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## About the Survey Reports

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### *Methodology*

The American Bar Association Legal Technology Resource Center surveyed the legal profession from January through May 2008 on the use of technology in the profession. Staff of the Center developed a 164-question survey document which was divided into six separate survey questionnaires. An outside research firm distributed electronic invitations via email to 12,500 n<sup>th</sup> selected names of ABA lawyer members in private practice, asking for participation in the online questionnaire for the Baseline and Budgets survey.<sup>1</sup> The data in this report for the Baseline and Budgets survey are based on tabulation by the research firm of the 789 completed Baseline and Budgets questionnaires. Results in this report where the total number of responses is less than 100 should be used with caution—and for informational purposes only.

### *The Structure of the Report*

The 2008 Legal Technology Survey Report is issued as a six volume set of PDF files, with each PDF volume available for sale individually. Each volume begins with a Trend Report, followed by charts and tables that appear in the same sequence as the questions appeared in the questionnaire.

### *Additional Questions about the Survey*

If you have additional questions about the survey methodology, the exact wording of a specific question, availability of previous surveys, or other requests related to the survey, please call (312) 988-5465 or e-mail [ltrc@abanet.org](mailto:ltrc@abanet.org). If you are interested in sponsoring future research by the Center, please call (312) 988-5465.

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<sup>1</sup> A different methodology was used for the 2007 Legal Technology Survey Report. For details, please see the 2007 Legal Technology Survey Report methodology statement located on the web at <http://www.abanet.org/tech/ltrc/surveys/2007survey methodology.pdf>.

*About the Legal Technology Resource Center*

The Legal Technology Resource Center is where legal professionals turn for technology information and resources. We educate the legal profession on technology use and trends through our research and educational outreach to law firms and bar associations. We serve as a repository of technology resources and information through our website at [www.lawtechnology.org](http://www.lawtechnology.org) and are at the forefront of emerging technology issues that impact the legal profession. The Center has performed research on the use of technology by the legal profession since the 1990s.

The Center's Director, Catherine Sanders Reach, oversaw the survey project. Stephen Stine wrote the trend reports and the executive summary, and created the graphics and tables. Tonya Johnson and Josh Poje assisted in question development and other survey-related activities.

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