



NOVA SCOTIA  
BARRISTERS' SOCIETY  
**STATISTICAL SNAPSHOT**  
FALL - 2016

<b>Membership (September 1, 2016)</b>					
	Male	% of total	Female	% of total	Total
<b>Practising</b>	1,171	60.5%	763	39.5%	1,934
<b>Practising – More than 50 years</b>	8	100.0%	0	0.0%	8
<b>Non – Practising including Retired</b>	462	52.6%	416	47.4%	878
<b>Life</b>	41	91.1%	4	8.9%	45
<b>Articling clerks - NS</b>	43	47.8%	46	51.1%	90

<b>Practising Lawyers – Geographical Distribution (September 1, 2016) (Note 1)</b>								
	Male	% of District	% of male population	Female	% of District	% of female population	Total	% by District
<b>HRM</b>	782	58.1%	66.3%	563	41.9%	73.8%	1345	69.3%
<b>Southwestern</b>	144	72.7%	12.2%	54	27.3%	7.1%	198	10.2%
<b>Central</b>	105	62.1%	8.9%	64	37.9%	8.4%	169	8.7%
<b>Cape Breton</b>	91	64.1%	7.7%	51	35.9%	6.7%	142	7.3%
<b>Outside NS</b>	57	64.8%	4.8%	31	35.2%	4.0%	88	4.5%

<b>Practising Lawyers – Diversity (from 2016 Annual Lawyer Report)</b>		<b>% of population</b>
<b>Acadian/Acadien</b>		3.6%
<b>African Nova Scotian / Black</b>		2.5%
<b>Mi'kmaq / Aboriginal</b>		2.6%
<b>Racialized</b>		1.8%
<b>Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgendered</b>		2.8%
<b>Persons with disabilities</b>		2.2%
<b>None of the above</b>		64.5%
<b>Chose not to answer</b>		20.1%

<b>Type of Practice (from 2016 Annual Lawyer Report) (Note 2)</b>								
	Male	% of type	% of male population	Female	% of type	% of female population	Total	% by type
<b>Partner</b>	334	73.9%	28.7%	118	26.1%	15.7%	452	23.6%
<b>Government / public sector</b>	243	48.4%	20.9%	259	51.6%	34.4%	502	26.2%
<b>Associate</b>	185	53.0%	15.9%	164	47.0%	21.8%	349	18.2%
<b>Sole practitioner</b>	212	75.7%	18.2%	68	24.3%	9.0%	280	14.6%
<b>Employed lawyer</b>	129	55.8%	11.1%	102	44.2%	13.5%	231	12.1%
<b>All other</b>	60	58.8%	5.2%	42	41.2%	5.6%	102	5.3%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,163</b>	<b>60.6%</b>		<b>753</b>	<b>39.3%</b>		<b>1,916</b>	



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<b>Area of Law</b> (percentage of time – from 2016 Annual Lawyer Report)			
	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Aggregate</b>
Aboriginal	1.04%	1.01%	1.02%
Administrative	6.05%	9.32%	7.49%
Bankruptcy	1.18%	0.55%	0.94%
Civil Litigation	16.54%	13.59%	15.61%
Corporate	13.76%	10.40%	12.77%
Criminal	15.58%	11.65%	14.30%
Employment	5.14%	7.72%	6.51%
Family	7.12%	16.46%	11.10%
Immigration	0.54%	1.13%	0.77%
Intellectual property	0.76%	0.60%	0.70%
Other	6.96%	11.46%	8.80%
Real Estate	13.44%	6.04%	10.26%
Securities	0.95%	0.93%	1.07%
Tax	2.45%	2.08%	2.36%
Wills & estates	6.71%	5.29%	6.32%

<b>Years since Call</b> (September 1, 2016)				
	<b>2006</b>		<b>2016</b>	
<b>0-7</b>	432	24.5%	507	26.1%
<b>8-16</b>	451	25.6%	442	22.8%
<b>17-26</b>	448	25.4%	441	22.7%
<b>27+</b>	432	24.5%	552	28.4%
<b>Totals</b>	1,763	100.0%	1,942	100.0%

**Notes:**

- (1) Geographic Distribution: “% of District” refers to the gender split within the district – in the case of HRM, 58.1% of the 1,345 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 1,179 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, 73.9% of the 452 Partners are male. “% of male population” refers to the gender distribution among the practice types – in the case of males, 28.7% of the 1,163 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%. The Annual Lawyer Report represents values as of June 30, 2016.