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About the Survey Reports

Methodology

The American Bar Association Legal Technology Resource Center surveyed the legal profession from January through May 2012 on the use of technology in the profession. Staff of the Center developed a 208-question survey document which was divided into six separate survey questionnaires. The sample for the surveys was 75,000 attorneys in private practice selected on a true nth name basis of ABA members.¹

An outside research firm distributed electronic invitations via email to 12,500 nth selected names of ABA lawyer members in private practice for each the six questionnaires. The research firm received the following number of responses per questionnaire:

- Technology Basics: 987
- Law Office Technology: 932
- Litigation and Courtroom Technology: 808
- Web and Communication Technology: 823
- Online Research: 774
- Mobile Lawyers: 752

Specific results in the reports for which the total number of responses is less than 100 should be used with caution—and for informational purposes only.

The Structure of the Report

The 2012 Legal Technology Survey Report is issued as a six volume set of PDF files, with each PDF volume available for sale individually or as a six volume bound set. Each volume begins with a Trend Report, followed by charts and tables that appear in the same sequence as the questions appeared in the questionnaire. This bound set contains the full contents of the six individual volumes. Volume numbers have been added to the page numbers at the bottom of each page and a combined index has been added at the end of the set to aid in navigation.

Additional Questions about the Survey

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¹ Due to a change in list methodology beginning in 2012, data collected in 2011 and prior may differ as to age, gender, years admitted to the bar and position in firm.

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The Legal Technology Resource Center is where legal professionals turn for technology information and resources. We educate the legal profession on technology use and trends through our research and educational outreach to law firms and bar associations. We serve as a repository of technology resources and information through our website at www.lawtechnology.org and are at the forefront of emerging technology issues that impact the legal profession. The Center has performed research on the use of technology by the legal profession since the 1990s.

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