



NOVA SCOTIA BARRISTERS' SOCIETY

**STATISTICAL SNAPSHOT**

Autumn 2013

<b>Membership</b>					
	Male	% of total	Female	% of total	
Practising	1,173	61.6%	732	38.4%	1,905
Practising – More than 50 years	13	100%	0	0.0%	13
Non – Practising including Retired	448	54.0%	381	46.0%	829
Life	33	86.8%	5	13.2%	38
Articling clerks - NS	30	42.9%	40	57.1%	70

**Practising Lawyers – Geographical Distribution (Note 1)**

	Male	% of District	% of Male Population	Female	% of District	% of Female Population	Total	% by District
HRM	786	59.2%	66.3%	541	40.8%	73.9%	1,327	69.2%
Southwestern	162	75.7%	13.7%	52	24.4%	7.1%	214	11.2%
Central	102	60.0%	8.6%	68	40.0%	9.3%	170	8.9%
Cape Breton	91	66.4%	7.7%	46	33.6%	6.3%	137	7.1%
Outside NS	45	64.3%	3.8%	25	35.7%	3.4%	70	3.6%

**Practising Lawyers – Diversity (from 2013 Annual Lawyer Report)**

	% of Population
Acadian/Acadien	3.6%
African Nova Scotian / Black	2.3%
Mi'kmaq / Aboriginal	2.4%
Visible minority	1.1%
Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgendered	2.0%
Disabled	1.7%
None of the above	63.8%
Chose not to answer	22.5%

**Type of Practice (from 2013 Annual Lawyer Report) (Note 2)**

	Male	% of type	% of male population	Female	% of type	% of female population	Total	% by type
Partner	357	77.6%	30.6%	103	22.4%	14.6%	460	24.6%
Government / Public Sector	255	51.7%	21.9%	238	48.3%	33.7%	493	26.3%
Associate	161	52.3%	13.8%	147	47.7%	20.8%	308	16.5%
Sole Practitioner	216	75.0%	18.5%	72	25.0%	10.2%	288	15.4%
Employed Lawyer	69	54.8%	5.9%	57	45.2%	8.1%	126	6.7%
All other	107	54.6%	9.2%	89	45.4%	12.6%	196	10.5%



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<b>Area of Law</b> (percentage of time – from 2013 Annual Lawyer Report)					
	<b>Male</b>		<b>Female</b>		<b>Aggregate</b>
<b>Civil litigation</b>	16.5%		13.9%		15.5%
<b>Criminal</b>	15.6%		11.7%		14.1%
<b>Real estate</b>	15.2%		6.7%		12.0%
<b>Corporate</b>	13.0%		10.1%		11.9%
<b>“Other”</b>	9.3%		12.7%		10.6%
<b>Family</b>	6.4%		16.0%		10.0%
<b>All others</b> (7 areas including Administrative, Wills, Tax, etc)	24.0%		28.9%		25.9%

  

<b>Years since Call</b>				
	<b>2006</b>		<b>2012</b>	
<b>0-7</b>	432	24.5%	436	23.3%
<b>8-16</b>	451	25.6%	447	23.9%
<b>17-26</b>	448	25.4%	433	23.1%
<b>27+</b>	432	24.5%	555	29.7%

**Notes:**

- (1) Geographic Distribution: “% of District” refers to the gender split within the district – in the case of HRM, 59.2% of the 1,327 practising lawyers are male. “% of Male Population” refers to the gender distribution among the districts – in the case of male practising lawyers, 66.3% of the 1,186 male practising lawyers work in the HRM. “% by District” refers to the total distribution of all practising lawyers by district.
- (2) Type of Practice Distribution: “% of Type” refers to the gender split within each of the identified types of practice. In the case of Partners, 77.6% of the 460 Partners are male. “% of Male Population” refers to the gender distribution among the practice types – in the case of males, 30.6% of the 1,165 practising male lawyers are Partners.

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