Survey: SRA Legal Diversity Survey 2023 Submissions: 92 Completed: 81 Regulator Number: Downs Law



1. Role Categories

	Totals	Full equity solicitor partners	Salaried or partial equity solicitor partners	Solicitor (not partner)	Other fee earning role	Role directly supporting a fee earner	Managerial role	IT/HR/other corporate services role		Chartered Legal Executive (Fellow)/ CILEx Practitioner	Licensed Conveyancer	Patent or Trade Mark Attorney	Costs Lawyer	Notary	Prefer not to say
Full equity solicitor partners	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Salaried or partial equity solicitor partners	9	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solicitor (not partner)	23	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other fee earning role	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Role directly supporting a fee earner	25	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Managerial role	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IT/HR/other corporate services role	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Barrister	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chartered Legal Executive (Fellow)/ CILEx Practitioner	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Licensed Conveyancer	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Patent or Trade Mark Attorney	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Costs Lawyer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Notary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prefer not to say	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5

2. Which age category are you in?

	Totals	Full equity solicitor partners	Salaried or partial equity solicitor partners	Solicitor (not partner)	Other fee earning role	Role directly supporting a fee earner	Managerial role	IT/HR/other corporate services role	Barrister	Chartered Legal Executive (Fellow)/ CILEx Practitioner		Patent or Trade Mark Attorney	Costs Lawyer	Notary	Prefer not to say
16-24	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25-34	17	0	0	8	3	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
35-44	17	1	3	7	0	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
45-54	18	2	3	1	0	9	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55-64	13	1	2	1	0	4	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
65+	8	0	1	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Prefer not to say	5	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3

3. What is your sex?

	Totals	Full equity solicitor partners	Salaried or partial equity solicitor partners	Solicitor (not partner)	Other fee earning role	Role directly supporting a fee earner	Managerial role	IT/HR/other corporate services role	Barrister	Chartered Legal Executive (Fellow)/ CILEx Practitioner		Patent or Trade Mark Attorney	Costs Lawyer	Notary	Prefer not to say
Male	22	3	5	7	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Female	55	1	4	15	3	24	2	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	1
Other preferred description	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prefer not to say	4	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

4. Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?

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Yes	78	4	9	22	3	25	3	6	0	1	2	0	0	0	3
No	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prefer not to say	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

5. Do you consider yourself to have a disability according to the definition in the Equality Act 2010?

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Yes	7	0	0	3	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No	69	4	9	18	3	21	3	5	0	1	2	0	0	0	3
Prefer not to say	5	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

6. Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?

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Yes, limited a lot	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yes, limited a little	5	0	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No	70	4	8	19	3	21	3	6	0	1	2	0	0	0	3
Prefer not to say	5	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

7. What is your ethnic group?

		Full equity solicitor	Salaried or partial equity			Role directly supporting a		IT/HR/other corporate		Chartered Legal Executive		Patent or Trade Mark			
	Totals	partners	solicitor partners	Solicitor (not partner)	Other fee earning role	fee earner	Managerial role	services role	Barrister	(Fellow)/ CILEx Practitioner	Licensed Conveyancer	Attorney	Costs Lawyer	Notary	Prefer not to say
Asian / Asian British															
Bangladeshi	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chinese	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Indian	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pakistani	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Any other Asian background	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black / Black British															
African	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Caribbean	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Any other Black background	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mixed / Multiple ethnic group															
White and Asian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White and Black African	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White and Black Caribbean	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Any other Mixed / Multiple ethnic background	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White														•	•
British/English/Welsh/Northern Irish/Scottish	62	4	5	19	2	18	3	5	0	1	2	0	0	0	3
Irish	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roma	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Any other White background	8	0	0	2	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other ethnic group															
Arab	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Any other ethnic group	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prefer not to say				-		-		·		·					·
Prefer not to say	5	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

8. What is your religion or belief?

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No religion or belief	28	0	2	12	1	8	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Buddhist	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Christian	44	4	5	8	2	15	3	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Hindu	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jewish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Muslim	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sikh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Any other religion or belief	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prefer not to say	6	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

9. What is your sexual orientation?

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Bi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gay / Lesbian	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Hetrosexual	72	4	9	22	3	22	3	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	3
Other preferred description	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prefer not to say	7	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

10. Which type of school did you attend for the most time between the ages of 11 and 16?

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State-run or state-funded school (selective on academic, faith or other grounds)	15	1	3	3	1	4	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
State-run or state-funded school (non- selective)	43	0	5	13	2	13	2	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	3
Independent / fee-paying school	12	3	1	5	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Independent / fee-paying school where I received a bursary covering 90% or more of my tuition	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Attended school outside the UK	5	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Don't know / not sure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prefer not to say	5	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

11. Did either of your parents attend university and gain a degree (eg BA/BSc or equivalent) by the time you were 18?

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No, neither of my parents attended university	51	1	8	8	3	19	3	5	0	1	2	0	0	0	1
university Yes, one or both of my parents attended university	23	3	1	14	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Don't know / not sure	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Prefer not to say	4	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

12. What was the occupation of your main household earner when you were about 14?

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Modern professional and traditional professional occupations such as: teacher, nurse, physiotherapist, social worker, musician, police officer (sergeant or above), software designer, accountart, solicitor, medical practitioner, scientist, civil / mechanical engineer.	29	3	2	11	0	11	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Senior, middle, or junior managers or administrators such as: finance manager, chief executive, large business owner, office manager, retail manager, bank manager, restaurant manager, warehouse manager.	15	0	1	5	1	5	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Clerical and intermediate occupations such as: secretary, personal assistant, call centre agent, clerical worker, nursery nurse.	7	0	1	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Technical and craft occupations such as: motor mechanic, plumber, printer, electrician, gardener, train driver.	9	0	2	0	1	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Routine, semi-routine, manual, and service occupations such as: postal worker, machine operative, security guard, caretaker, farm worker, catering assistant, sales assistant, HGV driver, cleaner, porter, packer, labourer, waiter/waitress, bar staff.	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Small business owners who employed less than 25 people such as: corner shop owners, small plumbing companies, retail shop owner, single restaurant or cafe owner, taxi owner, garage owner.	10	1	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Long term unemployed (claimed Jobseeker's Allowance or earlier unemployment benefit for more than a year)	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other, such as: retired / this question does not apply to me / I don't know Prefer not to say	1 5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

13. Are you a primary carer for a child or children under 18?

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Yes	20	2	4	5	1	5	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
No	56	2	5	17	2	18	2	5	0	0	2	0	0	0	3
Prefer not to say	5	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

14. Do you look after or care for someone with long term physical or mental ill health caused by disability or age (not in a paid capacity)?

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No	69	4	7	20	2	22	3	5	0	1	2	0	0	0	3
Yes, 1 - 19 hours a week		0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yes, 20 - 49 hours a week	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yes, 50 or more hours a week	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prefer not to say	5	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2