

# Profile of Appellate and Trial Judges\*

As of September 1, 2016

|   | Supreme Court | Court of Criminal Appeals | Court of Appeals | District Courts | Criminal District Courts | County Courts at Law | Probate Courts | County Courts | Justice Courts | Municipal Courts |
|---|---------------|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| <b>NUMBER OF JUDGES:</b>                        |               |                           |                  |                 |                          |                      |                |               |                |                  |
| Number of Judge Positions                       | 9             | 9                         | 80               | 452             | 13                       | 243                  | 18             | 254           | 806            | 1,294            |
| Number of Judges                                | 9             | 9                         | 80               | 451             | 13                       | 243                  | 18             | 254           | 802            | 1,278            |
| Number of Vacant Positions                      | 0             | 0                         | 0                | 1               | 0                        | 0                    | 0              | 0             | 3              | 16               |
| Number of Municipalities w/ Courts              | --            | --                        | --               | --              | --                       | --                   | --             | --            | --             | 933              |
| Cities with No Courts                           | --            | --                        | --               | --              | --                       | --                   | --             | --            | --             | 244              |
| <b>AGE OF JUDGES:</b>                           |               |                           |                  |                 |                          |                      |                |               |                |                  |
|   | (n = 9)       | (n = 9)                   | (n = 80)         | (n = 437)       | (n = 13)                 | (n = 219)            | (n = 17)       | (n = 239)     | (n = 764)      | (n = 1,177)      |
| Mean  | 59            | 60                        | 59               | 56              | 59                       | 55                   | 59             | 55            | 58             | 61               |
| Oldest  | 71            | 74                        | 76               | 77              | 72                       | 76                   | 72             | 79            | 90             | 98               |
| Youngest  | 46            | 45                        | 41               | 35              | 45                       | 33                   | 45             | 30            | 25             | 24               |
| <b>RANGE OF AGE:</b>                            |               |                           |                  |                 |                          |                      |                |               |                |                  |
| Under 25  | 0             | 0                         | 0                | 0               | 0                        | 0                    | 0              | 0             | 0              | 1                |
| 25 through 34                                   | 0             | 0                         | 0                | 0               | 0                        | 2                    | 0              | 6             | 11             | 21               |
| 35 through 44                                   | 0             | 0                         | 5                | 38              | 0                        | 20                   | 0              | 12            | 56             | 114              |
| 45 through 54                                   | 3             | 3                         | 20               | 137             | 5                        | 60                   | 3              | 42            | 155            | 280              |
| 55 through 64                                   | 4             | 3                         | 37               | 163             | 5                        | 95                   | 6              | 89            | 289            | 370              |
| 65 through 74                                   | 2             | 3                         | 16               | 97              | 3                        | 40                   | 8              | 79            | 214            | 302              |
| Over 75   | 0             | 0                         | 2                | 2               | 0                        | 2                    | 0              | 11            | 39             | 89               |
| <b>GENDER OF JUDGES:</b>                        |               |                           |                  |                 |                          |                      |                |               |                |                  |
|   | (n = 9)       | (n = 9)                   | (n = 80)         | (n = 451)       | (n = 13)                 | (n = 243)            | (n = 18)       | (n = 254)     | (n = 802)      | (n = 1,277)      |
| Males   | 7             | 5                         | 45               | 307             | 7                        | 167                  | 10             | 229           | 507            | 784              |
| Females   | 2             | 4                         | 35               | 144             | 6                        | 76                   | 8              | 25            | 295            | 493              |
| <b>ETHNICITY OF JUDGES:</b>                     |               |                           |                  |                 |                          |                      |                |               |                |                  |
|   | (n = 9)       | (n = 9)                   | (n = 80)         | (n = 434)       | (n = 13)                 | (n = 223)            | (n = 16)       | (n = 245)     | (n = 748)      | (n = 1,137)      |
| African-American                                | 0             | 0                         | 3                | 21              | 4                        | 9                    | 2              | 0             | 26             | 70               |
| American Indian or Alaska Native                | 0             | 0                         | 0                | 1               | 0                        | 0                    | 0              | 0             | 2              | 8                |
