



NOVA SCOTIA
BARRISTERS' SOCIETY

Statistical Snapshot

FALL/WINTER – 2021/2022

Membership (October 31, 2021)		
	Total	% of total
Practising	2,133	63.9%
Practising – More than 50 years	16	0.5%
Non–Practising, including retired	1,013	30.4%
Life	71	2.1%
Articling clerks - NS	103	3.1%
Totals	3,336	100.0%

Practising Lawyers – Geographical Distribution (October 31, 2021)		
	# by district	% by district
Halifax Regional Municipality	1,502	69.9%
Southwestern N.S.	190	8.8%
Central N.S.	172	8.0%
Cape Breton N.S.	157	7.3%
Outside N.S.	128	6.0%
Totals	2,149	100.0%

Practising Lawyers – Diversity (2021 Annual Lawyer Report)			
Diverse Communities Self-Identified as:	Individual Identification	Unique Member Total	% of total
Mi'kmaq	43		2.1%
Indigenous	36		1.6%
Total Indigenous or Mi'kmaq (Adjusted for those identifying as both.)		61	3.0%
African Nova Scotian	48		2.2%
Black	44		2.3%
Total Black or African Scotian. (Adjusted for those identifying as both.)		68	3.4%
Racialized	78	59	2.4%
Total identifying as a member of a Black/ANS, Mi'kmaq/Indigenous or racialized community.		178	8.4%
Persons with a disability	86	77	3.0%
2SLGBTQ+	94	67	3.7%
Total identifying as belonging to one or more of the listed equity deserving communities		322	13.9%

Note: Individual identification column shows the number of respondents identifying in each community. The unique member group totals are adjusted to include individuals only once, even if they identify in multiple communities.



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Type of Practice or Employment (2021 Annual Lawyer Report)		
	# of Lawyers	%
Private practice - partner	547	26.2%
Private practice - associate/other	487	23.4%
Federal government	116	5.6%
Provincial government/legal aid	411	19.7%
Sole practitioner	237	11.4%
Employed lawyer	235	11.3%
All other	52	2.5%
Totals	2,085	100.0%

Area of Law (percentage of time - 2021 Annual Lawyer Report)	# of lawyers whose practice includes:	Overall % of all lawyers' time
Aboriginal	130	1.5%
Administrative	524	5.7%
Bankruptcy and Insolvency	120	0.8%
Civil Litigation - Corporate & Commercial	452	5.3%
Civil Litigation - Personal Injury - Plaintiff	288	5.1%
Civil Litigation - Personal Injury - Defence	206	3.8%
Civil Litigation - Real Estate / Residential Tenancy	141	0.7%
Constitutional / Human Resources	201	1.2%
Corporate / Commercial / Banking	643	10.7%
Criminal - Defence	291	5.9%
Criminal - Prosecution	196	7.7%
Elder	50	0.2%
Employment / Labour - Employee	199	1.6%
Employment / Labour - Employer	271	3.7%
Environmental / Natural Resource / Energy	104	1.2%
Family - Child Protection	226	3.5%
Family - Other	371	7.0%
Government / Crown / Legislative	185	3.8%
Health	69	0.8%
Immigration and Refugee	74	1.7%
Indigenous	31	0.3%
Intellectual Property / Franchises / Patents	97	0.6%
Marine / Shipping / Fisheries	85	0.7%
Military / Aviation	28	0.6%
Mediation & Arbitration / Alternative Dispute Resolution	89	0.7%



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Municipal	127	1.1%
Real Estate	549	9.9%
Privacy	102	0.7%
Securities	78	1.0%
Tax	140	2.1%
Wills, Estates & Trusts	604	5.6%
Other	197	4.9%

Breakdown of practicing lawyers by years since Call (June 30, 2021). Compared to baseline quartiles established in 2006

	2006 (base year for quartiles)		2021	
0-7 Years	432	25%	638	30.6%
8-16 Years	451	25%	468	22.4%
17-26 Years	448	25%	423	20.3%
27+ Years	432	25%	556	26.7%
Totals	1,763	100.0%	2,085	100.0%

Gender Distribution by years since Call (2021 Annual Lawyer Report)

	Male		Female		Outside M/F binary		Choose Not to Answer	Total
0-7 Years	275	45.4%	328	54.1%	3	0.5%	32	638
8-16 Years	233	51.7%	217	48.1%	1	0.2%	18	469
17-26 Years	190	46.6%	218	53.4%	0	0.0%	16	424
27+ Years	409	77.8%	117	22.2%	0	0.0%	28	554
Totals	1,107	55.6%	880	44.2%	4	0.2%	94	2,085