



STATE BAR OF TEXAS

Department of Research and Analysis

Women Attorneys: Attorney Statistical Profile (2017-18)

This report profiles active women attorney members with membership in the State Bar of Texas as of December 31, 2017. 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 Texas women attorneys has increased by 43 percent, growing from 25,490 attorneys in 2007 to 36,397 in 2017.

	Women Attorneys				All Active State Bar Attorneys			
	2007-08 N = 25,490		2017-18 N = 36,397		2007-08 N = 81,601		2017-18 N = 102,044	
Sex								
	<i>(N = 25,490)</i>		<i>(N = 36,397)</i>		<i>(N = 81,115)</i>		<i>(N = 101,629)</i>	
Male	0	0%	0	0%	55,625	69%	65,232	64%
Female	25,490	100%	36,397	100%	25,490	31%	36,397	36%
Race/Ethnicity								
	<i>(N = 24,382)</i>		<i>(N = 35,101)</i>		<i>(N = 76,822)</i>		<i>(N = 97,192)</i>	
White	19,300	79%	25,513	73%	65,160	85%	77,298	80%
Black/African-American	1,790	7%	3,108	9%	3,317	4%	5,266	5%
Hispanic/Latino	2,037	8%	3,749	11%	5,584	7%	8,932	9%
Asian/Pacific Islander	796	3%	1,731	5%	1,558	2%	3,405	4%
American Indian/Alaska Native	83	<1%	128	<1%	233	<1%	340	<1%
Two or More Races	--	--	386	1%	--	--	774	1%
Other Race	376	2%	486	1%	970	1%	1,177	1%
Years Licensed *								
2 or less years	3,689	14%	3,614	10%	7,963	10%	7,510	7%
3 to 6 years	4,314	17%	5,151	14%	9,560	12%	11,401	11%
7 to 10 years	3,702	15%	4,892	13%	9,273	11%	11,215	11%
11 to 15 years	4,215	17%	5,780	16%	11,285	14%	12,784	13%
16 to 20 years	3,679	14%	4,607	13%	10,193	12%	11,488	11%
21 to 25 years	3,052	12%	4,078	11%	9,474	12%	10,972	11%
Over 25 years	2,837	11%	8,275	23%	23,848	29%	36,674	36%
Median Years Licensed	12 Years		15 Years		17 Years		19 Years	
Age								
	<i>(N = 25,488)</i>		<i>(N = 36,397)</i>		<i>(N = 81,557)</i>		<i>(N = 102,044)</i>	
21 to 25 years	305	1%	132	<1%	207	<1%	192	<1%
26 to 30 years	3,721	15%	3,663	10%	7,015	9%	7,122	7%
31 to 35 years	4,047	16%	5,548	15%	9,456	12%	12,011	12%
36 to 40 years	4,113	16%	5,693	16%	10,848	13%	12,762	13%
41 to 45 years	3,422	13%	4,659	13%	9,822	12%	11,253	11%
46 to 50 years	3,580	14%	4,366	12%	10,736	13%	11,506	11%
51 to 55 years	3,091	12%	3,570	10%	10,782	13%	10,074	10%
56 to 60 years	1,932	8%	3,452	9%	9,232	11%	10,362	10%
61 to 65 years	813	3%	2,724	7%	6,302	8%	9,765	10%
More than 65 years	464	2%	2,590	7%	7,157	9%	16,997	17%
Median Age	41 Years		42 Years		47 Years		49 Years	
Member Class—TYLA/Senior**								
TYLA Member	10,567	41%	12,639	35%	23,695	29%	26,829	26%
Senior Member	14,923	59%	23,758	65%	57,906	71%	75,215	74%

