



# STATE BAR OF TEXAS

Department of Research and Analysis

## TYLA Members: Attorney Statistical Profile (2015-16)

This report profiles active TYLA (Texas Young Lawyers Association) attorney members with membership in the State Bar of Texas as of December 31, 2015. 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 TYLA attorneys has increased by 23 percent, growing from 21,930 attorneys in 2005 to 26,984 in 2015.

	TYLA Members				All Active State Bar Attorneys			
	2005-06 N = 21,930		2015-16 N = 26,984		2005-06 N = 77,056		2015-16 N = 98,671	
<b>Sex</b>								
	<i>(N = 21,649)</i>		<i>(N = 26,563)</i>		<i>(N = 76,676)</i>		<i>(N = 98,142)</i>	
Male	12,159	56%	14,197	53%	53,450	70%	64,030	65%
Female	9,490	44%	12,366	47%	23,226	30%	34,112	35%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>								
	<i>(N = 20,758)</i>		<i>(N = 25,853)</i>		<i>(N = 72,703)</i>		<i>(N = 93,846)</i>	
White	15,880	77%	18,280	71%	62,366	86%	75,769	81%
Black/African-American	1,199	6%	1,759	7%	2,979	4%	4,834	5%
Hispanic/Latino	2,278	11%	3,101	12%	5,040	7%	8,158	9%
Asian/Pacific Islander	845	4%	1,702	7%	1,255	2%	3,018	3%
American Indian/Alaska Native	79	0%	91	<1%	214	<1%	313	<1%
Two or More Races	--	--	605	2%	--	--	665	1%
Other Race	477	2%	315	1%	849	1%	1,089	1%
<b>Years Licensed *</b>								
2 or less years	7,378	34%	8,049	30%	7,380	10%	8,055	8%
3 to 6 years	8,131	37%	11,017	41%	9,341	12%	11,198	11%
7 to 10 years	5,431	25%	6,895	26%	8,987	12%	11,173	11%
11 to 15 years	984	4%	1,023	4%	11,327	15%	11,789	12%
16 to 20 years	1	0%	0	0%	9,698	13%	11,206	11%
21 to 25 years	0	0%	0	0%	9,263	12%	10,981	11%
Over 25 years	0	0%	0	0%	21,055	27%	34,269	35%
Median Years Licensed	4 Years		4 Years		16 Years		19 Years	
<b>Age</b>								
	<i>(N = 21,926)</i>		<i>(N = 26,980)</i>		<i>(N = 77,049)</i>		<i>(N = 98,666)</i>	
21 to 25 years	516	2%	198	1%	516	1%	199	<1%
26 to 30 years	6,838	31%	7,462	28%	6,838	9%	7,462	8%
31 to 35 years	9,797	45%	12,011	45%	9,798	13%	12,014	12%
36 to 40 years	3,884	18%	6,054	22%	9,967	13%	11,931	12%
41 to 45 years	423	2%	692	3%	10,102	13%	11,201	11%
46 to 50 years	240	1%	308	1%	10,772	14%	10,786	11%
51 to 55 years	153	1%	135	1%	10,429	14%	10,221	10%
56 to 60 years	55	<1%	78	<1%	8,187	11%	10,441	11%
61 to 65 years	16	<1%	30	<1%	4,608	6%	9,668	10%
More than 65 years	4	<1%	12	<1%	5,832	8%	14,743	15%
Median Age	33 Years		33 Years		46 Years		48 Years	
<b>Member Class—TYLA/Senior**</b>								
TYLA Member	21,930	100%	26,984	100%	21,930	28%	26,984	27%
Senior Member	0	0%	0	0%	55,126	72%	71,687	73%

