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State Bar Members: Attorney Statistical Profile (2006-07)

This report profiles active attorney members of the State Bar of Texas as of December 31, 2006, 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 1996-97 data allows for comparison.

	In-State State Bar Attorneys				All State Bar Attorneys			
	1996-97		2006-07		1996-97		2006-07	
	N = 56,489		N = 71,570		N = 61,638		N = 79,409	
Gender								
Male	42,173	75%	49,318	69%	45,946	75%	54,546	69%
Female	14,315	25%	21,941	31%	15,691	25%	24,469	31%
Race/Ethnicity								
Caucasian/Anglo	47,759	90%	57,533	85%	52,181	90%	63,942	85%
African-American/Black	1,735	3%	2,809	4%	1,894	3%	3,153	4%
Hispanic/Latino	2,827	5%	5,035	7%	2,948	5%	5,334	7%
Asian/Pacific Islander	394	1%	1,244	2%	449	1%	1,433	2%
Native American Indian	118	<1%	190	<1%	135	<1%	225	<1%
Other Race	371	1%	817	1%	401	1%	915	1%
Years Licensed *								
2 or less years	6,580	12%	7,132	10%	7,063	11%	7,656	10%
3 to 6 years	8,859	16%	8,414	12%	9,617	16%	9,394	12%
7 to 10 years	7,526	13%	8,128	11%	8,233	13%	9,195	12%
11 to 15 years	8,949	16%	10,100	14%	9,915	16%	11,336	14%
16 to 20 years	8,361	15%	8,889	12%	9,317	15%	9,928	13%
21 to 25 years	6,107	11%	8,339	12%	6,725	11%	9,369	12%
Over 25 years	10,107	18%	20,563	29%	10,768	17%	22,526	28%
Median Years Licensed	13 yrs.		17 yrs.		13 yrs.		16 yrs.	
Age								
21 to 25 years	427	1%	511	1%	444	1%	537	1%
26 to 30 years	6,234	11%	6,628	9%	6,751	11%	7,257	9%
31 to 35 years	8,066	14%	8,544	12%	8,818	14%	9,583	12%
36 to 40 years	9,595	17%	9,373	13%	10,544	17%	10,544	13%
41 to 45 years	9,725	17%	8,817	12%	10,799	18%	9,895	12%
46 to 50 years	8,399	15%	9,679	14%	9,235	15%	10,832	14%
51 to 55 years	5,471	10%	9,567	13%	5,956	10%	10,671	13%
56 to 60 years	2,975	5%	7,798	11%	3,187	5%	8,683	11%
61 to 65 years	1,960	3%	4,726	7%	2,072	3%	5,088	6%
More than 65 years	3,620	6%	5,919	8%	3,814	6%	6,310	8%
Median Age	43 yrs.		46 yrs.		42 yrs.		46 yrs.	
Member Class--TYLA/Senior **								
TYLA Member	18,142	32%	21,151	30%	19,717	32%	23,424	29%
Senior Member	38,347	68%	50,419	70%	41,921	68%	55,985	71%

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Law School Attended								
Baylor University	4,069	7%	4,864	7%	4,246	7%	5,120	7%
St. Mary's	4,274	8%	5,537	8%	4,467	7%	5,792	7%
South Texas	6,197	11%	8,287	12%	6,497	11%	8,704	11%
Southern Methodist	5,141	9%	6,189	9%	5,498	9%	6,712	9%
Texas Southern	1,379	2%	2,181	3%	1,446	2%	2,313	3%
Texas Tech	3,395	6%	4,786	7%	3,569	6%	5,031	6%
Texas Wesleyan	390	1%	1,625	2%	397	1%	1,689	2%
University of Houston	6,575	12%	8,057	11%	6,949	11%	8,648	11%
University of Texas	13,155	24%	14,427	20%	14,004	23%	15,596	20%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	11,133	20%	14,451	21%	13,707	23%	18,456	24%
Primary Occupation								
Private Law Practice	35,110	71%	45,158	69%	37,183	69%	48,911	68%
Government Attorney	5,166	10%	6,945	11%	5,815	11%	7,871	11%
Full-Time Judge	1,336	3%	1,486	2%	1,378	3%	1,549	2%
Law Faculty	283	1%	388	1%	324	1%	507	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	4,077	8%	5,717	9%	4,876	9%	6,845	9%
Other Law Related	1,091	2%	1,730	3%	1,261	2%	2,079	3%
Other Non-Law Related	1,212	2%	1,709	3%	1,410	3%	2,059	3%
Retired-Not Working	1,317	3%	1,403	2%	1,504	3%	1,599	2%
Unemployed-Looking	---	---	307	<1%	---	---	378	1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	---	---	324	<1%	---	---	407	1%
Firm Size (private practitioners only)								
Solo Practitioners	11,953	36%	15,705	36%	12,444	35%	16,508	35%
2 to 5 attorneys	8,438	25%	10,250	24%	8,869	25%	10,889	23%
6 to 10 attorneys	2,795	8%	3,151	7%	2,992	8%	3,462	7%
11 to 24 attorneys	2,837	8%	3,560	8%	3,052	9%	3,900	8%
25 to 40 attorneys	1,597	5%	1,804	4%	1,683	5%	2,018	4%
41 to 60 attorneys	921	3%	997	2%	996	3%	1,120	2%
Over 60 / 61 to 100 attorneys ***	5,042	15%	4,041	9%	5,544	16%	4,662	10%
101 to 200 attorneys ***	---	---	649	1%	---	---	734	2%
Over 200 attorneys ***	---	---	3,157	7%	---	---	3,523	8%
Median Firm Size	4 attys.		4 attys.		4 attys.		4 attys.	
Members of State Bar Sections								
Section Members	24,268	43%	30,418	43%	25,176	41%	31,693	40%
Non Section Members	32,221	57%	41,152	57%	36,462	59%	47,716	60%
Members of One Section	10,505	19%	15,074	21%	11,002	18%	15,855	20%
Members of Two Sections	7,880	14%	8,934	12%	8,145	13%	9,247	12%
Members of Three Sections	3,396	6%	3,722	5%	3,481	6%	3,837	5%
Members of Four or More Sections	2,487	4%	2,688	4%	2,548	4%	2,754	3%

