



STATE BAR OF TEXAS

Department of Research and Analysis

Racial/Ethnic Minority Attorneys: Attorney Statistical Profile (2007-08)

This report profiles active racial/ethnic minority State Bar of Texas attorney members as of December 31, 2007, 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.

	Racial/Ethnic Minority Attorneys		All State Bar Attorneys	
	2007-08		2007-08	
	N = 11,662		N = 81,601	
Gender				
Male	6,527	56%	55,625	69%
Female	5,082	44%	25,490	31%
Race				
Caucasian/Anglo	0	0%	65,160	85%
African-American/Black	3,317	28%	3,317	4%
Hispanic/Latino	5,584	48%	5,584	7%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,558	13%	1,558	2%
Native American Indian	233	2%	233	<1%
Other Race	970	8%	970	1%
Years Licensed *				
2 or less years	1,947	17%	7,963	10%
3 to 6 years	2,212	19%	9,560	12%
7 to 10 years	2,022	17%	9,273	11%
11 to 15 years	2,162	19%	11,285	14%
16 to 20 years	1,197	10%	10,193	12%
21 to 25 years	735	6%	9,474	12%
Over 25 years	1,386	12%	23,848	29%
Median Years Licensed	9 yrs.		17 yrs.	
Age				
21 to 25 years	341	3%	503	1%
26 to 30 years	1,905	16%	7,556	9%
31 to 35 years	2,301	20%	9,587	12%
36 to 40 years	2,232	19%	10,833	13%
41 to 45 years	1,511	13%	9,846	12%
46 to 50 years	1,148	10%	10,757	13%
51 to 55 years	992	9%	10,782	13%
56 to 60 years	669	6%	9,046	11%
61 to 65 years	296	3%	5,855	7%
More than 65 years	261	2%	6,782	8%
Median Age	38 yrs.		47 yrs.	
Member Class—TYLA/Senior**				
TYLA Member	5,478	47%	23,695	29%
Senior Member	6,184	53%	57,906	71%

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	2007-08		2007-08	
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Law School Attended				
Baylor University	269	2%	5,193	6%
St. Mary's	1,139	10%	5,976	7%
South Texas	999	9%	8,960	11%
Southern Methodist	627	5%	6,822	8%
Texas Southern	1,735	15%	2,459	3%
Texas Tech	461	4%	5,200	6%
University of Houston	1,200	10%	8,824	11%
University of Texas	1,930	17%	15,631	19%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	3,302	28%	22,536	28%
Primary Occupation				
Private Law Practice	6,647	66%	49,661	68%
Government Attorney	1,567	16%	7,927	11%
Full-Time Judge	247	2%	1,583	2%
Law Faculty	85	1%	521	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	836	8%	7,175	10%
Other Law Related	296	3%	2,123	3%
Other Non-Law Related	202	2%	2,068	3%
Retired-Not Working	64	1%	1,687	2%
Unemployed-Looking	74	1%	370	1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	44	<1%	453	1%
Firm Size (private practitioners only)				
Solo Practitioners	3,036	36%	20,864	32%
2 to 5 attorneys	2,015	22%	14,238	22%
6 to 10 attorneys	637	7%	5,300	8%
11 to 24 attorneys	743	8%	5,953	9%
25 to 40 attorneys	457	5%	3,247	5%
41 to 60 attorneys	296	3%	2,078	3%
Over 60 / 61 to 100 attorneys	931	10%	7,045	11%
101 to 200 attorneys	208	2%	1,347	2%
Over 200 attorneys	732	8%	5,981	9%
Median Firm Size	3 attys.		4 attys.	
Members of State Bar Sections				
Section Members	3,823	33%	33,084	41%
Non Section Members	7,838	67%	48,517	59%
Members of One Section	1,769	15%	16,673	20%
Members of Two Sections	1,069	9%	9,513	12%
Members of Three Sections	544	5%	3,992	5%
Members of Four or More Sections	441	4%	2,906	4%

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therefore the percents do not sum to 100%

Section Membership	Racial/Ethnic Minority Attorneys		All State Bar Attorneys	
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Administrative and Public Law	149	1%	1,134	1%
African-American Lawyers	365	3%	358	<1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	110	1%	1,148	1%
American Indian Law	40	<1%	100	<1%
Animal Law	26	<1%	265	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	61	1%	1,124	1%
Appellate	124	1%	1,729	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	166	1%	211	<1%
Aviation Law	10	<1%	225	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	128	1%	1,254	2%
Business Law	319	3%	3,933	5%
Computer and Technology	69	1%	800	1%
Construction Law	140	1%	1,866	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	130	1%	1,313	2%
Corporate Counsel	317	3%	3,019	4%
Criminal Justice	462	4%	2,325	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	95	1%	518	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	118	1%	1,326	2%
Family Law	743	6%	4,705	6%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	236	2%	1,866	2%
Government Lawyers	146	1%	745	1%
Health Law	116	1%	1,245	2%
Hispanic Issues	350	3%	430	1%
Individual rights and Responsibilities	28	<1%	195	<1%
Insurance Law	131	1%	1,494	2%
Intellectual Property Law	233	2%	1,998	2%
International Law	146	1%	878	1%
James C. Watson Inn	13	<1%	153	<1%
Justice of the Peace	9	<1%	50	<1%
Juvenile Law	186	2%	803	1%
Labor and Employment Law	450	4%	2,810	3%
Litigation	772	7%	7,769	10%
Military law	27	<1%	248	<1%
Municipal Judges	63	1%	241	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	142	1%	2,579	3%
Poverty Law	135	1%	387	<1%
Public Utility Law	58	<1%	421	1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	497	4%	7,205	9%
School Law	118	1%	606	1%
Sexual Orientation & Gender Identification Issues	20	<1%	159	<1%
Taxation	161	1%	1,792	2%
Women and the Law	105	1%	462	1%

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Board Certifications				
Board Certified Attorneys	363	3%	6,977	9%
Attorneys Not Board Certified	11,299	97%	74,624	91%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	333	3%	5,842	7%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	26	<1%	1,011	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	4	<1%	124	<1%
Attorneys Board Certified In:				
Administrative Law	8	<1%	159	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	2	<1%	159	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	6	<1%	157	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	11	<1%	404	<1%
Civil Trial Law	30	<1%	1,158	1%
Consumer and Commercial Law	4	<1%	67	<1%
Criminal Law	66	1%	824	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	8	<1%	646	1%
Family Law	31	<1%	698	1%
Health Law	1	<1%	47	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	34	<1%	103	<1%
Juvenile Law	10	<1%	59	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	54	<1%	537	1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	9	<1%	262	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	92	1%	1,737	2%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	7	<1%	486	1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	1	<1%	98	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	6	<1%	326	<1%
Tax Law	6	<1%	228	<1%
Workers' Compensation Law	11	<1%	91	<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, 2007.