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Trailblazers in Legal
Education**

**Race, Gender, and Leadership in
Law Schools**

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A Gendered Update on Women Law Deans: Who, Where, Why, and Why Not?

- **2005-2006:**
 - 31 women law deans at AALS member schools (18.7%)
 - 3 women of color at AALS member schools (1.8%)

Women Law Deans, Gender Sidelining & Presumptions of Incompetence

- **August 1, 2019:**

- 64 women law deans at ABA schools (31.5%), including 19.5 women of color (9.6%)
- 60 women law deans at AALS schools (33.5%), including 16.5 women of color (9.2%)

Women Law Deans of Color

| Numerical Breakdown | ABA (total excluding interim deans) | AALS (total excluding interim deans) |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Total Women of Color | 31.5 (15.8%) | 28.5 (16%) |
| Asian | 2 | 2 |
| Black | 22.5 | 20.5 |
| Indigenous | 1 | 1 |
| Latina | 6 | 5 |

Aggregate Data

| Race/Ethnicity | 1Ls | Law Profs | ABA Deans | ABA Women Deans | AALS Deans | AALS Women Deans |
|----------------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|------------|------------------|
| Asian | 6.6% (2.6% M, 3.9% W) | 9.9% | 2.2% | 1.1% | 2.4% | 1.2% |
| Black | 7.8% (2.7% M, 5.1% W) | 7.0% | 20.1% | 13.5% | 20.1% | 13.3% |
| Indigenous | 0.5% (0.2% M, 0.2% W) | 0.2% | 1.1% | 0.6% | 1.2% | 0.6% |
| Latina/o | 13.1% (5.5% M, 7.5% W) | 9.3% | 5.5% | 2.2% | 4.4% | 1.9% |
| Unknown | 4.1% (2.3% M, 1.8% W) | 2.25% | - | - | - | - |
| White | 64% (30.8% M, 32.9% W) | 71.1% | 69.5% | 24.0% | 70.0% | 27.0% |



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