



NOVA SCOTIA BARRISTERS' SOCIETY

**STATISTICAL SNAPSHOT**

FALL - 2015

<b>Membership (September 1, 2015)</b>					
	Male	% of total	Female	% of total	
<b>Practising</b>	1,168	61.1%	744	38.9%	1,911
<b>Practising – More than 50 years</b>	11	100%	0	0.0%	11
<b>Non – Practising including Retired</b>	463	52.7%	408	47.3%	835
<b>Life</b>	41	89.1%	5	10.9%	46
<b>Articling clerks - NS</b>	30	42.9%	40	57.1%	70

<b>Practising Lawyers – Geographical Distribution (September 1, 2015) (Note 1)</b>								
	Male	% of District	% of male population	Female	% of District	% of female population	Total	% by District
<b>HRM</b>	781	58.8%	66.2%	547	41.2%	73.5%	1,328	69.1%
<b>Southwestern</b>	149	75.6%	12.6%	48	24.4%	6.5%	197	10.2%
<b>Central</b>	105	60.0%	8.9%	70	40.0%	9.4%	175	9.1%
<b>Cape Breton</b>	92	67.2%	7.8%	45	32.8%	6.0%	137	7.1%
<b>Outside NS</b>	52	60.5%	4.4%	34	39.5%	4.6%	86	4.5%

<b>Practising Lawyers – Diversity (from 2015 Annual Lawyer Report)</b>		% of population
<b>Acadian/Acadien</b>		3.7%
<b>African Nova Scotian / Black</b>		2.3%
<b>Mi'kmaq / Aboriginal</b>		2.6%
<b>Racialized</b>		1.6%
<b>Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgendered</b>		2.4%
<b>Persons with disabilities</b>		2.0%
<b>None of the above</b>		63.6%
<b>Chose not to answer</b>		21.9%

<b>Type of Practice (from 2015 Annual Lawyer Report) (Note 2)</b>								
	Male	% of type	% of male population	Female	% of type	% of female population	Total	% by type
<b>Partner</b>	341	75.3%	29.0%	112	24.7%	15.2	453	23.7%
<b>Government / public sector</b>	251	49.5%	21.4%	256	50.5%	34.8%	507	26.5%
<b>Associate</b>	182	54.8%	15.5%	150	45.2%	20.4%	332	17.4%
<b>Sole practitioner</b>	210	76.6%	17.9%	64	23.4%	8.7%	274	14.3%
<b>Employed lawyer</b>	131	54.1%	11.1%	111	45.9%	15.1%	242	12.7%
<b>All other</b>	60	58.3%	5.1%	43	41.7%	5.8%	103	5.4%



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<b>Area of Law</b> (percentage of time – from 2015 Annual Lawyer Report)					
	<b>Male</b>		<b>Female</b>		<b>Aggregate</b>
<b>Civil litigation</b>	16.59%		13.48%		15.71%
<b>Criminal</b>	15.93%		11.32%		14.45%
<b>Real estate</b>	13.67%		6.41%		10.61%
<b>Corporate</b>	13.66%		10.17%		12.80%
<b>“Other”</b>	8.56%		13.23%		10.41%
<b>Family</b>	6.87%		16.55%		10.89%
<b>Administrative Law</b>	6.30%		9.66%		7.81%
<b>Bankruptcy</b>	1.31%		0.45%		0.91%
<b>Employment</b>	5.05%		7.79%		6.46%
<b>Intellectual property</b>	0.81%		0.69%		0.79%
<b>Securities</b>	1.04%		0.96%		1.12%
<b>Tax</b>	2.62%		1.93%		2.38%
<b>Wills &amp; estates</b>	6.78%		5.73%		6.63%

  

<b>Years since Call</b> (September 1, 2015)				
	<b>2006</b>		<b>2015</b>	
<b>0-7</b>	432	24.5%	456	23.9%
<b>8-16</b>	451	25.6%	438	22.9%
<b>17-26</b>	448	25.4%	444	23.2%
<b>27+</b>	432	24.5%	573	30.0%

**Notes:**

- (1) Geographic Distribution: “% of District” refers to the gender split within the district – in the case of HRM, 58.8% of the 1,328 practising lawyers are male. “% of Male Population” refers to the gender distribution among the districts – in the case of male practising lawyers, 66.2% of the 1,179 male practising lawyers (September 1) 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, 75.3% of the 453 Partners are male. “% of male population” refers to the gender distribution among the practice types – in the case of males, 29.0% of the 1,175 practising male lawyers (June 30) 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%.