

# 2026 Nevada Legal Billing Rate Survey

Clark County, Nevada

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Image: Clark County Regional Justice Center, Las Vegas

# Executive Summary

**\$628**

Average 2026 Rate

**5.5%**

YOY Increase

**61%**

Use Alt. Fee Arrangements

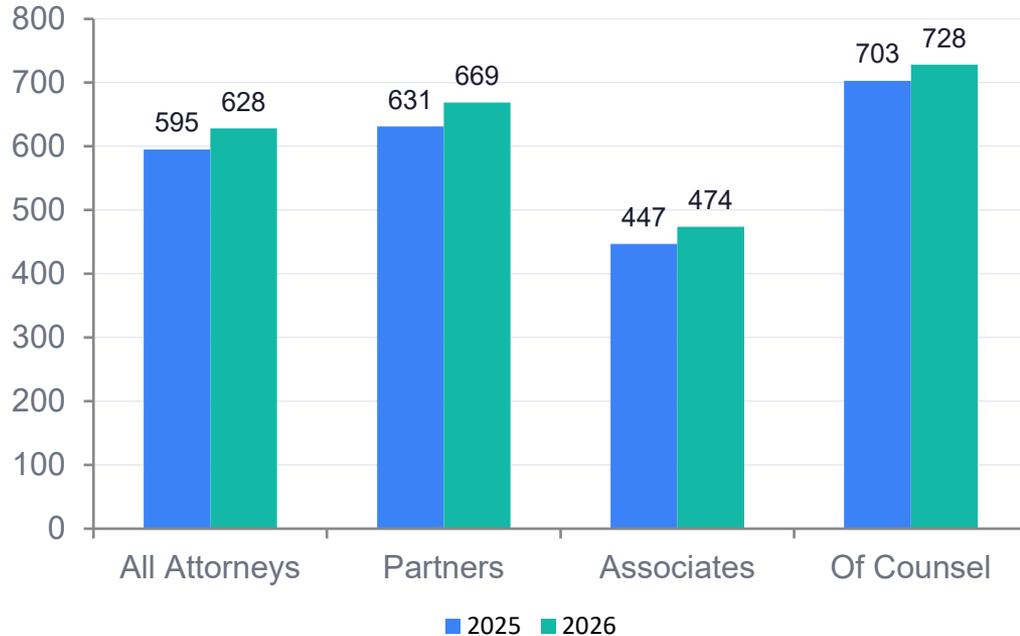
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Respondents

## Key Findings

- Partner rates range from \$400 to \$1,095 with median at \$615
- National firms command 37% premium over local/small firms (\$750 vs \$549 average)
- Bankruptcy practitioners have highest average rates (\$760), followed by transactional (\$647)
- Rates increase steadily with experience: 20+ year attorneys average \$716 vs \$450 for 0-5 years
- Paralegal rates average \$252/hour; law clerk rates average \$236/hour

