Law Institute Victoria

LIV Membership profile

30 JUNE 2010

MEMBER CATEGORY	2009	2010
Practising member	11,156	11,435
Associate member	2,054	2,191
Student member	2,302	2,381
Honorary member	90	97
Total	15,601	**16,104**

Membership growth and retention

Growth

Overall increase of 3 per cent in LIV membership in FY2010.

Retention

An overall 86 per cent member retention rate:

- Practising member – 91 per cent
- Associate member – 85 per cent
- Student member – 65 per cent

54 per cent have been members for less than 10 years.

Age and gender

Age

- The average age of LIV members – 40 years.
- 53 per cent of all LIV members are younger than 40 years of age.
- Average age of males is 44 years, and females 37 years.
- In regional areas the average age of males is 55 years and 40 years for women.

Gender

- Males represent 52 per cent of overall membership.
- Women represent 48 per cent of overall membership.
- Women members increased their share of membership by 1 per cent in 2010. Since 2001 female membership has increased by 14 per cent (from 34 to 48 per cent).

Employment

More than 50 per cent of members work in the Melbourne CBD, 23 cent are employed in suburban practices and 9 per cent in regional and rural areas.

Legal policy and Practice section membership

LIV members have the opportunity to expand their professional and personal horizons and contribute to the legal community through their involvement in LIV practice sections.

Overall section membership is more than 31,000. (Individuals can be members of multiple sections)

Young lawyers represent the largest Section membership with more than 7,000 members.

SECTION	MEMBERS FY2010	% INCREASE
Administrative Law & Human Rights	2063	5
Collaborative Practice	102	N/A
Commercial Law	4953	2
Criminal Law	1804	6
Elder Law	513	19
Family Law	2092	5
Government Lawyers	457	15
International Law	994	12
Later Lawyers	896	14
Litigation Lawyers	3643	4
Property & Environmental Law	3238	2
Practice Support	1568	1
Succession Law	131	N/A
Workplace Relations	1611	3
Young Lawyers	7014	14
Total	**31079**	**7**