

Profile of Appellate and Trial Judges*

(as of September 1, 2002)

	Supreme Court	Court of Criminal Appeals	Courts of Appeals	District Courts	Criminal District Courts	County Courts at Law	Probate Courts	County Courts	JP Courts	Municipal Courts
NUMBER OF JUDGES:										
Number of Judge Positions	9	9	80	408	10	202	16	254	834	1,310
Number of Judges	9	9	79	408	10	202	16	254	833	1,260
Number of Vacant Positions	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Number of Municipalities	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	877
Cities with No Judges	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	266
AGE OF JUDGES:										
	(n=8)	(n=7)	(n=68)	(n=358)	(n=10)	(n=153)	(n=14)	(n=199)	(n=646)	(n=722)
Mean	50	55	54	53	51	52	58	58	58	56
Oldest	59	69	75	75	64	78	71	80	94	88
Youngest	39	49	38	34	38	36	50	36	28	25
RANGE OF AGE:										
Under 25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 through 34	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	7	20
35 through 44	1	0	4	48	2	36	0	9	60	104
45 through 54	6	3	33	164	4	66	6	56	188	219
55 through 64	1	3	22	122	4	41	6	86	228	203
65 through 74	0	1	8	21	0	7	2	42	120	131
75 through 84	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	6	40	43
Over 85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2
GENDER OF JUDGES:										
	(n=9)	(n=9)	(n=79)	(n=404)	(n=10)	(n=201)	(n=16)	(n=252)	(n=513)	(n=535)
Males	6	5	49	306	8	146	12	226	345	356
Females	3	4	30	98	2	55	4	26	168	179
ETHNICITY OF JUDGES:										
	(n=3)	(n=7)	(n=67)	(n=318)	(n=9)	(n=132)	(n=9)	(n=185)	(n=508)	(n=517)
African-American	1	0	1	10	2	4	0	0	15	11
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	2
Asian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Hispanic/Latino	1	0	10	34	1	18	0	14	80	60
White (Non-Hispanic)	1	7	52	269	6	108	9	168	410	441
Other	0	0	3	3	0	2	0	2	2	2
LENGTH OF SERVICE ON THIS COURT:										
	(n=9)	(n=9)	(n=79)	(n=399)	(n=10)	(n=163)	(n=14)	(n=228)	(n=698)	(n=766)
Average	7 Yr, 0 Mo	4 Yr, 7 Mo	7 Yr, 2 Mo	9 Yr, 7 Mo	10 Yr, 0 Mo	9 Yr, 11 Mo	11 Yr, 9 Mo	8 Yr, 6 Mo	10 Yr, 0 Mo	9 Yr, 11 Mo
Longest	14 Yr, 8 Mo	9 Yr, 9 Mo	21 Yr, 0 Mo	32 Yr, 10 Mo	19 Yr, 8 Mo	27 Yr, 4 Mo	21 Yr, 0 Mo	31 Yr, 8 Mo	37 Yr, 8 Mo	46 Yr, 4 Mo
RANGE OF SERVICE ON THIS COURT IN YRS:										
Under 1	0	1	7	11	0	2	0	5	3	38
1 through 4	4	5	22	88	1	38	2	65	171	181
5 through 9	3	3	32	126	5	49	4	83	198	215
10 through 14	2	0	10	80	2	39	3	46	210	157
15 through 19	0	0	7	50	2	25	4	23	72	94
20 through 24	0	0	1	21	0	8	1	5	29	45
25 through 29	0	0	0	6	0	2	0	0	11	24
30 through 34	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	2	7
35 through 39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3
40 through 44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Over 45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
FIRST ASSUMED OFFICE BY:										
	(n=9)	(n=9)	(n=78)	(n=403)	(n=10)	(n=165)	(n=14)	(n=229)	(n=704)	(n=828)
Appointment	5 (56%)	1 (11%)	35 (44%)	171 (42%)	5 (50%)	53 (32%)	8 (57%)	45 (20%)	137 (19%)	812 (98%)
Election	4 (44%)	8 (89%)	44 (56%)	232 (58%)	5 (50%)	112 (68%)	6 (43%)	184 (80%)	567 (81%)	19 (2%)
EDUCATION:										
	(n=9)	(n=9)	(n=74)	(n=372)	(n=10)	(n=163)	(n=14)	(n=219)	(n=668)	(n=771)
HIGH SCHOOL:										
Attended	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	660 (99%)	742 (96%)
Graduated	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	617 (92%)	721 (94%)
COLLEGE:										
Attended	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	74 (100%)	372 (100%)	9 (90%)	163 (100%)	13 (93%)	179 (82%)	364 (54%)	565 (73%)
Graduated	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	74 (100%)	362 (97%)	9 (90%)	156 (96%)	13 (93%)	135 (62%)	199 (30%)	471 (61%)
LAW SCHOOL:										
Attended	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	74 (100%)	371 (99%)	10 (100%)	162 (99%)	14 (100%)	34 (16%)	52 (8%)	361 (47%)
Graduated	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	74 (100%)	366 (98%)	9 (90%)	160 (98%)	14 (100%)	34 (16%)	47 (7%)	355 (46%)
LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW:										
Number Licensed	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	79 (100%)	406 (100%)	10 (100%)	198 (99%)	16 (100%)	32 (13%)	41 (5%)	356 (88%)
Mean Year Licensed	1979	1974	1976	1977	1977	1979	1972	1978	1977	1977
RANGE OF YEAR LICENSED:										
Before 1930	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1930 through 1934	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
1935 through 1939	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1940 through 1944	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1945 through 1949	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
1950 through 1954	0	0	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	4
1955 through 1959	0	1	3	9	0	4	0	2	2	7
1960 through 1964	0	0	3	15	1	7	2	2	1	22
1965 through 1969	0	1	8	43	1	13	1	4	4	42
1970 through 1974	3	2	11	79	1	26	5	5	8	51
1975 through 1979	2	3	23	103	1	36	5	3	4	77
1980 through 1984	2	2	21	79	3	50	1	7	8	69
Since 1985	2	0	8	76	3	61	1	9	13	83
ORIGINALLY CAME TO THIS COURT FROM:										
Judge of Lower Court	5 (56%)	2 (22%)	23 (29%)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Attorney--Private Practice	3 (33%)	2 (22%)	43 (54%)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Legislative Service	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (3%)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Other Governmental Service	0 (0%)	3 (33%)	9 (11%)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:										
Prosecutor	1 (11%)	5 (56%)	16 (20%)	184 (45%)	7 (70%)	77 (39%)	3 (19%)	9 (4%)	---	---
Attorney--Private Practice	7 (78%)	7 (78%)	55 (70%)	330 (81%)	8 (80%)	143 (72%)	14 (88%)	27 (11%)	---	---
Judge of Lower Court	4 (44%)	2 (22%)	22 (28%)	80 (20%)	2 (20%)	36 (18%)	5 (31%)	18 (7%)	---	---
County Commissioner	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	26 (10%)	---	---
MAYOR SERVING AS JUDGE:										
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* Data may be incomplete, as this chart includes only information reported to OCA.