# Year-Over-Year Rate Comparison

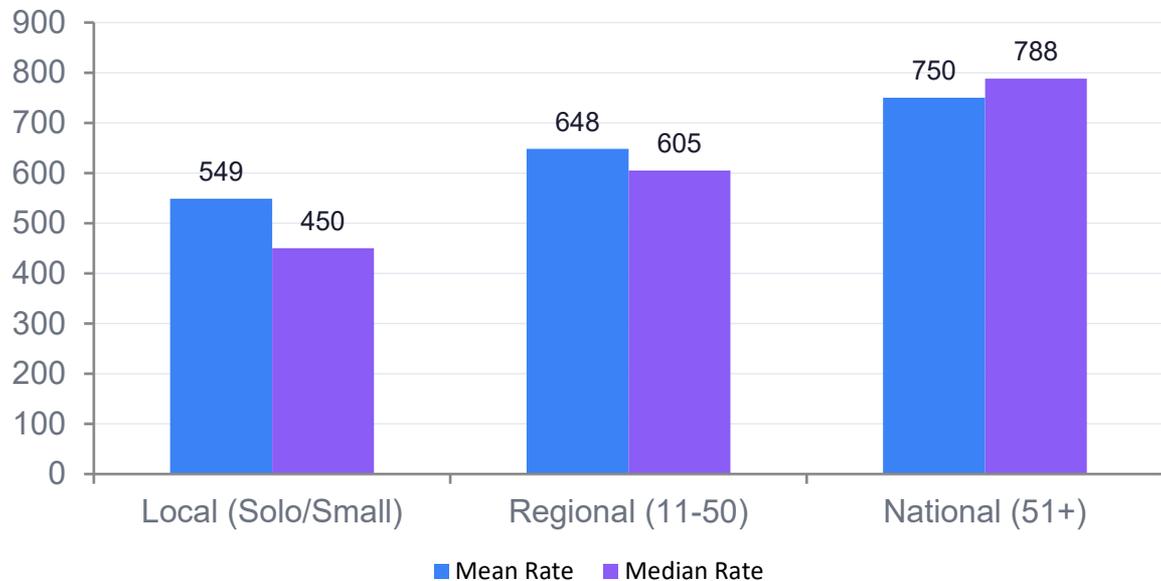


## Rate Increases

Overall	5.5%	+\$33
Partners	5.8%	+\$37
Associates	6.6%	+\$27
Of Counsel	2.8%	+\$25

*Average rate increase outpaces inflation at 5.5% year-over-year*

# Billing Rates by Firm Size

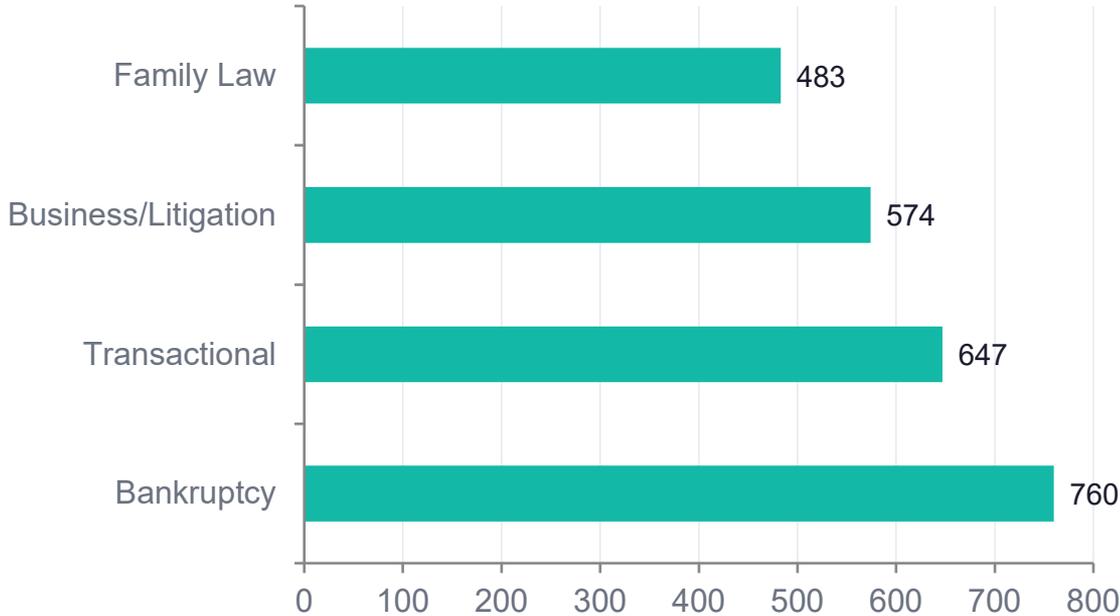


## Breakdown by Category

Firm Category	n	Mean
Solo Practitioner	8	\$425
2-10 Attorneys	14	\$573
11-20 Attorneys	21	\$630
21-50 Attorneys	3	\$725
51+ Attorneys	9	\$750
500+ Attorneys	1	\$885

