



NOVA SCOTIA  
BARRISTERS' SOCIETY

**STATISTICAL SNAPSHOT**

FALL/WINTER – 2020/2021

<b>Membership (November 30, 2020)</b>		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>% of total</b>
Practising	2,078	64.0%
Practising – More than 50 years	11	0.3%
Non–Practising, including retired	990	30.5%
Life	80	2.5%
Articling clerks - NS	86	2.7%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3,245</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

<b>Practising Lawyers – Geographical Distribution (November 30, 2020)</b>		
	<b># by district</b>	<b>% by district</b>
Halifax Regional Municipality	1,449	69.4%
Southwestern N.S.	203	9.8%
Central N.S.	174	8.4%
Cape Breton N.S.	149	7.2%
Outside N.S.	114	5.5%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,089</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

<b>Practising Lawyers – Diversity (2020 Annual Lawyer Report)</b>			
<b>Diverse Communities Self-Identified as:</b>	<b>Individual Identification</b>	<b>Unique Member Total</b>	<b>% of total</b>
Mi'kmaq	43		2.1%
Indigenous	32		1.6%
Total Indigenous or Mi'kmaq (Adjusted for those identifying as both.)		61	3.0%
African Nova Scotian	45		2.2%
Black	48		2.3%
Total Black or African Scotian. (Adjusted for those identifying as both.)		69	3.4%
Adjust for those both Black or ANS and Indigenous or Mi'kmaq.		-8	
Racialized	67	50	2.4%
<i>Total identifying as a member of an indigenous or racialized community.</i>		<b>172</b>	<b>8.4%</b>
Persons with a disability	61	61	3.0%
2SLGBTQ	76	76	3.7%
Adjust for those who identified in multiple communities.		-25	
<b>Total who identify as one or more of the listed diverse communities</b>		<b>284</b>	<b>13.9%</b>

**Note:** Individual identification column represents the communities to which individuals identified as belonging, the unique member total is adjusted to include individuals only once, even if they belong to multiple communities.



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<b>Type of Practice or Employment (2020 Annual Lawyer Report)</b>		
	<b># of Lawyers</b>	<b>%</b>
Private practice - partner	559	27.3%
Private practice - associate/other	456	22.3%
Federal government	116	5.7%
Provincial government/legal aid	378	18.5%
Sole practitioner	232	11.3%
Employed lawyer	229	11.2%
All other	78	3.8%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,048</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

<b>Area of Law (percentage of time - 2020 Annual Lawyer Report)</b>	<b># of lawyers whose practice includes:</b>	<b>Average % of lawyers' time</b>	<b>Overall % of all lawyers' time</b>
Aboriginal	125	25.9%	1.6%
Administrative	540	22.6%	6.0%
Bankruptcy and Insolvency	122	15.2%	0.9%
Civil Litigation - Corporate & Commercial	502	22.8%	5.7%
Civil Litigation - Personal Injury - Plaintiff	287	33.6%	4.8%
Civil Litigation - Personal Injury - Defence	207	40.4%	4.1%
Civil Litigation - Real Estate / Residential Tenancy	131	9.8%	0.6%
Constitutional / Human Resources	184	13.0%	1.2%
Corporate / Commercial / Banking	668	32.6%	10.8%
Criminal - Defence	306	40.5%	6.1%
Criminal - Prosecution	190	78.4%	7.4%
Elder	61	7.9%	0.2%
Employment / Labour - Employee	218	14.0%	1.5%
Employment / Labour - Employer	279	28.2%	3.9%
Environmental / Natural Resource / Energy	119	19.7%	1.2%
Family - Child Protection	223	33.4%	3.7%
Family - Other	390	35.7%	6.9%
Government / Crown / Legislative	182	40.4%	3.6%
Health	67	23.3%	0.8%
Immigration and Refugee	83	39.7%	1.6%
Indigenous	37	14.1%	0.3%
Intellectual Property / Franchises / Patents	110	12.2%	0.7%



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Marine / Shipping / Fisheries	94	16.0%	0.7%
Military / Aviation	30	43.5%	0.6%
Mediation & Arbitration / Alternative Dispute Resolution	86	18.6%	0.8%
Municipal	134	17.5%	1.2%
Real Estate	570	34.3%	9.7%
Privacy	105	12.3%	0.6%
Securities	76	24.8%	0.9%
Tax	143	31.0%	2.2%
Wills, Estates & Trusts	633	16.7%	5.2%
Other	200	43.9%	4.3%

**Years since Call (June 30, 2020)**

	2007 (base year for quartiles)		2020	
0-7 Years	432	25%	599	29.2%
8-16 Years	451	25%	469	22.9%
17-26 Years	448	25%	405	19.8%
27+ Years	432	25%	575	28.1%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,763</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,048</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Gender Distribution by years since Call (2020 Annual Lawyer Report)**

	Male		Female		Outside M/F binary		Choose Not to Answer	Total
0-7 Years	263	45.8%	310	54.0%	1	0.2%	25	599
8-16 Years	234	51.2%	223	48.8%	0	0.0%	12	469
17-26 Years	195	49.9%	196	50.1%	0	0.0%	14	405
27+ Years	426	77.7%	121	22.1%	1	0.2%	27	575
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,118</b>	<b>56.8%</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>43.1%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>2,048</b>