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Racial/Ethnic Minority Attorneys: Attorney Statistical Profile (2006-07)

This report profiles active racial/ethnic minority 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.

	Racial/Ethnic Minority Attorneys				All State Bar Attorneys			
	1996-97		2006-07		1996-97		2006-07	
	N = 5,827		N = 11,060		N = 61,638		N = 79,409	
Gender								
Male	3,706	64%	6,243	57%	45,946	75%	54,546	69%
Female	2,121	36%	4,779	43%	15,691	25%	24,469	31%
Race/Ethnicity								
Caucasian/Anglo	0	0%	0	0%	52,181	90%	63,942	85%
African-American/Black	1,894	33%	3,153	29%	1,894	3%	3,153	4%
Hispanic/Latino	2,948	51%	5,334	48%	2,948	5%	5,334	7%
Asian/Pacific Islander	449	8%	1,433	13%	449	1%	1,433	2%
Native American Indian	135	2%	225	2%	135	<1%	225	<1%
Other Race	401	7%	915	8%	401	1%	915	1%
Years Licensed *								
2 or less years	1,431	25%	1,818	16%	7,063	11%	7,656	10%
3 to 6 years	1,443	25%	2,249	20%	9,617	16%	9,394	12%
7 to 10 years	806	14%	2,001	18%	8,233	13%	9,195	12%
11 to 15 years	668	11%	2,005	18%	9,915	16%	11,336	14%
16 to 20 years	819	14%	1,048	9%	9,317	15%	9,928	13%
21 to 25 years	375	6%	647	6%	6,725	11%	9,369	12%
Over 25 years	285	5%	1,292	12%	10,768	17%	22,526	28%
Median Years Licensed	7 yrs.		9 yrs.		13 yrs.		16 yrs.	
Age								
21 to 25 years	97	2%	138	1%	444	1%	537	1%
26 to 30 years	1,183	20%	1,628	15%	6,751	11%	7,257	9%
31 to 35 years	1,164	20%	2,226	20%	8,818	14%	9,583	12%
36 to 40 years	1,001	17%	2,201	20%	10,544	17%	10,544	13%
41 to 45 years	973	17%	1,511	14%	10,799	18%	9,895	12%
46 to 50 years	723	12%	1,137	10%	9,235	15%	10,832	14%
51 to 55 years	337	6%	988	9%	5,956	10%	10,671	13%
56 to 60 years	154	3%	670	6%	3,187	5%	8,683	11%
61 to 65 years	84	1%	295	3%	2,072	3%	5,088	6%
More than 65 years	108	2%	265	2%	3,814	6%	6,310	8%
Median Age	38 yrs.		39 yrs.		42 yrs.		46 yrs.	
Member Class--TYLA/Senior **								
TYLA Member	2,948	51%	5,373	49%	19,717	32%	23,424	29%
Senior Member	2,879	49%	5,687	51%	41,921	68%	55,985	71%

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Law School Attended								
Baylor University	127	2%	252	2%	4,246	7%	5,120	7%
St. Mary's	448	8%	1,098	10%	4,467	7%	5,792	7%
South Texas	406	7%	957	9%	6,497	11%	8,704	11%
Southern Methodist	315	5%	589	5%	5,498	9%	6,712	9%
Texas Southern	974	17%	1,628	15%	1,446	2%	2,313	3%
Texas Tech	211	4%	435	4%	3,569	6%	5,031	6%
Texas Wesleyan	40	1%	270	2%	397	1%	1,689	2%
University of Houston	724	13%	1,160	11%	6,949	11%	8,648	11%
University of Texas	1,241	22%	1,863	17%	14,004	23%	15,596	20%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	1,282	22%	2,564	24%	13,707	23%	18,456	24%
Primary Occupation								
Private Law Practice	2,947	66%	6,372	66%	37,183	69%	48,911	68%
Government Attorney	881	20%	1,541	16%	5,815	11%	7,871	11%
Full-Time Judge	155	3%	233	2%	1,378	3%	1,549	2%
Law Faculty	30	1%	80	1%	324	1%	507	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	265	6%	763	8%	4,876	9%	6,845	9%
Other Law Related	105	2%	292	3%	1,261	2%	2,079	3%
Other Non-Law Related	71	2%	205	2%	1,410	3%	2,059	3%
Retired-Not Working	45	1%	60	1%	1,504	3%	1,599	2%
Unemployed-Looking	---	---	76	1%	---	---	378	1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	---	---	40	<1%	---	---	407	1%
Firm Size (private practitioners only)								
Solo Practitioners	1,290	47%	2,509	42%	12,444	35%	16,508	35%
2 to 5 attorneys	782	29%	1,540	26%	8,869	25%	10,889	23%
6 to 10 attorneys	165	6%	339	6%	2,992	8%	3,462	7%
11 to 24 attorneys	140	5%	400	7%	3,052	9%	3,900	8%
25 to 40 attorneys	75	3%	194	3%	1,683	5%	2,018	4%
41 to 60 attorneys	34	1%	103	2%	996	3%	1,120	2%
Over 60 / 61 to 100 attorneys ***	239	9%	412	7%	5,544	16%	4,662	10%
101 to 200 attorneys ***	---	---	68	1%	---	---	734	2%
Over 200 attorneys ***	---	---	372	6%	---	---	3,523	8%
Median Firm Size	2 attys.		3 attys.		4 attys.		4 attys.	
Members of State Bar Sections								
Section Members	1,739	30%	3,528	32%	25,176	41%	31,693	40%
Non Section Members	4,088	70%	7,532	68%	36,462	59%	47,716	60%
Members of One Section	698	12%	1,675	15%	11,002	18%	15,855	20%
Members of Two Sections	586	10%	1,030	9%	8,145	13%	9,247	12%
Members of Three Sections	264	5%	501	5%	3,481	6%	3,837	5%
Members of Four or More Sections	191	3%	322	3%	2,548	4%	2,754	3%

