



NOVA SCOTIA
BARRISTERS' SOCIETY

STATISTICAL SNAPSHOT

FALL/WINTER – 2019/2020

Membership Numbers (November 30, 2019)		
	# of members	% of total
Practising	2,069	65.2%
Practising – More than 50 years	10	0.3%
Non–Practising including retired	944	29.8%
Life	65	2.0%
Articling clerks - NS	84	2.6%
Totals	3,172	100.0%

Practising Lawyers – Geographical Distribution (November 30, 2019)		
	# by district	% by district
Halifax Regional Municipality	1,438	69.5%
Southwestern N.S.	204	9.9%
Central N.S.	173	8.4%
Cape Breton N.S.	151	7.3%
Outside N.S.	113	5.0%
Totals	2,069	100.0%

Practising Lawyers – Equity Seeking Groups (2019 Annual Lawyer Report)		
	Total	% of practising
Acadian/Acadien	75	4.0%
African Nova Scotian	41	2.0%
Black	35	2.0%
Indigenous	28	1.0%
Mi'kmaq	38	2.0%
Racialized	46	2.0%
2SLGBTQ people	77	4.0%
Persons with a disability	56	3.0%
Other diversity group	40	2.0%
None of the above	1297	64.0%
Chose not to answer	380	19.0%

***Respondents could identify in more than one category, if applicable.**



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Type of Practice (2019 Annual Lawyer Report) (Note 2)		
	# by type	% by type
Private practice - partner	543	26.6%
Private practice - associate/other	479	23.5%
Federal government	120	5.9%
Provincial government/legal aid	389	19.1%
Sole practitioner	231	11.3%
Employed lawyer	230	11.3%
All other	48	2.4%
Totals	2,040	100.0%

Area of Law (2019 Annual Lawyer Report)	# of lawyers whose practice includes:	Average % of lawyers' time
Aboriginal	123	23.47%
Administrative	557	23.17%
Bankruptcy	130	14.52%
Civil Litigation - corporate & commercial	545	21.42%
Civil Litigation – personal injury plaintiff	299	30.96%
Civil Litigation – personal injury defence	187	38.92%
Civil Litigation - real estate	128	8.28%
Constitutional/human resources	178	11.99%
Corporate/commercial	697	32.02%
Criminal - defence	311	39.72%
Criminal - prosecution	203	74.76%
Elder	62	7.26%
Employment/Labour - employee	234	15.01%
Employment/Labour - employer	277	28.74%
Environmental	121	20.58%
Family - child protection	221	32.37%
Family - other	399	36.8%
Government/crown	170	40.7%
Health	64	24.28%
Immigration	90	36.98%
Indigenous	37	14.84%
Intellectual property	107	9.6%
Marine	83	16.54%
Military	24	38.83%



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Mediation/Alternative dispute resolution	83	16.3%
Municipal	139	17.22%
Real estate	584	33.44%
Privacy	112	11.29%
Securities	92	21.23%
Tax	143	26.4%
Wills	653	17.92%
Other	204	48.47%

Years since Call (June 30, 2019)				
	2007 (base year for quartiles)		2019	
0-7 Years	432	24.5%	561	27.5%
8-16 Years	451	25.6%	486	23.8%
17-26 Years	448	25.4%	409	20.1%
27+ Years	432	24.5%	584	28.7%
Totals	1,763	100.0%	2,040	100.0%

Gender identities by years since Call (2019 Annual Lawyer Report)								
	Male		Female		Outside M/F binary		Choose Not to Answer	Total
0-7 Years	235	44.5%	289	54.7%	4	0.8%	33	561
8-16 Years	234	49.6%	230	50.4%	0	0.0%	22	486
17-26 Years	195	50.6%	189	49.1%	1	0.3%	24	409
27+ Years	417	77.2%	122	22.6%	1	0.2%	44	584
Totals	1,081	56.2%	830	43.5%	6	0.3%	123	2,040

Notes:

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%. Percentages for gender identity is the percent of those who responded and does not include those who chose not to answer. The Annual Lawyer Report represents values as of June 30, 2019.