**TYLA Members: Attorney Statistical Profile (2015-16)**

	TYLA Members				All Active State Bar Attorneys			
	2005-06 N = 21,930		2015-16 N = 26,984		2005-06 N = 77,056		2015-16 N = 98,671	
<b>Law School Attended</b>								
Baylor University	1,241	6%	1,377	5%	4,617	7%	5,693	6%
St. Mary's	1,415	7%	1,878	7%	5,163	7%	7,105	7%
South Texas	2,301	12%	3,067	11%	7,807	11%	10,849	11%
Southern Methodist	1,701	9%	2,248	8%	6,033	9%	8,049	8%
Texas Southern	714	4%	1,079	4%	2,025	3%	3,287	3%
Texas Tech	1,568	8%	1,902	7%	4,498	6%	6,372	6%
Texas A&M/Formerly Texas Wesleyan	793	4%	1,107	4%	1,406	2%	2,717	3%
University of Houston	2,113	11%	2,242	8%	7,839	11%	9,873	10%
University of Texas	3,398	17%	3,068	11%	14,260	20%	16,056	16%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	4,374	22%	9,016	33%	16,291	23%	28,670	29%
<b>Primary Occupation</b>								
	<i>(N = 16,702)</i>		<i>(N = 16,581)</i>		<i>(N = 68,344)</i>		<i>(N = 82,884)</i>	
Private Practitioners								
Solo Practitioners	1,837	11%	1,670	10%	16,024	23%	19,031	23%
2 to 5 attorneys	2,707	16%	2,812	17%	10,589	15%	12,744	15%
6 to 10 attorneys	1,067	6%	1,098	7%	3,446	5%	4,255	5%
11 to 24 attorneys	1,292	8%	1,220	7%	3,829	6%	4,474	5%
25 to 40 attorneys	743	4%	582	4%	1,976	3%	2,180	3%
41 to 60 attorneys	415	2%	301	2%	1,195	2%	1,179	1%
More than 60 attorneys	3,709	22%	2,632	16%	8,849	13%	9,027	11%
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>11,770</i>	<i>70%</i>	<i>10,315</i>	<i>62%</i>	<i>45,908</i>	<i>67%</i>	<i>52,890</i>	<i>64%</i>
Government Attorney	2,495	15%	2,283	14%	7,633	11%	8,519	10%
Full-Time Judge	33	<1%	33	<1%	1,515	2%	1,719	2%
Law Faculty	57	<1%	40	<1%	484	1%	588	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	1,190	7%	1,763	11%	6,475	9%	9,247	11%
Other Law Related	544	3%	836	5%	2,019	3%	2,851	3%
Other Non-Law Related	343	2%	573	3%	2,005	3%	2,569	3%
Public Interest Lawyer	--	--	386	2%	--	--	819	1%
Retired-Not Working	20	<1%	7	<1%	1,447	2%	2,575	3%
Unemployed-Looking	166	1%	263	2%	391	1%	552	1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	84	1%	82	<1%	467	1%	555	1%
<b>Members of State Bar Sections</b>								
Section Members	6,840	31%	10,145	38%	30,875	40%	42,614	43%
Non Section Members	15,090	69%	16,839	62%	46,181	60%	56,057	57%
Members of One Section	3,957	18%	5,685	21%	15,349	20%	21,088	21%
Members of Two Sections	1,965	9%	2,699	10%	8,989	12%	11,897	12%
Members of Three Sections	604	3%	935	3%	3,841	5%	5,095	5%
Members of Four or More Sections	314	1%	826	3%	2,696	3%	4,534	5%

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therefore the percents do not sum to 100%

