



STATE BAR OF TEXAS

Department of Research and Analysis

Harris County Attorneys: Attorney Statistical Profile (2015-16)

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, 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 Harris County attorneys has increased by 20 percent, growing from 19,544 attorneys in 2005 to 23,379 in 2015.

	Harris County Attorneys				All Active State Bar Attorneys			
	2005-06 N = 19,544		2015-16 N = 23,379		2005-06 N = 77,056		2015-16 N = 98,671	
Sex								
	<i>(N = 19,458)</i>		<i>(N = 23,226)</i>		<i>(N = 76,676)</i>		<i>(N = 98,142)</i>	
Male	13,193	68%	14,789	64%	53,450	70%	64,030	65%
Female	6,265	32%	8,437	36%	23,226	30%	34,112	35%
Race/Ethnicity								
	<i>(N = 18,432)</i>		<i>(N = 22,214)</i>		<i>(N = 72,703)</i>		<i>(N = 93,846)</i>	
White	15,460	84%	17,354	78%	62,366	86%	75,769	81%
Black/African-American	1,245	7%	1,719	8%	2,979	4%	4,834	5%
Hispanic/Latino	904	5%	1,500	7%	5,040	7%	8,158	9%
Asian/Pacific Islander	516	3%	1,100	5%	1,255	2%	3,018	3%
American Indian/Alaska Native	45	<1%	63	<1%	214	<1%	313	<1%
Two or More Races	--	--	173	1%	--	--	665	1%
Other Race	262	1%	305	1%	849	1%	1,089	1%
Years Licensed *								
2 or less years	2,195	11%	2,268	10%	7,380	10%	8,055	8%
3 to 6 years	2,489	13%	2,983	13%	9,341	12%	11,198	11%
7 to 10 years	2,225	11%	2,794	12%	8,987	12%	11,173	11%
11 to 15 years	2,906	15%	2,705	12%	11,327	15%	11,789	12%
16 to 20 years	2,421	12%	2,462	11%	9,698	13%	11,206	11%
21 to 25 years	2,332	12%	2,555	11%	9,263	12%	10,981	11%
Over 25 years	4,974	25%	7,612	33%	21,055	27%	34,269	35%
Median Years Licensed	15 Years		18 Years		16 Years		19 Years	
Age								
	<i>(N = 19,542)</i>		<i>(N = 23,379)</i>		<i>(N = 77,049)</i>		<i>(N = 98,666)</i>	
21 to 25 years	148	1%	54	<1%	516	1%	199	<1%
26 to 30 years	1,925	10%	2,134	9%	6,838	9%	7,462	8%
31 to 35 years	2,529	13%	3,226	14%	9,798	13%	12,014	12%
36 to 40 years	2,514	13%	2,877	12%	9,967	13%	11,931	12%
41 to 45 years	2,432	12%	2,509	11%	10,102	13%	11,201	11%
46 to 50 years	2,799	14%	2,433	10%	10,772	14%	10,786	11%
51 to 55 years	2,673	14%	2,238	10%	10,429	14%	10,221	10%
56 to 60 years	2,081	11%	2,421	10%	8,187	11%	10,441	11%
61 to 65 years	1,138	6%	2,264	10%	4,608	6%	9,668	10%
More than 65 years	1,303	7%	3,223	14%	5,832	8%	14,743	15%
Median Age	46 Years		47 Years		46 Years		48 Years	
Member Class—TYLA/Senior**								
TYLA Member	5,874	30%	7,201	31%	21,930	28%	26,984	27%
Senior Member	13,670	70%	16,178	69%	55,126	72%	71,687	73%

