FAQs:
The House of Delegates
2019
Who makes up the House?
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- **2/3** of our delegates are in private practice
- 37% → Solos and small firms of ≤10 lawyers
- 27% → Lawyers from firms of 10-100 lawyers
- 36% → Lawyers from firms of 100+ lawyers
Who makes up the House?

**Women** make up 41% of the House

- The percentage of women in the House is highest for the **under 30** category but drops consistently over each 10 year period.
Who makes up the House?

- Among all lawyers in the House under age 60 …

49% are women
51% are men

- But over age 60, men outnumber women 2 to 1
Who makes up the House?

- Average age is 60
- 1 in 5 delegates identify as ethnically or racially diverse*
- 2.3% identified as having a disability

*80% of delegates responded to this question
Additional data is available but not reported due to incomplete responses.
Who helps the House do its work?
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Members who serve on committees:

- **53% women**
  Compared to 41% in the House as a whole

- **42% diverse** (with 8% unknown)
  Compared to 18% diverse in the House (and 21% unknown)

- About **2/3 are under 60**
  Compared to the average age of the House at 60
How many resolutions does the House consider?
How many resolutions?

- From 2016-2018, **197 resolutions** were considered by the House
  - That’s a **50%** increase since 2016
  - The House approved **84%** of the resolutions considered
  - Total number approved: **165**
Where do the resolutions come from?
Who brings the resolutions to the House?

During 2016-2018, the House considered resolutions from many sources. This is a list of primary sponsors by type:

- **Practice-focused ABA Sections and Forums**: 39%
- **State, local, and special-focus bar associations**: 14%
- **ABA Divisions such as Young Lawyers, Law Students, and Senior Lawyers**: 14%
- **ABA Standing Committees**: 14%
- **ABA Commissions**: 9%
- **Other ABA entities**: 6%
- **Entities which are treated in a special way (National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Law, Section of Legal Education & Admissions to the Bar, and Standing Committee on Paralegals)**: 4%
What is the subject matter of resolutions adopted by the House of Delegates?
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1 in 5 resolutions concern the legal profession (e.g. legal education, ethics, ADR, paralegals, legal services, etc)

1 in 4 resolutions concern civil practice (e.g. employment law, family law, intellectual property law, children’s law, etc)
What is the subject matter of House resolutions?

1 in 6 resolutions concern access to justice, civil rights and diversity & inclusion

1 in 6 resolutions concern criminal and juvenile justice
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1 in 6 resolutions concern **federal law and policy**

1 in 10 resolutions concern **rule of law and international law**
How can you participate?
Submit resolutions
Review submitted resolutions and provide input by speaking or taking a position
Contact ABA House of Delegates staff with any questions