

# Women in the Law

## By the Numbers

### Interesting Findings

In advance of its inaugural Women in the Law Conference, the FBA commissioned an informal survey of its law student associates, providing some insight into their perceptions about the job market that they will be entering. Below are some interesting findings.

### Women Law Students:

**83%**

believe it will be **difficult or extremely difficult** to get a job in their field

**50%**

say that their biggest job concern is to **maintain a work/life balance ...** compared to 33% of men

**18%**

worry about **earning a salary they feel they deserve ...** compared to 10% of men

Currently, women make up **ONE THIRD** of all U.S. lawyers.

However, women are only **20%** of Fortune 500 and **16%** of Fortune 501-1000 general counsels.

Source: A Current Glance at Women in the Law 2012, ABA.



Only **4%** of the top U.S. law firms are led by a woman.

Source: "Great Expectations for Female Lawyers," *The New York Times*.

In fact,

**11%** of the largest law firms in the United States have **NO WOMEN** on their governing committees.

Source: National Association of Women Lawyers and The NAWL Foundation, Report of the Sixth Annual National Survey on Retention and Promotion of Women in Law Firms (October 2011).



Only **23%** of all federal judgeships and **26%** of state judgeships are held by women.

Source: The Center for Women in Government and Civil Society (Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy at University of Albany), Women in Federal and State-level Judgeships (2011).

Women general counsels and chief legal officers make

**21% LESS**



on average than men in the same positions.

Source: Survey by ALM Legal Intelligence

For more statistics, visit [www.fedbar.org/womeninthelaw](http://www.fedbar.org/womeninthelaw).

Couldn't attend the 2014 FBA Women in the Law Conference in person? Some sessions were recorded—visit [www.fedbar.org/womeninthelaw](http://www.fedbar.org/womeninthelaw) for more information.