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LAWYER POPULATION AND AGENCY CASELOAD VOLUME, 2008

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STATE	No. of Lawyers with Active License	No. of Complaints Received by Disciplinary Agency	No. of Complaints Pending from Prior Years	No. of Complaints Summarily Dismissed for Lack of Jurisdiction	No. of Complaints Investigated	No. of Complaints Dismissed After Investigation	No. of Lawyers Charged After Probable Cause Determination
Alabama	15,814	1,408	310	1,116	232	84	46
Alaska	2,985	253	86	188	39	22	8
Arizona	16,418	4,324 ¹	675	1,179	1,615	643	85
Arkansas	8,500 *	859	388	109	1,227	725	114 ²
California	165,474	16,165 ³	4,097	12,926	4,966	1,799	430
Colorado	22,961	4,119 ⁴	51	3,537	361	183	55
Connecticut	36,248	1,232	N/A	200	1,032	763	469 ²
Delaware	2,957	297	30	72	212	130	14
District of Columbia	66,719	1,215	395	650	960	565	41
Florida	87,010	9,788 ⁵	2,773	3,307	6,449	5,697	152
Georgia	31,621	2,453 ⁶	117	2,163	340	123	170 ²
Hawaii	4,726	466	394	386	860	504	2
Idaho	4,094	432	203	347	452	347	12
Illinois	83,908	5,897 ⁷	1,814	1,441	6,127	4,305	228

* = Estimated.

¹Arizona: Includes 3,119 matters handled by consumer assistance program.

²Arkansas, Connecticut, Georgia: Represents number of cases, not lawyers.

³California: Includes matters handled by central intake. The State Bar of California defines a complaint as a communication concerning the conduct of a member received by the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel which is designated for evaluation to determine if any action is warranted.

⁴Colorado: Includes matters handled by central intake.

⁵Florida: Excludes 9,788 matters handled by consumer assistance program.

⁶Georgia: Excludes matters handled by consumer assistance program.

⁷Illinois: Includes 4,171 matters handled by central intake.

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Indiana	17,171	1,582	972	939	1,615	536	47
Iowa	8,685	667 *	179	120 *	532	456	45
Kansas	10,872	856	N/A	373	532	369	64
Kentucky	15,947 *	1,199 ⁸	276	606	1,069	640	47
Louisiana	20,145	3,098 ⁹	2,459	1,758	3,899	972	135
Maine	4,879	377	130	145	281	243	22
Maryland	33,400	2,053	353	1,647	759	414	54
Massachusetts	51,999	997 ¹⁰	700	51	1,697	712	144
Michigan	40,501	2,907	NA	2,141	661	494	157
Minnesota	22,610	1,257	500	520	1,237	367	32
Mississippi	8,465	604 ¹¹	6	174	21	342	37
Missouri	29,095	2,362 ¹²	481	1,381	1,238	544	43
Montana	3,400	324	257	100	308	244	24
Nebraska	6,456	411	98	140	271	227	39
Nevada	7,739	1,701	N/A	170	1,531 ¹³	71 ¹⁴	18
New Hampshire	4,783	276	103	154	215	154	23
New Jersey	67,181	1,394	1,126	6,970	1,500	N/A	189

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⁸Kentucky: Includes 415 matters handled by central intake.

⁹Louisiana: Includes 1,758 matters handled by central intake.

¹⁰Massachusetts: Excludes 4,983 matters handled by consumer assistance program.

¹¹Mississippi: Excludes 1,303 matters handled by consumer assistance program.

¹²Missouri: Includes matters handled by central intake.

¹³Nevada: 1,259 cases were investigated, but no grievance file opened, plus 272 grievance files opened for a combined total of 1,531.

¹⁴Nevada: Of 272 grievance files opened, 71 were dismissed outright or dismissed with letters of caution.

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New Mexico	6,727	592	164	467	555	503	28
New York 1st Judicial Department	82,561	3,977 ¹⁵	1,039	958	3,365	1,928 ¹⁶	75
New York 2nd Judicial Department 9th District	13,848	1,558	585	483	683	549	94
New York 2nd Judicial Department 10th Judicial District	20,071	2,449 ¹⁷	1,234	1,226	686	630	33
New York 2nd Judicial Department 2nd & 11th Districts	14,229	2,176	703	1,097	1,341	258	57
New York 3rd Judicial Department	10,000 *	1,664	711	1,101	634	306	292
New York 4th Judicial Department 5th, 7th & 8th Districts	13,209	2,674	747	1,263	2,022	1,229	211
North Carolina	22,973 *	1,543 ¹⁸	758	641	979	916	33
North Dakota	1,990	213	133	57	286	106	N/A

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¹⁵New York 1st Judicial Dept: Includes 693 lawyers suspended for nonpayment of registration fees.

¹⁶New York 1st Judicial Dept: Includes 9 mediation cases.

¹⁷New York 2nd Judicial Dept. 10th Judicial District: Includes 385 matters handled by central intake.

¹⁸North Carolina: Excludes 3,646 complaints handled by consumer assistance program.

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Ohio	42,969	4,870	N/A	2,624	2,246	N/A	92
Oklahoma	16,275	283	216	1,239	288	216	10
Oregon	13,550	1,735 ¹⁹	N/A	704	1,031	880	153
Pennsylvania	60,531	4,787	1,004	150	5,641	4,188	243
Rhode Island	5,160	461	N/A	129	N/A	185	6
South Carolina	13,157	1,646 ²⁰	835	272	1,319	927	N/A
South Dakota	1,956	72	54	12	72	88	9
Tennessee	19,677	875 ²¹	609	205	1,482	532	42
Texas	82,414	7,308 ²²	N/A	5,161	2,147	1,675	556
Utah	7,618	877 ²³	N/A	770	1,287	73	15
Vermont	2,000	242 ²⁴	56	80	225	146	13
Virginia	27,562	4,277 ²⁵	985	2,446	2,128	895	N/A

* = Estimated.

¹⁹Oregon: Includes 1,539 matters handled by consumer assistance program.

²⁰South Carolina: Excludes 1,591 matters handled by central intake.

²¹Tennessee: Excludes 4,214 matters handled by consumer assistance program.

²²Texas: Excludes 1,031 cases handled by consumer assistance program.

²³Utah: Includes 28 matters handled by central intake.

²⁴Vermont: Excludes 160 matters handled by consumer assistance program.

²⁵Virginia: Includes 3,134 matters handled by consumer assistance program.

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Washington	27,322	2,324 ²⁶	1,117	945	2,219	990	76
West Virginia	6,325	618	373	221	991	463	21
Wisconsin	23,013	2,066 ²⁷	619	1,347	2,685	106	39
Wyoming	2,205	146	30	21	158	126	4
TOTAL*	1,440,105	120,406	30,945	68,629	76,708	40,590	5,048
AVERAGE*	25,716	2,150	658	1,226	1,395	752	95
MEDIAN*	15,881	1,401	395	624	991	479	5,048

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²⁶Washington: Includes matters handled by central intake.

²⁷Wisconsin: Includes matters handled by central intake.