*National firms command a 37% premium over local/small firms*

# Billing Rates by Practice Area

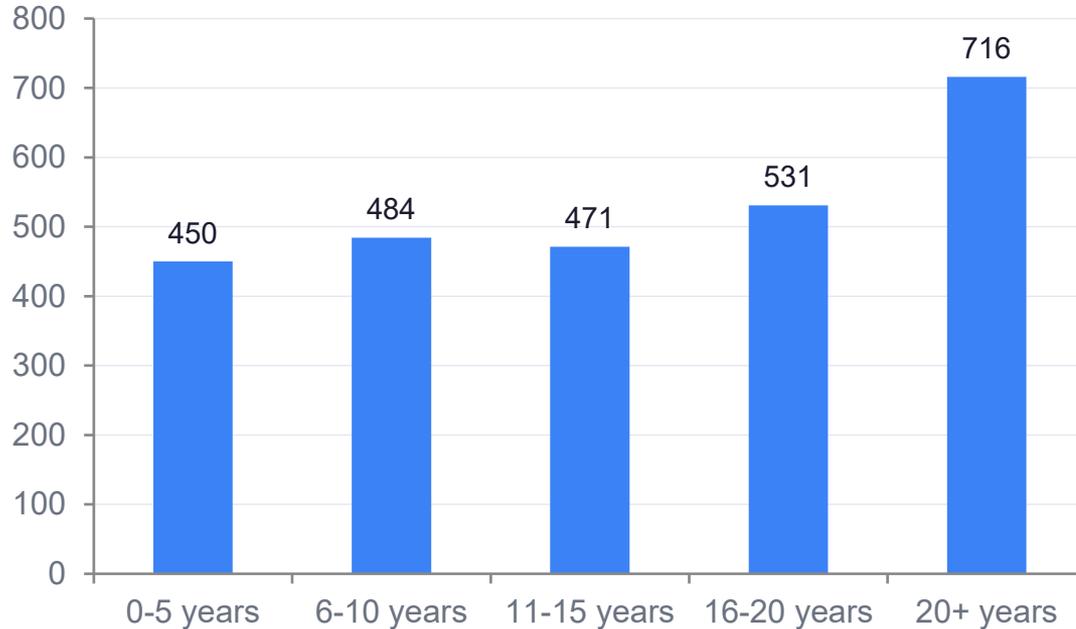


## Sample Sizes

Bankruptcy	n=14	\$700
Transactional	n=7	\$615
Business/Litigation	n=26	\$525
Family Law	n=3	\$450
Personal Injury	n=2	\$500
Other	n=4	\$570