| Asian or Pacific Islander                       | 0             | 0                         | 0                | 4               | 0                        | 3                    | 0              | 1             | 0              | 12               |
| Hispanic/Latino                                 | 1             | 1                         | 10               | 71              | 1                        | 37                   | 2              | 21            | 142            | 202              |
| White (Non-Hispanic)                            | 8             | 8                         | 67               | 336             | 8                        | 173                  | 12             | 223           | 576            | 833              |
| Other   | 0             | 0                         | 0                | 1               | 0                        | 1                    | 0              | 0             | 2              | 12               |
| <b>LENGTH OF SERVICE:</b>                       |               |                           |                  |                 |                          |                      |                |               |                |                  |
|   | (n = 9)       | (n = 9)                   | (n = 80)         | (n = 451)       | (n = 13)                 | (n = 243)            | (n = 18)       | (n = 254)     | (n = 803)      | (n = 1,582)      |
| Average   | 9 Yr 5 Mo     | 11 Yr 10 Mo               | 9 Yr 6 Mo        | 9 Yr 9 Mo       | 7 Yr 6 Mo                | 9 Yr 9 Mo            | 12 Yr 5 Mo     | 7 Yr 11 Mo    | 9 Yr 2 Mo      | 9 Yr 9 Mo        |
| Longest   | 27 Yr 8 Mo    | 23 Yr 8 Mo                | 22 Yr 9 Mo       | 35 Yr 8 Mo      | 21 Yr 6 Mo               | 29 Yr 8 Mo           | 35 Yr 0 Mo     | 29 Yr 8 Mo    | 53 Yr 5 Mo     | 51 Yr 10 Mo      |
| <b>RANGE OF SERVICE ON THIS COURT IN YEARS:</b> |               |                           |                  |                 |                          |                      |                |               |                |                  |
| Under 1 Year                                    | 0             | 0                         | 0                | 13              | 0                        | 6                    | 0              | 4             | 9              | 84               |
| 1 through 4                                     | 3             | 3                         | 26               | 122             | 4                        | 66                   | 3              | 93            | 239            | 474              |
| 5 through 9                                     | 2             | 1                         | 20               | 146             | 6                        | 77                   | 7              | 89            | 246            | 416              |
| 10 through 14                                   | 3             | 0                         | 17               | 61              | 2                        | 39                   | 1              | 30            | 108            | 267              |
| 15 through 19                                   | 0             | 3                         | 10               | 59              | 0                        | 31                   | 1              | 15            | 96             | 160              |
| 20 through 24                                   | 0             | 2                         | 7                | 32              | 1                        | 15                   | 3              | 15            | 57             | 96               |
| 25 through 29                                   | 1             | 0                         | 0                | 11              | 0                        | 11                   | 3              | 8             | 29             | 39               |
| 30 through 34                                   | 0             | 0                         | 0                | 6               | 0                        | 0                    | 1              | 0             | 11             | 34               |
| 35 through 39                                   | 0             | 0                         | 0                | 1               | 0                        | 0                    | 1              | 0             | 5              | 11               |
| Over 40   | 0             | 0                         | 0                | 0               | 0                        | 0                    | 0              | 0             | 3              | 9                |
| <b>FIRST ASSUMED OFFICE BY:</b>                 |               |                           |                  |                 |                          |                      |                |               |                |                  |
|   | (n = 9)       | (n = 9)                   | (n = 80)         | (n = 451)       | (n = 13)                 | (n = 243)            | (n = 18)       | (n = 254)     | (n = 803)      | (n = 1,613)      |
| Appointment                                     | 7 (78%)       | 1 (11%)                   | 46 (58%)         | 167 (37%)       | 2 (15%)                  | 58 (24%)             | 4 (22%)        | 49 (19%)      | 213 (27%)      | 1,597 (99%)      |
| Election  | 2 (22%)       | 8 (89%)                   | 34 (43%)         | 284 (63%)       | 11 (85%)                 | 185 (76%)            | 14 (78%)       | 205 (81%)     | 590 (73%)      | 16 (1%)          |
| <b>EDUCATION:</b>                               |               |                           |                  |                 |                          |                      |                |               |                |                  |
| <b>HIGH SCHOOL:</b>                             | (n = 9)       | (n = 9)                   | (n = 80)         | (n = 449)       | (n = 13)                 | (n = 240)            | (n = 19)       | (n = 246)     | (n = 751)      | (n = 1,215)      |
| Attended  | --            | --                        | --               | --              | --                       | --                   | --             | --            | 34 (5%)        | 22 (2%)          |
| Graduated                                       | --            | --                        | --               | --              | --                       | --                   | --             | --            | 712 (95%)      | 1,144 (94%)      |
| <b>COLLEGE:</b>                                 |               |                           |                  |                 |                          |                      |                |               |                |                  |
