



NOVA SCOTIA BARRISTERS' SOCIETY

STATISTICAL SNAPSHOT

September 2011

Membership

	Male	% of Total	Female	% of Total	
Practising	1187	62.7%	706	37.3%	1893
Practising – More than 50 Years	13	100%	0	0.0%	13
Non – Practising Including Retired	430	53.6%	372	46.4%	802
Life	36	90.0%	4	10.0%	40
Articling Clerks - NS	27	47.4%	30	52.6%	57

Practising Membership – Geographical Distribution (Note 1)

	Male	% of District	% of Male Population	Female	% of District	% of Female Population	Total	% by District
HRM	789	60.6%	65.8%	512	39.4%	72.5%	1301	68.3%
Southwestern	142	75.1%	11.8%	47	24.9%	6.7%	189	9.9%
Central	120	61.9%	10.0%	74	38.1%	10.5%	194	10.2%
Cape Breton	94	67.6%	7.8%	45	32.4%	6.4%	139	7.3%
Outside NS	55	66.3%	4.6%	28	33.7%	4.0%	83	4.4%

Practising Membership – Diversity (from 2011 Annual Member Report)

% of Population

African Nova Scotian / Black	2.0%
Mi'kmaq / Aboriginal	1.9%
Visible Minority	1.1%
Gay Lesbian Bi-Sexual Transgendered	1.9%
Disabled	1.2%
None of The Above	65.7%
Chose not to answer	26.3%

Type of Practise (from 2010 Annual Member Report) (Note 2)

	Male	% of Type	% of Male Population	Female	% of Type	% of Female Population	Total	% by Type
Partner	352	78.6%	29.3%	96	21.4%	13.6%	460	23.5%
Government / Public Sector	252	52.2%	21.0%	231	47.8%	32.7%	466	25.3%
Associate	192	57.1%	16.0%	144	42.9%	20.4%	290	17.6%
Sole Practitioner	191	76.7%	15.9%	58	23.3%	8.2%	249	13.1%
Employed Lawyer	86	56.6%	7.2%	66	43.4%	9.3%	153	8.0%
All other	127	53.4%	10.6%	111	46.6%	15.8%	219	12.4%



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Area of Law (percentage of time – from 2011 Annual Member Report)			
	Male	Female	Aggregate
Civil Litigation	16.6%	14.2%	15.7%
Criminal	15.1%	11.4%	13.7%
Real Estate	15.9%	7.1%	12.6%
“Other”	10.1%	14.1%	11.7%
Corporate	12.3%	9.1%	11.1%
Family	7.0%	15.2%	10.0%
All others (7 areas including Administrative, Wills, Tax, etc)	23.0%	28.9%	25.2%

Years Since Call				
	2006		2011	
0-7	432	24.5%	448	24.0%
8-16	451	25.6%	446	23.9%
17-26	448	25.4%	434	23.2%
27+	432	24.5%	541	29.0%

Notes:

- (1) Geographic Distribution: “% of District” refers to the gender split within the District – in the case of HRM, 60.6% of the 1,301 Practising Members are Male. “% of Male Population” refers to the gender distribution among the Districts – in the case of Male Practising Lawyers, 65.8% of the 1,200 Practising Male Lawyers work in the HRM. “% by District” refers to the total distribution of all practising members by district.
- (2) Type of Practise Distribution: “% of Type” refers to the gender split within each of the identified Types of Practice. In the case of Partners, 78.6% of the 448 Partners are Male. “% of Male Population” refers to the gender distribution among the Practise Types – in the case of Males, 29.3% of the 1,200 Practising Male Lawyers are Partners.

Some percentages may not add to 100% due to Rounding. In the case of the “Diversity” percentages, a member may fall into more than one group, therefore those percentages will not add to 100%.