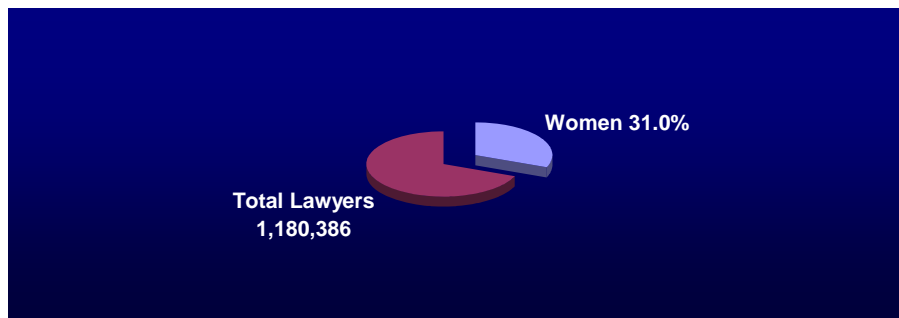




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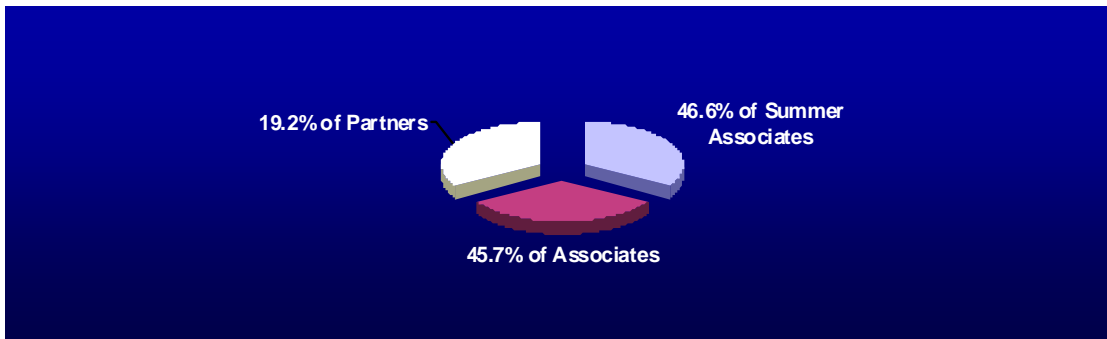
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Women in the Legal Profession



2009 National Lawyer Population by State. American Bar Association Market Research Department.

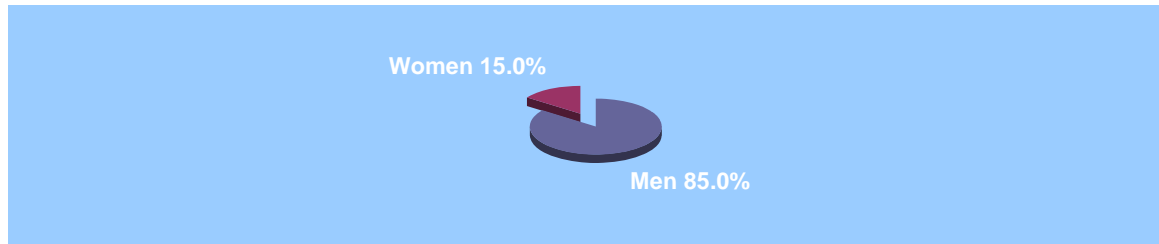
Women in Private Practice



Law Firm Diversity Demographics Show Little Change, Despite Economic Downturn. National Association for Law Placement, October 2009.
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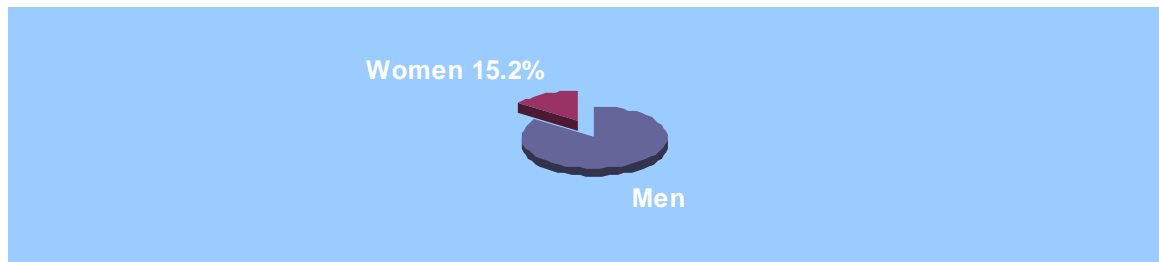
Women in Corporations