*Bankruptcy practitioners command the highest rates, averaging \$760/hour*

# Billing Rates by Years of Experience



## Experience Premium

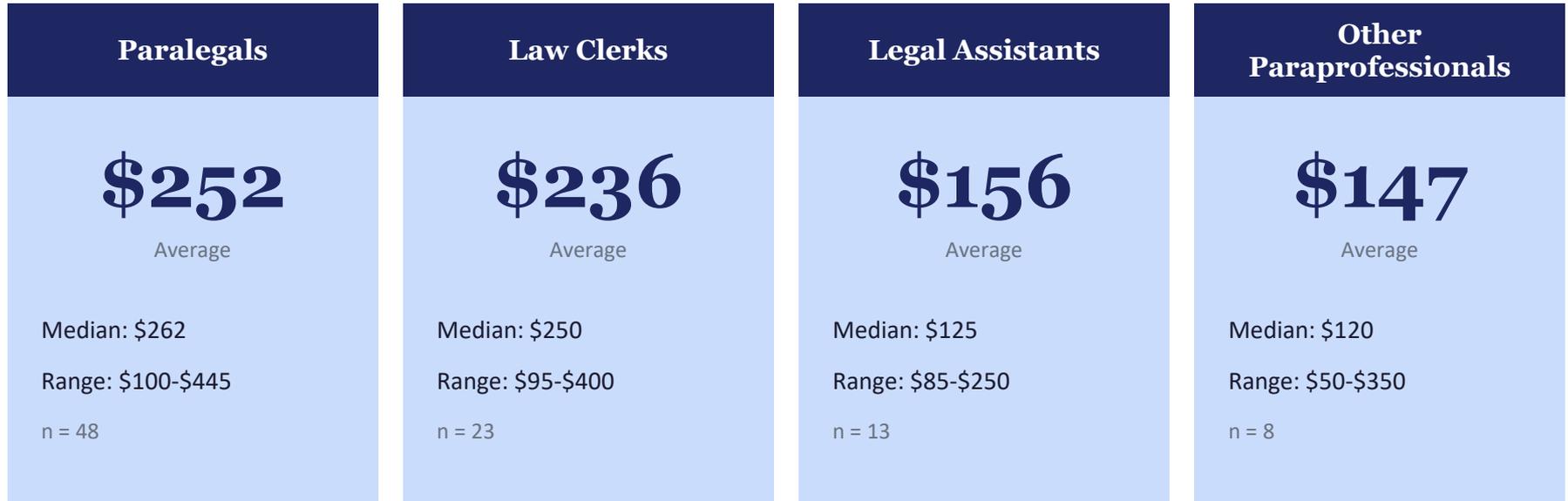
**+59%**

Premium for 20+ years over 0-5 years

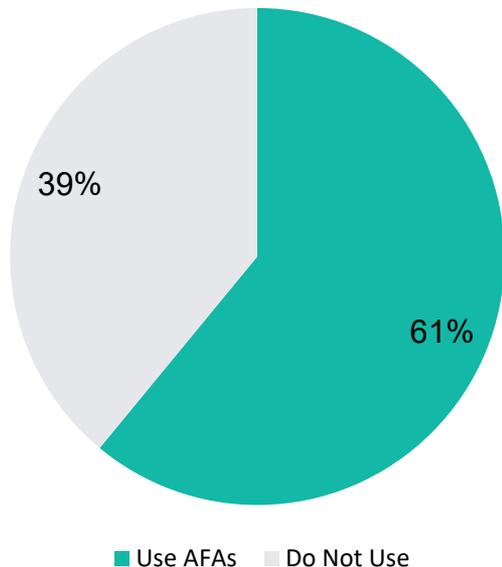
## Details

0-5 years (n=2)	\$450
6-10 years (n=4)	\$484
11-15 years (n=8)	\$471
16-20 years (n=10)	\$531
20+ years (n=28)	\$716

# Paralegal & Support Staff Rates



# Alternative Fee Arrangements



## Discounted Billing

Only 11% reported billing >25% of hours below rack rate.  
Average discount from rack rate: 26% (\$177)

## Key Findings

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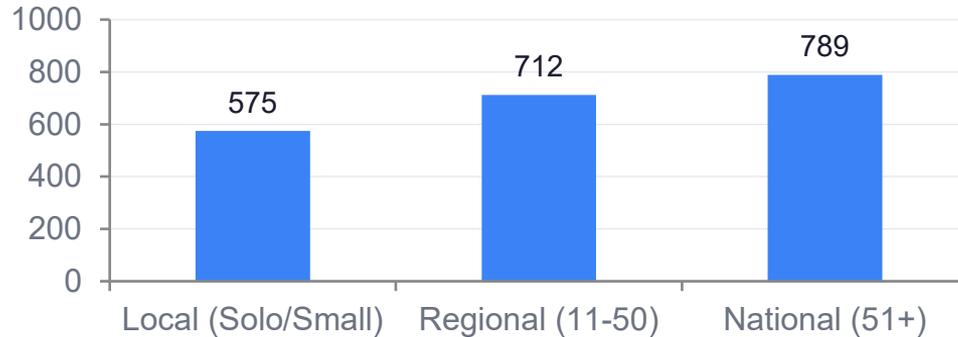
of Nevada attorneys use alternative fee arrangements such as flat fees, contingency fees, or hybrid structures

