



# STATE BAR OF TEXAS

## Department of Research and Analysis

### Harris County Attorneys: Attorney Statistical Profile (2005-06)

This report profiles active attorney members of the State Bar of Texas from Harris County as of December 31, 2005, 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, age, graduating law school, primary occupation, law firm size, TYLA membership, section membership, and board certification. Inclusion of Bar fiscal year 1995-96 data allows for comparison.

	Harris County Attorneys				All State Bar Attorneys			
	1995-96		2005-06		1995-96		2005-06	
	N = 16,256		N = 19,544		N = 60,550		N = 77,056	
<b>Gender</b>								
Male	11,865	73%	13,193	68%	45,472	75%	53,450	70%
Female	4,391	27%	6,265	32%	15,077	25%	23,226	30%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>								
Caucasian/Anglo	13,736	90%	15,460	84%	51,426	90%	62,366	86%
African-American/Black	776	5%	1,245	7%	1,805	3%	2,979	4%
Hispanic/Latino	465	3%	904	5%	2,727	5%	5,040	7%
Asian/Pacific Islander	165	1%	516	3%	380	1%	1,255	2%
Native American Indian	29	<1%	45	<1%	128	<1%	214	<1%
Other Race	102	1%	262	1%	360	1%	849	1%
<b>Years Licensed *</b>								
2 or less years	2,203	14%	2,195	11%	7,436	12%	7,380	10%
3 to 6 years	2,770	17%	2,489	13%	9,417	16%	9,341	12%
7 to 10 years	2,236	14%	2,225	11%	8,180	14%	8,987	12%
11 to 15 years	2,686	17%	2,906	15%	9,940	16%	11,327	15%
16 to 20 years	2,268	14%	2,421	12%	8,835	15%	9,698	13%
21 to 25 years	1,638	10%	2,332	12%	6,285	10%	9,263	12%
Over 25 years	2,455	15%	4,974	25%	10,457	17%	21,055	27%
Median Years Licensed	12 yrs.		15 yrs.		13 yrs.		16 yrs.	
<b>Age</b>								
21 to 25 years	135	1%	148	1%	573	1%	516	1%
26 to 30 years	1,852	11%	1,925	10%	6,626	11%	6,838	9%
31 to 35 years	2,416	15%	2,529	13%	9,116	15%	9,798	13%
36 to 40 years	2,985	18%	2,514	13%	10,587	17%	9,967	13%
41 to 45 years	2,890	18%	2,432	12%	10,630	18%	10,102	13%
46 to 50 years	2,402	15%	2,799	14%	8,785	15%	10,772	14%
51 to 55 years	1,468	9%	2,673	14%	5,439	9%	10,429	14%
56 to 60 years	786	5%	2,081	11%	2,876	5%	8,187	11%
61 to 65 years	480	3%	1,138	6%	2,044	3%	4,608	6%
More than 65 years	841	5%	1,303	7%	3,866	6%	5,832	8%
Median Age	42 yrs.		46 yrs.		42 yrs.		46 yrs.	
<b>Member Class--TYLA/Senior **</b>								
TYLA Member	5,556	34%	5,874	30%	20,164	33%	21,930	28%
Senior Member	10,700	66%	13,670	70%	40,386	67%	55,126	72%