Fortune 500 General Counsel



	Caucasian	African American	Hispanic	Asian American/ Pacific Islander
2009	88.2%	7.1%	2.4%	1.2%

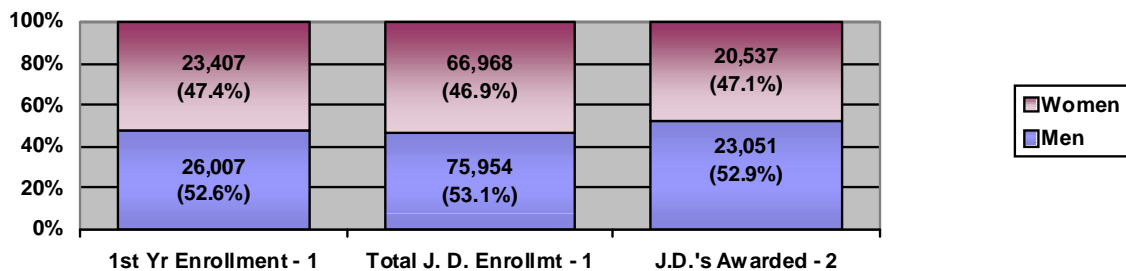
Fortune 501-1000 General Counsel



	Caucasian	African American	Hispanic	Asian American/ Pacific Islander
2008	89.4%	5.3%	2.6%	1.3%

MCCA 2009 Survey of Fortune 500 Women General Counsel, as of July/August 2009. *One woman in the *Fortune* 500 and one in the 501-1000 declined to offer her race/ethnicity.
www.mcca.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.viewpage&pageid=1931

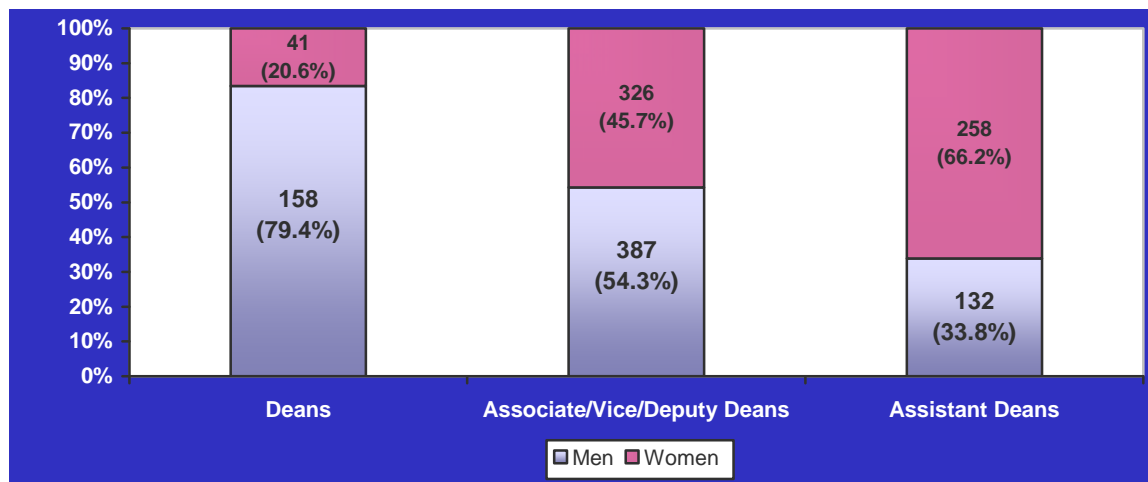
Women in Law Schools



¹ *Enrollment and Degrees Awarded, 2008-2009 Academic Year.* American Bar Association Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar. www.abanet.org/legaled/statistics/charts/stats%20-%201.pdf

² *J.D. and LL.B. Degrees Awarded, 2007-2008 Academic Year.* American Bar Association Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar. www.abanet.org/legaled/statistics/charts/stats%20-%20207.pdf