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Law School Attended								
Baylor University	501	3%	616	3%	4,617	7%	5,693	6%
St. Mary's	279	2%	389	2%	5,163	7%	7,105	7%
South Texas	4,429	25%	5,650	24%	7,807	11%	10,849	11%
Southern Methodist	419	2%	522	2%	6,033	9%	8,049	8%
Texas Southern	971	5%	1,407	6%	2,025	3%	3,287	3%
Texas Tech	272	2%	414	2%	4,498	6%	6,372	6%
Texas A&M/Formerly Texas Wesleyan	39	<1%	73	<1%	1,406	2%	2,717	3%
University of Houston	4,457	25%	5,287	23%	7,839	11%	9,873	10%
University of Texas	2,888	16%	3,278	14%	14,260	20%	16,056	16%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	3,569	20%	5,743	25%	16,291	23%	28,670	29%
Primary Occupation								
	<i>(N = 17,036)</i>		<i>(N = 19,024)</i>		<i>(N = 68,344)</i>		<i>(N = 82,884)</i>	
Private Practitioners								
Solo Practitioners	3,771	22%	4,012	21%	16,024	23%	19,031	23%
2 to 5 attorneys	2,613	15%	2,967	16%	10,589	15%	12,744	15%
6 to 10 attorneys	934	5%	1,079	6%	3,446	5%	4,255	5%
11 to 24 attorneys	1,076	6%	1,160	6%	3,829	6%	4,474	5%
25 to 40 attorneys	573	3%	538	3%	1,976	3%	2,180	3%
41 to 60 attorneys	233	1%	227	1%	1,195	2%	1,179	1%
More than 60 attorneys	2,859	17%	2,918	15%	8,849	13%	9,027	11%
Subtotal	12,059	71%	12,901	68%	45,908	67%	52,890	64%
Government Attorney	922	5%	922	5%	7,633	11%	8,519	10%
Full-Time Judge	214	1%	198	1%	1,515	2%	1,719	2%
Law Faculty	110	1%	106	1%	484	1%	588	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	2,160	13%	2,699	14%	6,475	9%	9,247	11%
Other Law Related	534	3%	721	4%	2,019	3%	2,851	3%
Other Non-Law Related	521	3%	595	3%	2,005	3%	2,569	3%
Public Interest Lawyer	--	--	148	1%	--	--	819	1%
Retired-Not Working	320	2%	486	3%	1,447	2%	2,575	3%
Unemployed-Looking	96	1%	124	1%	391	1%	552	1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	100	1%	124	1%	467	1%	555	1%
Members of State Bar Sections								
Section Members	8,450	43%	11,231	48%	30,875	40%	42,614	43%
Non Section Members	11,094	57%	12,148	52%	46,181	60%	56,057	57%
Members of One Section	4,271	22%	5,541	24%	15,349	20%	21,088	21%
Members of Two Sections	2,424	12%	3,076	13%	8,989	12%	11,897	12%
Members of Three Sections	1,032	5%	1,342	6%	3,841	5%	5,095	5%
Members of Four or More Sections	723	4%	1,272	5%	2,696	3%	4,534	5%