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Section Membership								
Administrative and Public Law	106	2%	121	1%	1,111	2%	1,081	1%
African-American Lawyers	220	4%	316	3%	242	<1%	336	<1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	54	1%	110	1%	1,203	2%	1,139	1%
American Indian Law	25	<1%	33	<1%	123	<1%	105	<1%
Animal Law	7	<1%	23	<1%	50	<1%	253	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	33	1%	61	1%	1,084	2%	1,119	1%
Appellate	76	1%	114	1%	1,324	2%	1,713	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	66	1%	136	1%	101	<1%	186	<1%
Aviation Law	2	<1%	12	<1%	190	<1%	244	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	---	---	115	1%	---	---	1,238	2%
Business Law	135	2%	303	3%	3,936	6%	3,879	5%
Computer and Technology	52	1%	74	1%	912	1%	786	1%
Construction Law	41	1%	119	1%	1,026	2%	1,802	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	83	1%	121	1%	1,724	3%	1,306	2%
Corporate Counsel	115	2%	278	3%	2,448	4%	2,878	4%
Criminal Justice	171	3%	418	4%	1,442	2%	2,214	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	60	1%	92	1%	503	1%	523	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	77	1%	88	1%	1,537	2%	1,269	2%
Family Law	297	5%	637	6%	3,575	6%	4,462	6%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	115	2%	201	2%	1,562	3%	1,785	2%
Government Lawyers	63	1%	128	1%	539	1%	725	1%
Health Law	61	1%	99	1%	1,236	2%	1,215	2%
Hispanic Issues	184	3%	309	3%	257	<1%	402	1%
Individual Rights and Responsibilities	18	<1%	27	<1%	176	<1%	182	<1%
Insurance Law	---	---	137	1%	---	---	1,520	2%
Intellectual Property Law	84	1%	192	2%	1,284	2%	1,850	2%
International Law	118	2%	123	1%	1,049	2%	811	1%
James C. Watson Inn	4	<1%	12	<1%	72	<1%	154	<1%
Judicial	1	<1%	13	<1%	3	<1%	56	<1%
Justice of the Peace	7	<1%	7	<1%	56	<1%	51	<1%
Juvenile Law	73	1%	168	2%	588	1%	813	1%
Labor and Employment Law	290	5%	438	4%	2,811	5%	2,799	4%
Litigation	463	8%	649	6%	7,239	12%	7,416	9%
Military Law	11	<1%	22	<1%	172	<1%	230	<1%
Municipal Judges	35	1%	60	1%	195	<1%	245	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	56	1%	111	1%	2,103	3%	2,357	3%
Poverty Law	---	---	114	1%	---	---	340	<1%
Public Utility Law	23	<1%	50	<1%	425	1%	403	1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	206	4%	440	4%	5,723	9%	7,020	9%
School Law	81	1%	108	1%	578	1%	574	1%
Sexual Orientation & Gender Identification Issues	---	---	18	<1%	---	---	170	<1%
Taxation	69	1%	130	1%	1,504	2%	1,674	2%
Women and the Law	54	1%	81	1%	500	1%	424	1%

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Board Certifications								
Board Certified Attorneys	190	3%	365	3%	5,780	9%	7,060	9%
Attorneys Not Board Certified	5,637	97%	10,695	97%	55,858	91%	72,349	91%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	169	3%	335	3%	4,591	7%	5,907	7%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	19	<1%	26	<1%	1,050	2%	1,029	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	2	<1%	4	<1%	139	<1%	124	<1%
Attorneys Board Certified In:								
Administrative Law	11	<1%	8	<1%	177	<1%	162	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	1	<1%	2	<1%	185	<1%	160	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	5	<1%	6	<1%	152	<1%	159	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	9	<1%	11	<1%	346	1%	408	1%
Civil Trial Law	24	<1%	31	<1%	1,250	2%	1,173	1%
Consumer and Commercial Law	0	0%	4	<1%	40	<1%	68	<1%
Criminal Law	40	1%	67	1%	650	1%	836	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	6	<1%	8	<1%	498	1%	654	1%
Family Law	19	<1%	32	<1%	600	1%	705	1%
Health Law	---	---	1	<1%	---	---	47	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	11	<1%	34	<1%	67	<1%	102	<1%
Juvenile Law	---	---	10	<1%	---	---	58	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	10	<1%	54	<1%	254	<1%	544	1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	8	<1%	9	<1%	268	<1%	262	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	53	1%	92	1%	1,494	2%	1,768	2%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	8	<1%	6	<1%	481	1%	490	1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	1	<1%	1	<1%	118	<1%	99	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	3	<1%	6	<1%	326	1%	329	<1%
Tax Law	4	<1%	6	<1%	217	<1%	231	<1%
Workers' Compensation Law	---	---	11	<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.