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<b>Law School Attended</b>								
Baylor University	432	3%	501	3%	4,169	7%	4,617	7%
St. Mary's	273	2%	279	2%	4,390	7%	5,163	7%
South Texas	3,797	24%	4,429	25%	6,314	11%	7,807	11%
Southern Methodist	411	3%	419	2%	5,435	9%	6,033	9%
Texas Southern	651	4%	971	5%	1,368	2%	2,025	3%
Texas Tech	208	1%	272	2%	3,459	6%	4,498	6%
Texas Wesleyan	9	<1%	39	<1%	295	<1%	1,406	2%
University of Houston	4,072	25%	4,457	25%	6,831	11%	7,839	11%
University of Texas	2,980	19%	2,888	16%	13,979	23%	14,260	20%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	3,223	20%	3,569	20%	13,431	23%	16,291	23%
<b>Primary Occupation</b>								
Private Law Practice	10,584	72%	12,775	72%	38,104	69%	48,137	68%
Government Attorney	720	5%	922	5%	5,878	11%	7,633	11%
Full-Time Judge	243	2%	214	1%	1,389	3%	1,515	2%
Law Faculty	94	1%	110	1%	328	1%	484	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	1,829	12%	2,160	12%	4,939	9%	6,475	9%
Other Law Related	395	3%	534	3%	1,292	2%	2,019	3%
Other Non-Law Related	439	3%	521	3%	1,496	3%	2,005	3%
Retired-Not Working	403	3%	320	2%	1,740	3%	1,447	2%
Unemployed-Looking	---	---	96	1%	---	---	391	1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	---	---	100	1%	---	---	467	1%
<b>Firm Size (private practitioners only)</b>								
Solo Practitioners	3,407	34%	3,771	31%	12,769	35%	16,024	35%
2 to 5 attorneys	2,306	23%	2,613	22%	8,992	25%	10,589	23%
6 to 10 attorneys	844	8%	934	8%	3,012	8%	3,446	8%
11 to 24 attorneys	798	8%	1,076	9%	3,085	9%	3,826	8%
25 to 40 attorneys	514	5%	573	5%	1,707	5%	1,976	4%
41 to 60 attorneys	341	3%	233	2%	992	3%	1,195	3%
Over 60 / 61 to 100 attorneys ***	1,845	18%	1,674	14%	5,594	15%	6,051	13%
101 to 200 attorneys ***	---	---	99	1%	---	---	440	1%
Over 200 attorneys ***	---	---	1,086	9%	---	---	2,358	5%
Median Firm Size	4 attys.		5 attys.		4 attys.		4 attys.	
<b>Members of State Bar Sections</b>								
Section Members	7,584	47%	8,450	43%	26,204	43%	30,875	40%
Non Section Members	8,672	53%	11,094	57%	34,346	57%	46,181	60%
Members of One Section	3,335	21%	4,271	22%	11,424	19%	15,349	20%
Members of Two Sections	2,450	15%	2,424	12%	8,443	14%	8,989	12%
Members of Three Sections	1,051	6%	1,032	5%	3,652	6%	3,841	5%
Members of Four or More Sections	748	5%	723	4%	2,685	4%	2,696	3%

