

STATISTICS BOOKLET

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A STATISTICAL PROFILE OF THE NSW BAR

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this statistical booklet is to provide a profile of the NSW Bar and membership of the NSW Bar Association at a point in time from the available data.

The statistics contained in this booklet are separated into five parts, being:

1. Members of the NSW Bar Association (practising and non practising);
2. Bar Association Members with a NSW practising certificate;
3. Holders of NSW Practising Certificates (including interstate and overseas);
4. Chambers/Floors with Clerks; and
5. Practice Areas – All holders of NSW Practising Certificates

The table of contents in each section lists each category of data contained therein. The data is presented in graphical and table/pie chart format.

The data of the current year is sourced from the practising certificate and membership database maintained by the NSW Bar Association. Data from past years has been obtained from the NSW Bar Association's Annual Reports and past statistics booklets.

All information held by the NSW Bar Association has been provided by individual members, barrister's or their staff. Where the Association becomes aware of a change, that change is noted on the database. Further, each year during practising certificate and membership renewals, all barristers and members are asked to formally confirm the data held about them by the Association.

The current year's data is 'real time'. Daily changes are made to the database as information is received. Whilst daily changes may be minimal, a number of major changes occur each year to the database. These are the renewal of practising certificates and membership in July, the appointment of new Silks in October, and the natural transitions of the Bar such as retirements at the end of the calendar year.

It should be noted that the NSW Bar Association database (as with most databases) has limitations and that some data in this booklet may contain insignificant errors.

The NSW Bar Association welcomes any feedback on this booklet, whether be it on the data categories or format. If there is other statistical information that has not been included and you think would be useful, please let us know.

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