



NOVA SCOTIA
BARRISTERS' SOCIETY
STATISTICAL SNAPSHOT

FALL/WINTER – 2018/2019

| Membership Numbers (November 30, 2018) | | |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|
| | # of members | % of total |
| Practising | 2,042 | 65.8% |
| Practising – More than 50 years | 10 | 0.3% |
| Non-Practising including retired | 919 | 29.6% |
| Life | 56 | 1.8% |
| Articling clerks - NS | 77 | 2.5% |
| Totals | 3,104 | 100.0% |

| Practising Lawyers – Geographical Distribution (November 30, 18) | | |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| | # by district | % by district |
| Halifax Regional Municipality | 1,412 | 69.1% |
| Southwestern N.S. | 197 | 9.6% |
| Central N.S. | 177 | 8.7% |
| Cape Breton N.S. | 145 | 7.1% |
| Outside N.S. | 111 | 5.4% |
| Totals | 2,042 | 100.0% |

| Practising Lawyers – Equity Seeking Groups (2018 Annual Lawyer Report) | |
|---|------------------------|
| | % of population |
| Acadian/Acadien | 3.7% |
| African Nova Scotian / Black | 2.7% |
| Indigenous | 2.8% |
| Racialized | 2.0% |
| LGBTQ+ | 3.4% |
| Person with a disability | 2.9% |
| None of the above | 64.5% |
| Chose not to answer | 18.0% |

| Type of Practice (2018 Annual Lawyer Report) | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| | # by type | % by type |
| Private practice - partner | 530 | 26.7% |
| Private practice - associate/other | 455 | 22.9% |
| Federal government | 117 | 5.9% |
| Provincial government/legal aid | 373 | 18.8% |
| Sole practitioner | 226 | 11.4% |
| Employed lawyer | 158 | 8.0% |
| All other | 125 | 6.3% |
| Totals | 1,984 | 100.0% |



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| Area of Law (2018 Annual Lawyer Report) (note 1) | # of lawyers whose practice includes: | Average % of lawyers' time |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| Aboriginal | 137 | 21.2% |
| Administrative | 602 | 21.6% |
| Bankruptcy | 147 | 12.6% |
| Civil Litigation - corporate & | 652 | 22.4% |
| Civil Litigation – personal injury plaintiff | 269 | 28.2% |
| Civil Litigation – personal injury | 150 | 35.8% |
| Civil Litigation - real estate | 69 | 8.7% |
| Constitutional/human resources | 153 | 10.9% |
| Corporate/commercial | 784 | 29.7% |
| Criminal - defence | 351 | 38.1% |
| Criminal - prosecution | 191 | 72.3% |
| Elder | 57 | 7.3% |
| Employment/Labour - employee | 324 | 14.3% |
| Employment/Labour - employer | 235 | 29.8% |
| Environmental | 129 | 17.5% |
| Family - child protection | 181 | 30.1% |
| Family - other | 463 | 35.3% |
| Government/crown | 154 | 40.7% |
| Health | 69 | 18.2% |
| Immigration | 81 | 34.7% |
| Indigenous | 19 | 11.4% |
| Intellectual property | 131 | 10.2% |
| Marine | 81 | 15.1% |
| Military | 24 | 44.4% |
| Mediation/Alternative dispute | 41 | 25.5% |
| Municipal | 160 | 14.9% |
| Real estate | 602 | 32.3% |
| Privacy | 99 | 10.4% |
| Securities | 95 | 21.7% |
| Tax | 157 | 27.2% |
| Wills | 694 | 17.3% |
| Other | 146 | 30.6% |



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| Years since Call – 10 year comparison (2018 Annual Lawyer Report) | | | | |
|--|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| | 2008 | | 2018 | |
| 0-7 Years | 438 | 24.1% | 526 | 26.5% |
| 8-16 Years | 443 | 24.4% | 470 | 23.7% |
| 17-26 Years | 454 | 25.0% | 414 | 20.8% |
| 27+ Years | 481 | 26.5% | 576 | 29.0% |
| Totals | 1,816 | 100.0% | 1,986 | 100.0% |

| Gender identities by years since Call (2018 Annual Lawyer Report) (note 2) | | | |
|---|--------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| | Male | Female | Choose Not to Answer |
| 0-7 Years | 241 | 258 | 25 |
| 8-16 Years | 229 | 223 | 18 |
| 17-26 Years | 212 | 178 | 24 |
| 27+ Years | 422 | 115 | 39 |
| Totals | 1,104 | 774 | 106 |

Notes:

- (1) Area of Law: The Column **Number (#) of lawyers who practice includes** identifies how many lawyers said that they practice any percentage of their time in each area of law. Many lawyers practice in multiple areas.
- (2) The 2018 Annual Lawyer Report was the first time that the Society asked the question “I identify my gender as”. There were 106 members who chose not to answer the question and there were others who identified as “Other”. In an attempt to protect the anonymity of these members the number and gender have not be displayed in the chart above. The wording of this and other questions and options for responses is being re-evaluated for the 2019 version of the Annual Lawyer Report.

Some percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding. In the case of the “Equity” 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, 2018. The report can be found on the Society’s website [here](#).