

In 2021, the ABA deployed surveys to engage our Board, volunteers, diplomates, candidates and staff to gauge their perceptions of our **diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI)** efforts to assist in our journey to enhance inclusion and equity within our organization.

Who Responded?





believe the ABA values diversity with racial/ethnic groups.



trusts the ABA to evaluate each candidate/diplomate fairly.

FOSTERING DIVERSITY



believe the ABA values diverse opinions and ideas.

agree all people have an opportunity to become a committee chair or Board Director at the ABA.

OIPLOMATE

REPRESENTATION

Interesting Takeaways



Board, volunteers and diplomates are predominantly male, yet the staff is predominately female.



Majority of survey participants (55%) responded negatively to incorporating DEI considerations in MOCA.



There was a racial mix among survey respondents.



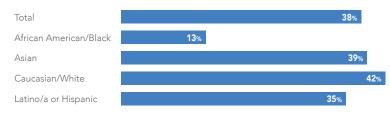
Statements from the survey and focus groups about sexual orientation and gender were disparaging among diplomates.



The longer a volunteer's term of service, the more confident they were in the ABA's commitment to DEI.

Diplomates believe...

The ABA Board of Directors is prepared to effectively advise a culturally diverse organization.



Education & Equity

Increasing staff DEI knowledge and comfort levels is important to the overall impartiality of the ABA.

Disagree	🔵 Ne	utral	Agree	Prefer Not to Ansi	Ner
Volunteers	5%	14%			80%
Diplomates		2	25%	20%	48%
Staff	9 %	9 %			78%