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	2007-08		2017-18		2007-08		2017-18	
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Law School Attended								
Baylor University	1,288	5%	1,779	5%	5,193	6%	5,821	6%
North Texas School of Law	--	--	10	<1%	--	--	24	<1%
St. Mary's	1,963	8%	2,673	7%	5,976	7%	7,282	7%
South Texas	2,945	12%	4,101	11%	8,960	11%	11,111	11%
Southern Methodist	2,129	8%	2,971	8%	6,822	8%	8,225	8%
Texas Southern	931	4%	1,506	4%	2,459	3%	3,466	3%
Texas Tech	1,635	6%	2,342	6%	5,200	6%	6,576	6%
Texas A&M/Formerly Texas Wesleyan	861	3%	1,663	5%	1,885	2%	3,500	3%
University of Houston	3,191	13%	3,770	10%	8,824	11%	10,037	10%
University of Texas	4,202	16%	4,930	14%	15,631	19%	16,088	16%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	6,345	25%	10,652	29%	22,536	28%	29,914	29%
Primary Occupation								
	<i>(N = 21,509)</i>		<i>(N = 28,447)</i>		<i>(N = 77,837)</i>		<i>(N = 84,154)</i>	
Private Practitioners								
Solo Practitioners	4,048	19%	5,266	19%	16,815	22%	19,146	23%
2 to 5 attorneys	2,789	13%	3,694	13%	11,135	14%	12,721	15%
6 to 10 attorneys	860	4%	1,232	4%	3,583	5%	4,325	5%
11 to 24 attorneys	1,020	5%	1,241	4%	3,972	5%	4,375	5%
25 to 40 attorneys	558	3%	636	2%	1,993	3%	2,180	3%
41 to 60 attorneys	309	1%	364	1%	1,087	1%	1,282	2%
More than 60 attorneys	2,624	12%	2,706	10%	9,001	12%	9,161	11%
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>12,208</i>	<i>57%</i>	<i>15,139</i>	<i>53%</i>	<i>47,586</i>	<i>61%</i>	<i>53,190</i>	<i>63%</i>
Government Attorney	3,677	17%	4,338	15%	7,927	10%	8,727	10%
Full-Time Judge	465	2%	600	2%	1,583	2%	1,759	2%
Law Faculty	227	1%	276	1%	521	1%	602	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	2,475	12%	3,748	13%	7,175	9%	9,566	11%
Other Law Related	981	5%	1,477	5%	2,123	3%	2,951	4%
Other Non-Law Related	643	3%	984	3%	2,068	3%	2,579	3%
Public Interest Lawyer	--	--	585	2%	--	--	923	1%
Retired-Not Working	302	1%	713	3%	1,687	2%	2,895	3%
Unemployed-Looking	208	1%	204	1%	370	<1%	413	<1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	323	2%	383	1%	453	1%	549	1%
Members of State Bar Sections								
Section Members	9,864	39%	15,829	43%	33,084	41%	44,442	44%
Non Section Members	15,626	61%	20,568	57%	48,517	59%	57,602	56%
Members of One Section	5,438	21%	8,428	23%	16,673	20%	22,488	22%
Members of Two Sections	2,701	11%	4,417	12%	9,513	12%	12,508	12%
Members of Three Sections	1,035	4%	1,769	5%	3,992	5%	5,334	5%
Members of Four or More Sections	690	3%	1,215	3%	2,906	4%	4,112	4%