| Attended  | 0 (0%)        | 0 (0%)                    | 1 (1%)           | 4 (1%)          | 1 (8%)                   | 2 (1%)               | 1 (5%)         | 43 (17%)      | 179 (24%)      | 146 (12%)        |
| Graduated                                       | 9 (100%)      | 9 (100%)                  | 76 (95%)         | 423 (94%)       | 11 (85%)                 | 213 (89%)            | 18 (95%)       | 160 (65%)     | 254 (34%)      | 822 (68%)        |
| <b>LAW SCHOOL:</b>                              |               |                           |                  |                 |                          |                      |                |               |                |                  |
| Attended  | 0 (0%)        | 0 (0%)                    | 0 (0%)           | 0 (0%)          | 0 (0%)                   | 1 (0%)               | 0 (0%)         | 2 (1%)        | 1 (0%)         | 2 (0%)           |
| Graduated                                       | 9 (100%)      | 9 (100%)                  | 80 (100%)        | 449 (100%)      | 13 (100%)                | 239 (100%)           | 19 (100%)      | 42 (17%)      | 69 (9%)        | 707 (58%)        |
| <b>LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW:</b>                |               |                           |                  |                 |                          |                      |                |               |                |                  |
| Number Licensed                                 | 9 (100%)      | 9 (100%)                  | 80 (100%)        | 451 (100%)      | 13 (100%)                | 243 (100%)           | 18 (100%)      | 40 (16%)      | 66 (8%)        | 718 (56%)        |
| Mean Year Licensed                              | 1984          | 1982                      | 1985             | 1986            | 1985                     | 1988                 | 1983           | 1988          | 1988           | 1988             |
| <b>YEARS LICENSED:</b>                          |               |                           |                  |                 |                          |                      |                |               |                |                  |
| 4 Years or Less                                 | 0             | 0                         | 0                | 0               | 0                        | 0                    | 0              | 1             | 0              | 7                |
| 5 to 9 Years                                    | 0             | 0                         | 0                | 4               | 0                        | 3                    | 0              | 2             | 4              | 40               |
| 10 to 14 Years                                  | 0             | 0                         | 0                | 19              | 1                        | 22                   | 0              | 1             | 7              | 60               |
| 15 to 19 Years                                  | 0             | 1                         | 6                | 53              | 1                        | 28                   | 2              | 4             | 6              | 87               |
| 20 to 24 Years                                  | 2             | 0                         | 13               | 86              | 2                        | 37                   | 4              | 11            | 14             | 120              |
| 25 to 29 Years                                  | 3             | 3                         | 16               | 71              | 2                        | 48                   | 0              | 4             | 5              | 104              |
| 30 or More Years                                | 4             | 5                         | 45               | 218             | 7                        | 105                  | 12             | 17            | 30             | 300              |
| <b>ORIGINALLY CAME TO THIS COURT FROM:</b>      |               |                           |                  |                 |                          |                      |                |               |                |                  |
| Attorney Private Practice                       | 1 (11%)       | 1 (11%)                   | 50 (63%)         | --              | --                       | --                   | --             | --            | --             | --               |
| Judge of Lower Court                            | 6 (67%)       | 4 (44%)                   | 23 (29%)         | --              | --                       | --                   | --             | --            | --             | --               |
| Legislative Service                             | 0 (0%)        | 0 (0%)                    | 0 (0%)           | --              | --                       | --                   | --             | --            | --             | --               |
| Other Governmental Service                      | 2 (22%)       | 3 (33%)                   | 6 (8%)           | --              | --                       | --                   | --             | --            | --             | --               |
| <b>PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:</b>                     |               |                           |                  |                 |                          |                      |                |               |                |                  |
| Prosecutor                                      | 1 (11%)       | 6 (67%)                   | 16 (20%)         | 179 (40%)       | 5 (38%)                  | 113 (47%)            | 6 (33%)        | 12 (5%)       | --             | --               |
| Attorney Private Practice                       | 9 (100%)      | 6 (67%)                   | 27 (34%)         | 354 (78%)       | 9 (69%)                  | 161 (66%)            | 17 (94%)       | 30 (12%)      | --             | --               |
| Judge of Lower Court                            | 6 (67%)       | 1 (11%)                   | 19 (24%)         | 60 (13%)        | 3 (23%)                  | 28 (12%)             | 3 (17%)        | 13 (5%)       | --             | --               |
| County Commissioner                             | 0 (0%)        | 0 (0%)                    | 0 (0%)           | 0 (0%)          | 0 (0%)                   | 1 (0%)               | 0 (0%)         | 27 (11%)      | --             | --               |

\* Data may be incomplete, as this chart includes only information reported to OCA.