## Among Those Using AFAs:

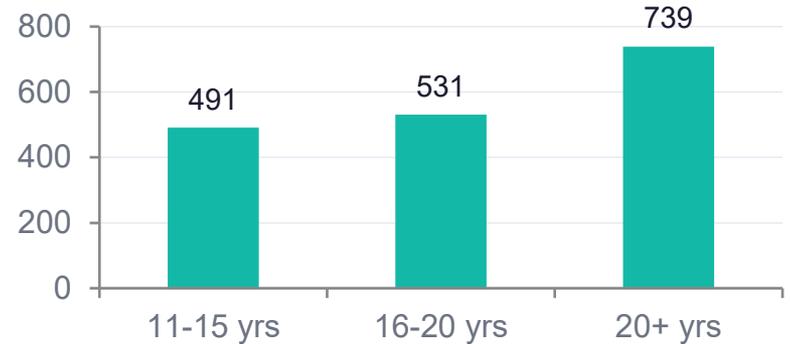
- Average percentage of cases using AFAs: 9%
- Median percentage: 0% (many use rarely)
- Most common types: flat fees, contingency
- Note: Some firms discontinued flat fees following In re Sull decision

# Partner Rates by Firm Size & Experience

## Partner Rates by Firm Size



## Partner Rates by Experience

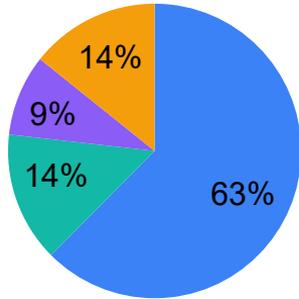


## Year-Over-Year Increases by Firm Size

Firm Size	\$ Change	% Change	n
Local (Solo/Small)	+\$21	+4.2%	21
Regional (11-50)	+\$38	+6.4%	24
National (51+)	+\$46	+6.0%	10

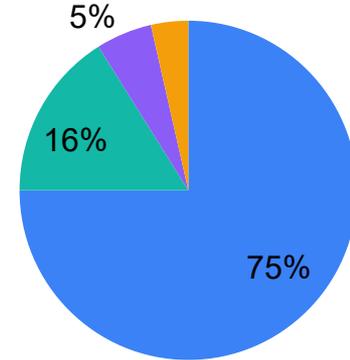
# Respondent Profile & Distribution

## Firm Location



■ Clark County Only   ■ Multi-County Nevada  
■ Regional (Western)   ■ Nationwide

## Attorney Position



■ Partner   ■ Associate   ■ Other Attorney   ■ Of Counsel

## Survey Demographics

- Total Respondents: 56 attorneys practicing in Nevada
- 62.5% practice primarily in Clark County
- 75% are Partners (majority of respondents)
- Average years of experience: 21 years

# Methodology & Considerations

## Survey Methodology

- Online survey administered January 2026
- 56 responses from Nevada attorneys
- Self-reported billing rates
- Rates represent standard/rack rates
- Mix of practice areas and firm sizes

## Important Considerations

- Sample size limited (n=56)
- Self-selection bias possible
- Some categories have small samples
- Actual billed rates may differ from rack rates
- Geographic focus: Clark County, Nevada

## Note on Rate Reasonableness

This survey provides market data for reference. Reasonableness of any particular fee depends on multiple factors including complexity, experience, results achieved, and local market conditions. See Nevada Rule of Professional Conduct 1.5 for fee reasonableness factors.

# Key Takeaways

- 1 Average 2026 billing rate: \$628/hour (5.5% YOY increase)
- 2 National firms charge 37% premium over local firms (\$750 vs \$549)
- 3 Bankruptcy and transactional practices command highest rates
- 4 Experience premium: 20+ year attorneys average 59% more than junior attorneys
- 5 61% of attorneys use alternative fee arrangements in some form
- 6 Paralegal rates average \$252/hour; law clerks average \$236/hour