Law School Administration



Statistics provided by the Association of American Law Schools

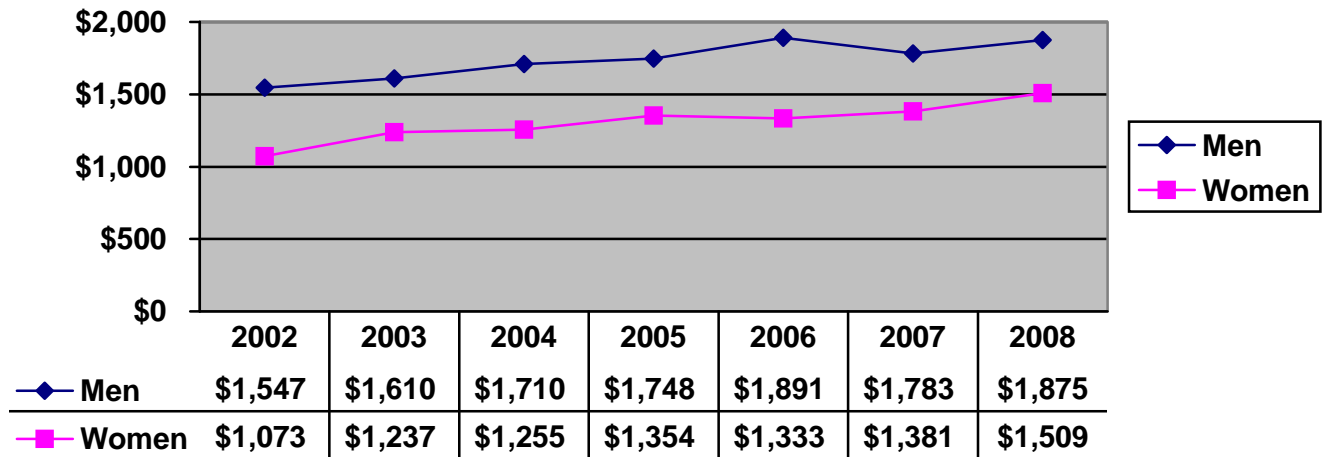
Women in the Judiciary

<u>Type of Court</u>	<u>Total # of Seats</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>% Women</u>
District Court Judges¹	680 current seats – 25 vacancies	168	24.7%
Total Circuit Courts¹	167 current seats – 11 vacancies	45	26.9%
International Trade¹	9 current seats	3	33.3%
United States Supreme Court	9	2	22.2%
State Courts of Last Resort²	349	113	32.4%
Female Chief Justice²	53	18	34.0%

¹ Alliance for Justice Judicial Selection Database: Demographic Overview of the Federal Judiciary, as of 10/20/09. www.judicialselectionproject.org/demographics.asp

² Statistics provided by National Center for State Courts, Knowledge & Information Services Division, November, 2009. Note: The state courts of last resort include the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals and the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

Weekly Salary Men vs. Women Lawyers



Women lawyers' weekly salary as a percentage of male lawyers' salary:

69.4% | 76.8% | 73.4% | 77.5% | 70.5% | 77.5% | 80.5%

Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Median weekly earnings of full-time wage and salary workers by detailed occupation and sex*. www.bls.gov/cps/cpsaat39.pdf

Women in the ABA

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>% Women</u>
Membership ¹	370,282	123,924	33.5%
Board of Governors ²	38	11	28.9%
Section/Division Chairs, 2009-2010 Bar Year	28	9	32.1%
Total Presidential Appointments, 2009-2010	760	337	44.3%
Committee Chair Appointments, 2009-2010	77	26	33.8%

¹ American Bar Association Marketing and Membership (represents lawyer, associate, and student members as of October 31, 2009).

² American Bar Association, www.abanet.org/leadership/board/home.html

Women presidents of the ABA:

- Roberta Cooper Ramo (1995 - 1996)
- Martha W. Barnett (2000 - 2001)
- Karen J. Mathis (2006 - 2007)
- Carolyn B. Lamm (2009 - 2010)

Women chairs of the House of Delegates:

- Martha W. Barnett (1994 -1996)
- Karen J. Mathis (2000 - 2002)
- Laurel G. Bellows (2006 - 2008)

Treasurer

- Alice E. Richmond (2008-2010)

First woman member of the ABA:

- Mary Florence Lathrop; Denver, CO (1918)

For more information on women's advancement into leadership positions in the ABA, see the ABA Commission on Women's *Goal III (Formerly Goal IX) Report Card* at www.abanet.org/women/goaliii.html.

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