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<b>Section Membership</b>								
Administrative and Public Law	187	1%	267	1%	1,056	1%	1,365	1%
African-American Lawyers	116	1%	166	1%	309	<1%	548	1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	84	<1%	100	<1%	1,102	1%	1,177	1%
American Indian Law	10	<1%	29	<1%	98	<1%	151	<1%
Animal Law	47	<1%	51	<1%	247	<1%	374	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	217	1%	133	<1%	1,144	1%	1,049	1%
Appellate	394	2%	385	1%	1,687	2%	2,105	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	73	<1%	113	<1%	154	<1%	297	<1%
Aviation Law	28	<1%	49	<1%	234	<1%	296	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	312	1%	323	1%	1,298	2%	1,631	2%
Business Law	747	3%	1,034	4%	3,765	5%	4,738	5%
Collaborative Law	--	--	32	<1%	--	--	255	<1%
Computer and Technology	148	1%	323	1%	831	1%	2,206	2%
Construction Law	352	2%	420	2%	1,750	2%	2,308	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	155	1%	205	1%	1,250	2%	1,399	1%
Corporate Counsel	539	2%	1,076	4%	2,767	4%	4,471	5%
Criminal Justice	449	2%	721	3%	2,073	3%	3,273	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	143	1%	173	1%	513	1%	640	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	220	1%	344	1%	1,229	2%	1,510	2%
Family Law	750	3%	1,341	5%	4,455	6%	6,122	6%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	226	1%	395	1%	1,744	2%	2,326	2%
Government Lawyers	124	1%	183	1%	702	1%	986	1%
Health Law	250	1%	418	2%	1,200	2%	1,774	2%
Hispanic Issues	131	1%	123	<1%	361	<1%	497	1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	--	--	408	2%	--	--	1,068	1%
Individual rights and Responsibilities	20	<1%	34	<1%	163	<1%	202	<1%
Insurance Law	305	1%	358	1%	1,569	2%	2,085	2%
Intellectual Property Law	464	2%	685	3%	1,789	2%	2,628	3%
International Law	167	1%	205	1%	820	1%	980	1%
James C. Watson Inn	3	<1%	1	<1%	190	<1%	158	<1%
Judicial Law	1	<1%	11	<1%	38	<1%	1,035	1%
Justice of the Peace	6	<1%	19	<1%	48	<1%	125	<1%
Juvenile Law	146	1%	141	1%	810	1%	886	1%
Labor and Employment Law	605	3%	708	3%	2,754	4%	3,318	3%
Legislative and Campaign Law	--	--	64	<1%	--	--	197	<1%
Litigation	1,667	8%	1,471	5%	7,341	10%	8,279	8%
Litigation -Sustaining	--	--	20	<1%	--	--	239	<1%
Military law	41	<1%	133	<1%	223	<1%	520	1%
Municipal Judges	15	<1%	12	<1%	256	<1%	289	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	278	1%	1,799	7%	2,167	3%	5,295	5%
Poverty Law	39	<1%	157	1%	162	<1%	525	1%
Public Utility Law	70	<1%	105	<1%	398	1%	553	1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	1,073	5%	1,831	7%	6,887	9%	8,901	9%
School Law	110	1%	174	1%	549	1%	772	1%
LGBT Law	32	<1%	141	1%	171	<1%	471	<1%
Taxation	321	1%	619	2%	1,668	2%	2,354	2%
Women and the Law	119	1%	307	1%	428	1%	780	1%
Workers' Compensation	--	--	57	<1%	--	--	321	<1%

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<b>Board Certifications</b>								
Board Certified Attorneys	365	2%	265	1%	7,020	9%	7,180	7%
Attorneys Not Board Certified	21,565	98%	26,719	99%	70,036	91%	91,491	93%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	350	2%	261	1%	5,857	8%	6,112	6%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	14	<1%	4	<1%	1,039	1%	956	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	1	<1%	0	0%	124	<1%	112	<1%
<b>Attorneys Board Certified In:</b>								
Administrative Law	3	<1%	4	<1%	168	<1%	146	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	3	<1%	1	<1%	165	<1%	133	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	4	<1%	3	<1%	163	<1%	133	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	24	<1%	8	<1%	404	1%	125	<1%
Civil Trial Law	5	<1%	1	<1%	1,191	2%	996	1%
Consumer and Commercial Law	2	<1%	2	<1%	64	<1%	72	<1%
Criminal Appellate	--	--	9	<1%	--	--	125	<1%
Criminal Law	53	<1%	21	<1%	823	1%	831	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	44	<1%	33	<1%	647	1%	683	1%
Family Law	31	<1%	38	<1%	700	1%	802	1%
Health Law	6	<1%	3	<1%	45	<1%	60	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	7	<1%	15	<1%	84	<1%	158	<1%
Juvenile Law	2	<1%	1	<1%	57	<1%	68	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	78	<1%	39	<1%	533	1%	638	1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	6	<1%	59	<1%	265	<1%	354	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	66	<1%	16	<1%	1,778	2%	1,574	2%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	10	<1%	9	<1%	492	1%	482	<1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	3	<1%	1	<1%	97	<1%	92	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	10	<1%	3	<1%	321	<1%	291	<1%
Tax Law	6	<1%	1	<1%	233	<1%	210	<1%
Workers' Compensation Law	18	<1%	2	<1%	88	<1%	95	<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 demographic data is self-reported and represents active attorney Bar members in good standing as of December 31, 2015. 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.