



NOVA SCOTIA
BARRISTERS' SOCIETY

Statistical Snapshot

2022

Membership (October 31, 2022)		
	Total	% of total
Practising	2,186	63.8%
Practising – More than 50 years	24	0.7%
Non–Practising, including retired	1,030	30.1%
Life	94	2.7%
Articling clerks - NS	91	2.7%
Totals	3,425	100.0%

Practising Lawyers – Geographical Distribution (From 2022 Annual Lawyer Report)		
	# by district	% by district
Halifax Regional Municipality	1,496	70.3%
Southwestern NS	186	8.7%
Central NS	166	7.8%
Cape Breton NS	147	6.9%
Outside NS	134	6.3%
Totals	2,129	100.0%

Practising Lawyers – Diversity (2022 Annual Lawyer Report)			
Diverse Communities Self-Identified as:	Individual Identification	Unique Member Total	% of total
Mi'kmaq	48		2.3%
Indigenous	39		1.8%
Total Indigenous or Mi'kmaq (Adjusted for those identifying as both.)		64	3.0%
African Nova Scotian	45		2.1%
Black	41		1.9%
Total Black or African Scotian. (Adjusted for those identifying as both.)		65	3.1%
Adjusted for those both Black or ANS and Indigenous or Mi'kmaq	6	-6	
Racialized	79	61	2.9%
Total identifying as a member of a Black/ANS, Mi'kmaq/Indigenous or racialized community.		184	8.6%
Persons with a disability	77	77	3.6%
2SLGBTQ+	109	109	5.1%
Those identified as a person with a disability or 2SLGBTQ as well as indigenous or racialized.	34	-34	
Total identifying as belonging to one or more of the listed equity deserving communities		336	15.8%



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Type of Practice or Employment (2022 Annual Lawyer Report)		
	# of Lawyers	%
Private practice - partner	539	25.3%
Private practice - associate/other	509	23.9%
Federal government	137	6.4%
Provincial government/legal aid	382	17.9%
Sole practitioner	245	11.5%
Employed lawyer	250	11.7%
All other	67	3.1%
Totals	2,129	100.0%

Area of Law (percentage of time - 2022 Annual Lawyer Report)	# of lawyers whose practice includes:	Overall % of all lawyers' time
Aboriginal	125	1.6%
Administrative	540	6.0%
Bankruptcy and Insolvency	122	0.9%
Civil Litigation - Corporate & Commercial	502	5.7%
Civil Litigation - Personal Injury - Plaintiff	287	4.8%
Civil Litigation - Personal Injury - Defence	207	4.1%
Civil Litigation - Real Estate / Residential Tenancy	131	0.6%
Constitutional / Human Resources	184	1.2%
Corporate / Commercial / Banking	668	10.8%
Criminal - Defence	306	6.1%
Criminal - Prosecution	190	7.4%
Elder	61	0.2%
Employment / Labour - Employee	218	1.5%
Employment / Labour - Employer	279	3.9%
Environmental / Natural Resource / Energy	119	1.2%
Family - Child Protection	223	3.7%
Family - Other	390	6.9%
Government / Crown / Legislative	182	3.6%
Health	67	0.8%
Immigration and Refugee	83	1.6%
Indigenous	37	0.3%
Intellectual Property / Franchises / Patents	110	0.7%
Marine / Shipping / Fisheries	94	0.7%
Military / Aviation	30	0.6%
Mediation & Arbitration / Alternative Dispute Resolution	86	0.8%
Municipal	134	1.2%



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Real Estate	570	9.7%
Privacy	105	0.6%
Securities	76	0.9%
Tax	143	2.2%
Wills, Estates & Trusts	633	5.2%
Other	200	4.3%

Breakdown of practicing lawyers by years since Call (June 30, 2022). Compared to baseline quartiles established in 2007

	2007 (base year for quartiles)		2022	
0-7 Years	432	25%	687	32.3%
8-16 Years	451	25%	468	22.0%
17-26 Years	448	25%	421	19.8%
27+ Years	432	25%	553	26.0%
Totals	1,763	100.0%	2,129	100.0%

Gender Distribution by years since Call (2022 Annual Lawyer Report)

	Male/Man		Female/Woman		Outside M/F binary		Choose Not to Answer	Total
0-7 Years	316	46.8%	355	52.6%	4	0.6%	12	687
8-16 Years	249	53.9%	213	46.1%	0	0.0%	6	468
17-26 Years	189	45.4%	223	53.6%	4	1.0%	5	421
27+ Years	415	76.7%	126	23.3%	0	0.0%	12	553
Totals	1,169	55.8%	917	43.8%	8	0.4%	35	2,129