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Section Membership								
Administrative and Public Law	147	1%	103	1%	1,142	2%	1,056	1%
African-American Lawyers	60	<1%	143	1%	160	<1%	309	<1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	393	2%	310	2%	1,349	2%	1,102	1%
American Indian Law	28	<1%	21	<1%	135	<1%	98	<1%
Animal Law	---	---	66	<1%	---	---	247	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	428	3%	356	2%	1,195	2%	1,144	1%
Appellate	449	3%	511	3%	1,489	2%	1,687	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	---	---	62	<1%	---	---	154	<1%
Aviation Law	77	<1%	50	<1%	240	<1%	234	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	---	---	345	2%	---	---	1,298	2%
Business Law	1,186	7%	1,068	5%	3,937	7%	3,765	5%
Computer and Technology	230	1%	189	1%	881	1%	831	1%
Construction Law	334	2%	502	3%	1,051	2%	1,750	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	587	4%	364	2%	1,983	3%	1,250	2%
Corporate Counsel	955	6%	970	5%	2,625	4%	2,767	4%
Criminal Justice	322	2%	388	2%	1,616	3%	2,073	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	170	1%	139	1%	584	1%	513	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	508	3%	386	2%	1,645	3%	1,229	2%
Family Law	811	5%	922	5%	3,755	6%	4,455	6%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	386	2%	368	2%	1,717	3%	1,744	2%
Government Lawyers	135	1%	111	1%	647	1%	702	1%
Health Law	289	2%	258	1%	1,223	2%	1,200	2%
Hispanic Issues	73	<1%	91	<1%	300	<1%	361	<1%
Individual Rights and Responsibilities	54	<1%	30	<1%	222	<1%	163	<1%
Insurance Law	---	---	455	2%	---	---	1,569	2%
Intellectual Property Law	435	3%	522	3%	1,299	2%	1,789	2%
International Law	480	3%	346	2%	1,132	2%	820	1%
James C. Watson Inn	11	<1%	40	<1%	78	<1%	190	<1%
Judicial	0	0%	7	<1%	3	<1%	38	<1%
Justice of the Peace	20	<1%	10	<1%	65	<1%	48	<1%
Juvenile Law	109	1%	135	1%	553	1%	810	1%
Labor and Employment Law	684	4%	730	4%	2,557	4%	2,754	4%
Litigation	2,603	16%	2,443	13%	7,643	13%	7,341	10%
Military Law	16	<1%	25	<1%	184	<1%	223	<1%
Municipal Judges	31	<1%	50	<1%	212	<1%	256	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	824	5%	842	4%	2,235	4%	2,167	3%
Poverty Law	0	0%	27	<1%	0	0%	162	<1%
Public Utility Law	77	<1%	59	<1%	402	1%	398	1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	1,509	9%	1,659	8%	5,978	10%	6,887	9%
School Law	92	1%	74	<1%	561	1%	549	1%
Sexual Orientation & Gender Identification Issues	---	---	52	<1%	---	---	171	<1%
Taxation	487	3%	463	2%	1,598	3%	1,668	2%
Women and the Law	177	1%	139	1%	581	1%	428	1%

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Board Certifications									
Board Certified Attorneys	1,519	9%	1,803	9%	5,736	9%	7,020	9%	
Attorneys Not Board Certified	14,737	91%	17,741	91%	54,814	91%	70,036	91%	
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	1,235	8%	1,534	8%	4,554	8%	5,857	8%	
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	263	2%	251	1%	1,043	2%	1,039	1%	
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	21	<1%	18	<1%	139	<1%	124	<1%	

Attorneys Board Certified In:									
Administrative Law	4	<1%	2	<1%	179	<1%	168	<1%	
Bankruptcy Law: Business	56	<1%	49	<1%	188	<1%	165	<1%	
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	39	<1%	44	<1%	153	<1%	163	<1%	
Civil Appellate Law	94	1%	120	1%	351	1%	404	1%	
Civil Trial Law	308	2%	302	2%	1,240	2%	1,191	2%	
Consumer and Commercial Law	8	<1%	17	<1%	38	<1%	64	<1%	
Criminal Law	120	1%	130	1%	657	1%	823	1%	
Estate Planning and Probate Law	129	1%	164	1%	502	1%	647	1%	
Family Law	154	1%	167	1%	610	1%	700	1%	
Health Law	---	---	8	<1%	---	---	45	<1%	
Immigration and Nationality Law	35	<1%	44	<1%	68	<1%	84	<1%	
Juvenile Law	---	---	15	<1%	---	---	57	<1%	
Labor and Employment Law	77	<1%	151	1%	242	<1%	533	1%	
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	100	1%	87	<1%	271	<1%	265	<1%	
Personal Injury Trial Law	395	2%	482	2%	1,422	2%	1,778	2%	
Real Estate Law: Commercial	153	1%	149	1%	486	1%	492	1%	
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	14	<1%	9	<1%	117	<1%	97	<1%	
Real Estate Law: Residential	85	1%	75	<1%	329	1%	321	<1%	
Tax Law	54	<1%	59	<1%	220	<1%	233	<1%	
Workers' Compensation Law	---	---	16	<1%	---	---	88	<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.
- \*\*\* The firm size categories '61 to 100 attorneys', '101 to 200 attorneys', and 'Over 200 attorneys' were introduced in 2004.
- Indicates that the given category or group was not in existence.

### 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. Bar geography, such as county membership and various district memberships, is based on members' official address. Bar members' official address was determined by work address; if work address was unavailable, home address was used.