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Section Membership	Women Attorneys				All Active State Bar Attorneys			
	2007-08 N = 25,490		2017-18 N = 36,397		2007-08 N = 81,601		2017-18 N = 102,044	
Administrative and Public Law	390	2%	451	1%	1,134	1%	1,229	1%
African-American Lawyers	190	1%	391	1%	358	<1%	656	1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	328	1%	433	1%	1,148	1%	1,204	1%
Animal Law	166	1%	240	1%	265	<1%	346	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	156	1%	174	<1%	1,124	1%	1,001	1%
Appellate	573	2%	760	2%	1,729	2%	2,129	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	88	<1%	138	<1%	211	<1%	318	<1%
Aviation Law	25	<1%	52	<1%	225	<1%	308	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	353	1%	452	1%	1,254	2%	1,530	1%
Business Law	783	3%	1,136	3%	3,933	5%	4,668	5%
Collaborative Law	--	--	162	<1%	--	--	268	<1%
Computer and Technology	153	1%	617	2%	800	1%	2,135	2%
Construction Law	312	1%	491	1%	1,866	2%	2,420	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	228	1%	308	1%	1,313	2%	1,424	1%
Corporate Counsel	872	3%	1,661	5%	3,019	4%	4,640	5%
Criminal Justice	601	2%	1,048	3%	2,325	3%	3,441	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	128	1%	172	<1%	518	1%	639	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	383	2%	461	1%	1,326	2%	1,350	1%
Family Law	2,066	8%	3,163	9%	4,705	6%	6,109	6%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	438	2%	664	2%	1,866	2%	2,336	2%
Government Lawyers	293	1%	449	1%	745	1%	1,078	1%
Health Law	501	2%	797	2%	1,245	2%	1,780	2%
Hispanic Issues	164	1%	230	1%	430	1%	547	1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	--	--	660	2%	--	--	1,302	1%
Individual rights and Responsibilities	67	<1%	60	<1%	195	<1%	182	<1%
Insurance Law	343	1%	607	2%	1,494	2%	2,099	2%
Intellectual Property Law	411	2%	574	2%	1,998	2%	2,507	2%
International Law	223	1%	291	1%	878	1%	929	1%
James C. Watson Inn	22	<1%	19	<1%	153	<1%	122	<1%
Judicial	--	--	336	1%	--	--	1,003	1%
Justice of the Peace Courts	15	<1%	41	<1%	50	<1%	143	<1%
Juvenile Law	361	1%	462	1%	803	1%	932	1%
Labor and Employment Law	1,044	4%	1,503	4%	2,810	3%	3,342	3%
Legislative and Campaign Law	--	--	116	<1%	--	--	315	<1%
LGBT Law	54	<1%	232	1%	159	<1%	510	<1%
Litigation	1,667	7%	2,066	6%	7,769	10%	8,469	8%
Litigation -Sustaining	--	--	59	<1%	--	--	286	<1%
Military and Veterans Law	36	<1%	136	<1%	248	<1%	4,774	5%
Municipal Judges	89	<1%	129	<1%	241	<1%	319	<1%
Native American Law	27	<1%	39	<1%	100	<1%	122	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	415	2%	1,135	3%	2,579	3%	4,774	5%
Poverty Law	236	1%	381	1%	387	<1%	555	1%
Public Utility Law	114	<1%	159	<1%	421	1%	497	<1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	1,771	7%	3,072	8%	7,205	9%	9,331	9%
School Law	260	1%	384	1%	606	1%	811	1%
Tax	367	1%	604	2%	1,792	2%	2,205	2%
Women and the Law	450	2%	986	3%	462	1%	997	1%
Workers' Compensation	--	--	111	<1%	--	--	334	<1%

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Board Certifications								
Board Certified Attorneys	1,276	5%	1,651	5%	6,977	9%	7,285	7%
Attorneys Not Board Certified	24,214	95%	34,746	95%	74,624	91%	94,759	93%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	1,186	5%	1,547	4%	5,842	7%	6,253	6%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	81	<1%	96	<1%	1,011	1%	924	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	9	<1%	8	<1%	124	<1%	108	<1%
Attorneys Board Certified In:								
Administrative Law	51	<1%	41	<1%	159	<1%	141	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	19	<1%	14	<1%	159	<1%	126	5%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	27	<1%	25	<1%	157	<1%	129	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	112	<1%	124	<1%	404	<1%	429	<1%
Civil Trial Law	70	<1%	62	<1%	1,158	1%	956	1%
Consumer and Commercial Law	6	<1%	9	<1%	67	<1%	73	<1%
Criminal Appellate	--	--	39	<1%	--	--	127	<1%
Criminal Law	126	<1%	146	<1%	824	1%	840	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	146	1%	199	1%	646	1%	691	1%
Family Law	258	1%	372	1%	698	1%	838	1%
Health Law	18	<1%	32	<1%	47	<1%	67	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	43	<1%	77	<1%	103	<1%	163	<1%
Juvenile Law	33	<1%	38	<1%	59	<1%	65	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	176	1%	254	1%	537	1%	652	1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	15	<1%	34	<1%	262	<1%	383	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	126	<1%	111	<1%	1,737	2%	1,532	2%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	50	<1%	69	<1%	486	1%	476	<1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	7	<1%	8	<1%	98	<1%	85	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	38	<1%	40	<1%	326	<1%	275	<1%
Tax Law	21	<1%	24	<1%	228	<1%	205	<1%
Workers' Compensation Law	33	<1%	32	<1%	91	<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 36 years or younger and for attorneys of any age who are in their first five years of practice.

General Notes

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