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Section Membership								
Administrative and Public Law	103	1%	160	1%	1,056	1%	1,365	1%
African-American Lawyers	143	1%	190	1%	309	<1%	548	1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	310	2%	336	1%	1,102	1%	1,177	1%
American Indian Law	21	<1%	24	<1%	98	<1%	151	<1%
Animal Law	66	<1%	85	<1%	247	<1%	374	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	356	2%	326	1%	1,144	1%	1,049	1%
Appellate	511	3%	647	3%	1,687	2%	2,105	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	62	<1%	98	<1%	154	<1%	297	<1%
Aviation Law	50	<1%	59	<1%	234	<1%	296	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	345	2%	409	2%	1,298	2%	1,631	2%
Business Law	1,068	5%	1,319	6%	3,765	5%	4,738	5%
Collaborative Law	--	--	63	<1%	--	--	255	<1%
Computer and Technology	189	1%	520	2%	831	1%	2,206	2%
Construction Law	502	3%	676	3%	1,750	2%	2,308	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	364	2%	383	2%	1,250	2%	1,399	1%
Corporate Counsel	970	5%	1,529	7%	2,767	4%	4,471	5%
Criminal Justice	388	2%	563	2%	2,073	3%	3,273	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	139	1%	135	1%	513	1%	640	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	386	2%	410	2%	1,229	2%	1,510	2%
Family Law	922	5%	1,242	5%	4,455	6%	6,122	6%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	368	2%	466	2%	1,744	2%	2,326	2%
Government Lawyers	111	1%	145	1%	702	1%	986	1%
Health Law	258	1%	397	2%	1,200	2%	1,774	2%
Hispanic Issues	91	<1%	101	<1%	361	<1%	497	1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	--	--	323	1%	--	--	1,068	1%
Individual rights and Responsibilities	30	<1%	41	<1%	163	<1%	202	<1%
Insurance Law	455	2%	607	3%	1,569	2%	2,085	2%
Intellectual Property Law	522	3%	686	3%	1,789	2%	2,628	3%
International Law	346	2%	448	2%	820	1%	980	1%
James C. Watson Inn	40	<1%	26	<1%	190	<1%	158	<1%
Judicial Law	7	<1%	153	1%	38	<1%	1,035	1%
Justice of the Peace	10	<1%	40	<1%	48	<1%	125	<1%
Juvenile Law	135	1%	160	1%	810	1%	886	1%
Labor and Employment Law	730	4%	962	4%	2,754	4%	3,318	3%
Legislative and Campaign Law	--	--	22	<1%	--	--	197	<1%
Litigation	2,443	13%	2,661	11%	7,341	10%	8,279	8%
Litigation -Sustaining	--	--	75	<1%	--	--	239	<1%
Military law	25	<1%	77	<1%	223	<1%	520	1%
Municipal Judges	50	<1%	65	<1%	256	<1%	289	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	842	4%	2,010	9%	2,167	3%	5,295	5%
Poverty Law	27	<1%	95	<1%	162	<1%	525	1%
Public Utility Law	59	<1%	79	<1%	398	1%	553	1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	1,659	8%	1,971	8%	6,887	9%	8,901	9%
School Law	74	<1%	135	1%	549	1%	772	1%
LGBT Law	52	<1%	126	1%	171	<1%	471	<1%
Taxation	463	2%	702	3%	1,668	2%	2,354	2%
Women and the Law	139	1%	234	1%	428	1%	780	1%
Workers' Compensation	--	--	66	<1%	--	--	321	<1%

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Board Certifications								
Board Certified Attorneys	1,803	9%	1,811	8%	7,020	9%	7,180	7%
Attorneys Not Board Certified	17,741	91%	21,568	92%	70,036	91%	91,491	93%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	1,534	8%	1,567	7%	5,857	8%	6,112	6%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	251	1%	228	1%	1,039	1%	956	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	18	<1%	16	<1%	124	<1%	112	<1%
Attorneys Board Certified In:								
Administrative Law	2	<1%	1	<1%	168	<1%	146	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	49	<1%	36	<1%	165	<1%	133	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	44	<1%	31	<1%	163	<1%	133	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	120	1%	130	1%	404	1%	125	<1%
Civil Trial Law	302	2%	254	1%	1,191	2%	996	1%
Consumer and Commercial Law	17	<1%	18	<1%	64	<1%	72	<1%
Criminal Appellate	--	--	20	<1%	--	--	125	<1%
Criminal Law	130	1%	123	1%	823	1%	831	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	164	1%	167	1%	647	1%	683	1%
Family Law	167	1%	185	1%	700	1%	802	1%
Health Law	8	<1%	9	<1%	45	<1%	60	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	44	<1%	73	<1%	84	<1%	158	<1%
Juvenile Law	15	<1%	13	<1%	57	<1%	68	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	151	1%	194	1%	533	1%	638	1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	87	<1%	105	<1%	265	<1%	354	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	482	2%	421	2%	1,778	2%	1,574	2%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	149	1%	147	1%	492	1%	482	<1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	9	<1%	8	<1%	97	<1%	92	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	75	<1%	72	<1%	321	<1%	291	<1%
Tax Law	59	<1%	49	<1%	233	<1%	210	<1%
Workers' Compensation Law	16	<1%	15	<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.