

# Law Society Members survey: key results for in-house and public sector solicitors

#### **GENDER**



#### AGE

#### Median: Private sector: 44.2 Public sector: 46.5

#### **REGION**



**76%** (58%)

of the in-house and public sector solicitors are **Dublin** based

### **Working status**



93% (87%) of the in-house and public sector solicitors work full time

# **Hybridisation**



**83%** (53%)

of the in-house and public sector solicitors are availing of hybrid working

#### Size of 'firm'



of in-house and public sector solicitors are working in units of 1, 2 or 3 solicitors.

# Areas of legal practice



41% (28%) Commercial

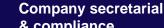


**36%** (13%) Data protection



**27%** (38%) Litigation







& compliance

**Administration &** public

# Top 5 issues facing In-house and **Public Sector Solicitors (extremely** challenging)

**46%** (43%) Cybersecurity and cybercrime

**35%** (34%) Recruitment and talent retention

**35%** (23%) Keeping pace with technology

**26%** (33%)

Regulation and compliance changes

Wellbeing and mental health

# In-house and public sector solicitors are more optimistic



49% (41%) of the in-house and

public sector solicitors are optimistic about the future of the profession (either very or quite optimistic)

# Five-year trajectory of own area of practice

'grow a lot'

43% (22%)

'grow a little'

**29%** (30%)

'remain stable'

**22%** (30%)

'deteriorate a little/a lot

(15%)

# Top 10 areas in-house and public sector solicitors expect to generate additional growth over the next 5 years



- 1) Data protection, 2) artificial intelligence,
- 3) environmental and planning, 4) financial regulation, 5) commercial, 6) energy and infrastructure, 7) administrative and public,
- 8) competition and regulation, 9) fintech, and 10) litigation

# **METHODOLOGY**

Produced by Ipsos B&A in March 2025 based on a quantitative members study conducted by Ipsos B&A in April/May 2023. This survey was conducted online and achieved a total sample of n=2,264. This analysis primarily focuses on the responses from in-house and public sector solicitors (n=472).

() result of total sample of the profession

# Top 5 areas identified in which the Law Society can strengthen on in future

Increase access to legal education

**55%** (40%)

Stronger representation 38% (57%)

**Greater regulatory** communication

**38%** (38%)

**New technology** 

**37%** (32%)

**Pro-active focus** 

34% (37%)

Produced by Ipsos B&A on 3rd March 2025 based on research carried out by them in 2023. Including a quantitative study of n=278 in-house solicitors in the private sector and n=194 solicitors in the public sector, and one focus group with in-house and public sector solicitors