

DIVERSITY IN THE LEGAL PROFESSIONAL: SUMMARY Peacock & Co – 2016

Diversity in the legal profession:

Role categories

Total number of respondents	15	
Percentage for each role category within the firm:		
 Solicitor (Sole Practitioner, Partner, Member or Director) 	4	26.67%
• Solicitor	5	33.33%
Other fee earning role	2	13.33%
 Role directly supporting a fee earner 	4	26.67%
Managerial role		
 IT/HR/other corporate services role 		
• Barrister		

•	Chartered Legal Executive / Legal Executive (Fellow)	
•	Licensed Conveyancer	
•	Patent or Trade Mark Attorney	
•	Costs Lawyer	
•	Notary	
•	Prefer not to say	

Ownership and supervisory responsibilities in the firm

Total number of respondents	14	
Percentage for each role within the firm:		
• Solicitor (Sole Practitioner, Partner, Member or Director)	3	21.43%
Associate or Assistant	4	28.57%
Other employee or staff member	6	42.86%
Prefer not to say	1	7.14%

Total number of respondents	14	
Percentage of people having a share in the ownership of the firm	1	7.14%

Total number of respondents	14	
Percentage of people having a responsibility for supervising or	6	42.86%
managing the work of lawyers or other employees		

Diversity questions:

Age bands (age in years)		
Total number of respondents	14	
Percentage within the firm:		
• 16-24	1	7.14%
• 25-34	5	35.71%
• 35-44	6	42.86%
• 45-54		
• 55-64	1	7.14%
• 65+		
Prefer not to say	1	7.14%

Gender

Total number of respondents	14	
Percentage within the firm:		
• Female	11	78.57%
• Male	2	14.29%
Prefer not to say	1	7.14%

Partners / Directors / Members / employees with disabilities

Total number of respondents	14	
Percentage within the firm:		
• Yes		
• No	12	85.71%
Prefer not to say	2	14.29%

Partners / Directors / Members / employees with a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months

Total number of respondents	14	
Percentage within the firm:		
• Yes		
• No	12	85.71%
Prefer not to say	2	14.29%

Ethnic groups

Total number of respondents	14	
Percentage within the firm:		
Asian background	1	7.14%
Mixed background		

٠	Black background		
•	White background	12	85.71%
•	Other ethnic background		
•	Prefer not to say	1	7.14%

Socio economic background – education: state or fee paying school between the ages of 11 to 18

Total number of respondents	13	
Percentage within the firm:		
Attended UK state school / comprehensive	10	76.92%
Attended UK independent / fee paying school	2	15.38%
Attended school outside the UK	1	7.69%
Prefer not to say		

Socio economic background – education: Those attending University (to study a BA, BSc course or higher) where they were the fist generation in their family to do so

Total number of respondents	13	
Percentage within the firm:		
• Yes		
• No	10	76.92%
Did not attend University	3	23.08%

Prefer not to say

Caring responsibilities: Those who are the primary carer for a child or children under 18

Total number of respondents	13	
Percentage within the firm:		
• Yes	5	38.46%
• No	8	61.54%
Prefer not to say		

Caring responsibilities: Those who look after, or give any help or support to family members, friends, neighbours or others because of either long-term physical or mental ill health / disability

or problems related to old age

Total number of respondents	13	
Percentage within the firm:		
• Yes	1	7.69%
• No	12	92.31%
Prefer not to say		