



NOVA SCOTIA
BARRISTERS' SOCIETY
STATISTICAL SNAPSHOT
FALL - 2017

Membership (September 1, 2017)					
	Male	% of total	Female	% of total	Total
Practising	1,182	59.3%	812	40.7%	1,994
Practising – More than 50 years	8	100.0%	0	0.0%	8
Non – Practising including Retired	463	53.4%	404	46.6%	867
Life	45	90.0%	5	10.0%	50
Articling clerks - NS	37	45.7%	44	54.3%	81

Practising Lawyers – Geographical Distribution (September 1, 2017) (Note 1)								
	Male	% of District	% of male population	Female	% of District	% of female population	Total	% by District
HRM	788	57.1%	66.2%	591	42.9%	72.8%	1379	68.9%
Southwestern	137	69.2%	11.5%	61	30.8%	7.5%	198	9.9%
Central	106	60.6%	8.9%	69	39.4%	8.5%	175	8.7%
Cape Breton	93	66.0%	7.8%	48	34.0%	5.9%	141	7.0%
Outside NS	66	60.6%	5.5%	43	39.4%	5.3%	109	5.4%

Practising Lawyers – Diversity (from 2017 Annual Lawyer Report)		% of population
Acadian/Acadien		4.0%
African Nova Scotian / Black		2.1%
Mi'kmaq / Aboriginal		2.8%
Racialized		1.8%
Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgendered		2.8%
Persons with disabilities		2.4%
None of the above		64.1%
Chose not to answer		19.9%

Type of Practice (from 2017 Annual Lawyer Report) (Note 2)								
	Male	% of type	% of male population	Female	% of type	% of female population	Total	% by
Partner	344	74.5%	29.5%	118	25.5%	15.0%	462	23.7%
Government / public sector	243	48.6%	20.8%	257	51.4%	32.7%	500	25.6%
Associate	185	50.5%	15.9%	181	49.5%	23.1%	366	18.8%
Sole practitioner	204	74.7%	17.5%	69	25.3%	8.8%	273	14.0%
Employed lawyer	128	63.7%	11.0%	73	36.3%	9.3%	201	10.3%
All other	62	41.6%	5.3%	87	58.4%	11.1%	149	7.6%
Totals	1,166	60.60%		785	39.30%		1,951	



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Area of Law (percentage of time – from 2017 Annual Lawyer Report)			
	Male	Female	Aggregate
Aboriginal	1.4%	1.4%	1.4%
Administrative	5.7%	8.2%	6.9%
Bankruptcy	1.2%	0.4%	0.8%
Civil Litigation - Corporate & Commercial	11.4%	7.0%	9.7%
Civil Litigation - Defence	1.8%	2.2%	2.0%
Civil Litigation - Plaintiff	2.9%	2.7%	2.9%
Constitutional / Human Resources	0.6%	0.9%	0.7%
Corporate & Commercial	13.4%	9.6%	12.3%
Criminal - Defence	10.3%	5.4%	8.4%
Criminal - Prosecution	4.6%	5.2%	4.9%
Elder	0.1%	0.3%	0.2%
Employment / Labour - Employee	3.4%	3.6%	3.6%
Employment / Labour - Employer	1.7%	3.7%	2.6%
Environmental	1.2%	1.0%	1.1%
Family - Child Welfare	0.8%	2.8%	1.6%
Family - Parenting	5.6%	13.8%	9.0%
Government / Crown	1.2%	3.1%	1.9%
Health	0.4%	1.0%	0.6%
Immigration	1.2%	1.8%	1.4%
Intellectual property	0.8%	0.5%	0.7%
Marine	0.5%	0.2%	0.3%
Military	0.5%	0.4%	0.5%
Municipal	1.3%	0.8%	1.1%
Other	4.9%	8.4%	6.4%
Privacy	0.2%	0.7%	0.4%
Real Estate	12.6%	6.0%	9.6%
Securities	1.0%	0.9%	1.0%
Taxes	2.3%	1.8%	2.1%
Wills and estates	6.5%	6.1%	6.5%



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Years since Call (September 1, 2017)				
	2007		2017	
0-7	467	25.6%	549	27.4%
8-16	446	24.4%	473	23.6%
17-26	452	24.8%	409	20.4%
27+	457	25.0%	571	28.5%
Totals	1,822	100.0%	2,002	100.0%

Notes:

- (1) Geographic Distribution: “% of District” refers to the gender split within the district – in the case of HRM, 57.1% of the 1,379 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 1,190 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, 74.5% of the 462 Partners are male. “% of male population” refers to the gender distribution among the practice types – in the case of males, 29.5% of the 1,166 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, 2017.