,517	12%	9,763	12%
7 to 10 years	2,197	11%	9,316	11%
11 to 15 years	2,628	13%	11,322	14%
16 to 20 years	2,574	13%	10,474	13%
21 to 25 years	2,236	11%	9,499	11%
Over 25 years	5,860	29%	25,333	30%
Median Years Licensed	17 Years		18 Years	
Age				
21 to 25 years	53	<1%	196	<1%
26 to 30 years	1,975	10%	7,196	9%
31 to 35 years	2,413	12%	9,689	12%
36 to 40 years	2,567	13%	10,897	13%
41 to 45 years	2,303	11%	9,924	12%
46 to 50 years	2,475	12%	10,510	13%
51 to 55 years	2,740	14%	10,796	13%
56 to 60 years	2,336	12%	9,635	12%
61 to 65 years	1,635	8%	6,877	8%
More than 65 years	1,761	9%	7,969	10%
Median Age	48 Years		48 Years	
Member Class—TYLA/Senior**				
TYLA Member	6,135	30%	23,802	28%
Senior Member	14,130	70%	59,911	72%

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	2008-09		2008-09	
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Law School Attended				
Baylor University	553	3%	5,264	6%
St. Mary's	351	2%	6,135	7%
South Texas	4,892	24%	9,183	11%
Southern Methodist	465	2%	6,987	8%
Texas Southern	1,156	6%	2,566	3%
Texas Tech	319	2%	5,353	6%
Texas Wesleyan	46	0%	2,031	2%
University of Houston	4,875	24%	8,978	11%
University of Texas	3,113	15%	14,515	17%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	4,495	22%	24,732	30%
Primary Occupation				
Private Law Practice	12,790	71%	50,346	67%
Government Attorney	918	5%	8,134	11%
Full-Time Judge	207	1%	1,586	2%
Law Faculty	97	1%	529	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	2,279	13%	7,454	10%
Other Law Related	598	3%	2,173	3%
Other Non-Law Related	510	3%	2,065	3%
Retired-Not Working	348	2%	1,772	2%
Unemployed-Looking	94	1%	378	1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	104	1%	475	1%
Firm Size (private practitioners only)				
Solo Practitioners	3,834	32%	17,074	35%
2 to 5 attorneys	2,719	22%	11,370	24%
6 to 10 attorneys	953	8%	3,656	8%
11 to 24 attorneys	1,122	9%	4,065	8%
25 to 40 attorneys	479	4%	1,967	4%
41 to 60 attorneys	206	2%	1,053	2%
Over 60 / 61 to 100 attorneys	874	7%	3,293	7%
101 to 200 attorneys	111	1%	861	2%
Over 200 attorneys	1,837	15%	4,850	10%
Median Firm Size	6 attorneys		4 attorneys	
Members of State Bar Sections				
Section Members	8,797	43%	34,109	41%
Non Section Members	11,468	57%	49,604	59%
Members of One Section	4,502	22%	17,229	21%
Members of Two Sections	2,468	12%	9,786	12%
Members of Three Sections	1,057	5%	4,049	5%
Members of Four or More Sections	770	4%	3,045	4%

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Section Membership				
Administrative and Public Law	131	1%	1,134	1%
African-American Lawyers	162	1%	406	<1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	305	2%	1,163	1%
American Indian Law	15	<1%	118	<1%
Animal Law	72	<1%	284	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	366	2%	1,114	1%
Appellate	539	3%	1,769	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	77	<1%	223	<1%
Aviation Law	57	<1%	248	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	344	2%	1.328	<1%
Business Law	1,160	6%	4,023	5%
Computer and Technology	194	1%	796	1%
Construction Law	570	3%	2,014	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	396	2%	1,351	2%
Corporate Counsel	1,059	5%	3,188	4%
Criminal Justice	460	2%	2,502	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	144	1%	514	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	400	2%	1,371	2%
Family Law	983	5%	4,892	6%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	393	2%	1,984	2%
Government Lawyers	112	1%	786	1%
Health Law	307	2%	1,249	1%
Hispanic Issues	103	1%	432	1%
Individual rights and Responsibilities	45	<1%	214	<1%
Insurance Law	451	2%	1,574	2%
Intellectual Property Law	595	3%	2,054	2%
International Law	413	2%	909	1%
James C. Watson Inn	33	<1%	158	<1%
Judicial Law	11	<1%	37	<1%
Justice of the Peace	11	<1%	64	<1%
Juvenile Law	162	1%	829	1%
Labor and Employment Law	785	4%	2,833	3%
Litigation	2,591	13%	7,752	9%
Military law	32	<1%	282	<1%
Municipal Judges	52	<1%	242	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	1,028	5%	2,915	3%
Poverty Law	59	<1%	440	1%
Public Utility Law	70	<1%	445	1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	1,735	9%	7,320	9%
School Law	81	<1%	615	1%
Sexual Orientation & Gender Identification Issues	54	<1%	183	<1%
Taxation	558	3%	1,884	2%
Women and the Law	160	1%	446	1%
Workers' Compensation	52	<1%	234	<1%

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Board Certifications				
Board Certified Attorneys	1,770	9%	6,995	8%
Attorneys Not Board Certified	18,495	91%	76,718	92%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	1,513	7%	5,865	7%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	239	1%	1,004	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	18	<1%	126	<1%
Attorneys Board Certified In:				
Administrative Law	3	<1%	157	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	44	<1%	159	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	41	<1%	153	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	114	1%	405	<1%
Civil Trial Law	285	1%	1,140	1%
Consumer and Commercial Law	20	<1%	68	<1%
Criminal Law	133	1%	834	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	168	1%	650	1%
Family Law	168	1%	706	1%
Health Law	8	<1%	50	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	50	<1%	110	<1%
Juvenile Law	13	<1%	62	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	159	1%	550	1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	82	<1%	263	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	448	2%	1,703	2%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	151	1%	499	1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	9	<1%	99	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	77	<1%	329	<1%
Tax Law	54	<1%	227	<1%
Workers' Compensation Law	18	<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.