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Section Membership								
Administrative and Public Law	1,086	2%	1,062	1%	1,111	2%	1,081	1%
African-American Lawyers	231	<1%	311	<1%	242	<1%	336	<1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	1,175	2%	1,097	2%	1,203	2%	1,139	1%
American Indian Law	114	<1%	88	<1%	123	<1%	105	<1%
Animal Law	50	<1%	247	<1%	50	<1%	253	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	1,059	2%	1,071	1%	1,084	2%	1,119	1%
Appellate	1,310	2%	1,694	2%	1,324	2%	1,713	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	93	<1%	175	<1%	101	<1%	186	<1%
Aviation Law	177	<1%	223	<1%	190	<1%	244	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	---	---	1,204	2%	---	---	1,238	2%
Business Law	3,818	7%	3,736	5%	3,936	6%	3,879	5%
Computer and Technology	867	2%	743	1%	912	1%	786	1%
Construction Law	998	2%	1,749	2%	1,026	2%	1,802	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	1,700	3%	1,285	2%	1,724	3%	1,306	2%
Corporate Counsel	2,329	4%	2,671	4%	2,448	4%	2,878	4%
Criminal Justice	1,421	3%	2,183	3%	1,442	2%	2,214	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	483	1%	493	1%	503	1%	523	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	1,421	3%	1,192	2%	1,537	2%	1,269	2%
Family Law	3,549	6%	4,435	6%	3,575	6%	4,462	6%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	1,542	3%	1,765	2%	1,562	3%	1,785	2%
Government Lawyers	522	1%	702	1%	539	1%	725	1%
Health Law	1,178	2%	1,155	2%	1,236	2%	1,215	2%
Hispanic Issues	249	<1%	383	1%	257	<1%	402	1%
Individual Rights and Responsibilities	171	<1%	174	<1%	176	<1%	182	<1%
Insurance Law	---	---	1,468	2%	---	---	1,520	2%
Intellectual Property Law	1,175	2%	1,703	2%	1,284	2%	1,850	2%
International Law	957	2%	726	1%	1,049	2%	811	1%
James C. Watson Inn	72	<1%	153	<1%	72	<1%	154	<1%
Judicial	3	<1%	55	<1%	3	<1%	56	<1%
Justice of the Peace	56	<1%	51	<1%	56	<1%	51	<1%
Juvenile Law	587	1%	812	1%	588	1%	813	1%
Labor and Employment Law	2,716	5%	2,680	4%	2,811	5%	2,799	4%
Litigation	7,102	13%	7,234	10%	7,239	12%	7,416	9%
Military Law	153	<1%	180	<1%	172	<1%	230	<1%
Municipal Judges	195	<1%	245	<1%	195	<1%	245	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	1,969	3%	2,215	3%	2,103	3%	2,357	3%
Poverty Law	---	---	337	<1%	---	---	340	<1%
Public Utility Law	406	1%	382	1%	425	1%	403	1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	5,584	10%	6,870	10%	5,723	9%	7,020	9%
School Law	571	1%	565	1%	578	1%	574	1%
Sexual Orientation & Gender Identification Issues	---	---	163	<1%	---	---	170	<1%
Taxation	1,439	3%	1,579	2%	1,504	2%	1,674	2%
Women and the Law	489	1%	415	1%	500	1%	424	1%

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Board Certifications								
Board Certified Attorneys	5,731	10%	6,980	10%	5,780	9%	7,060	9%
Attorneys Not Board Certified	50,758	90%	64,590	90%	55,858	91%	72,349	91%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	4,550	8%	5,833	8%	4,591	7%	5,907	7%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	1,043	2%	1,023	1%	1,050	2%	1,029	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	138	<1%	124	<1%	139	<1%	124	<1%
Attorneys Board Certified In:								
Administrative Law	174	<1%	160	<1%	177	<1%	162	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	184	<1%	158	<1%	185	<1%	160	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	151	<1%	157	<1%	152	<1%	159	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	344	1%	407	1%	346	1%	408	1%
Civil Trial Law	1,245	2%	1,165	2%	1,250	2%	1,173	1%
Consumer and Commercial Law	39	<1%	67	<1%	40	<1%	68	<1%
Criminal Law	646	1%	824	1%	650	1%	836	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	495	1%	649	1%	498	1%	654	1%
Family Law	598	1%	704	1%	600	1%	705	1%
Health Law	---	---	44	<1%	---	---	47	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	63	<1%	98	<1%	67	<1%	102	<1%
Juvenile Law	---	---	58	<1%	---	---	58	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	246	<1%	526	1%	254	<1%	544	1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	264	<1%	258	<1%	268	<1%	262	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	1,491	3%	1,755	2%	1,494	2%	1,768	2%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	474	1%	488	1%	481	1%	490	1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	117	<1%	99	<1%	118	<1%	99	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	322	1%	328	<1%	326	1%	329	<1%
Tax Law	212	<1%	224	<1%	217	<1%	231	<1%
Workers' Compensation Law	---	---	92	<1%	---	---	92	<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.