

# Profile of Appellate and Trial Judges\*

As of September 1, 2017

	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	455	13	243	18	254	802	1,326
Number of Judges	9	9	79	450	12	242	18	254	802	1,312
Number of Vacant Positions	0	0	1	5	1	1	0	0	0	14
Number of Municipalities w/ Courts	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	938
Cities with No Courts	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	253
<b>AGE OF JUDGES:</b>										
	(n = 9)	(n = 8)	(n = 78)	(n = 429)	(n = 12)	(n = 219)	(n = 17)	(n = 239)	(n = 761)	(n = 1,187)
Mean	60	61	59	55	58	56	57	56	59	59
Oldest	72	75	77	76	73	77	73	80	91	92
Youngest	47	46	41	34	42	34	40	31	26	25
<b>RANGE OF AGE:</b>										
Under 25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 through 34	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	4	12	23
35 through 44	0	0	5	38	1	16	1	10	55	106
45 through 54	2	3	20	131	4	57	3	39	155	280
55 through 64	4	4	35	156	3	99	5	91	274	361
65 through 74	3	0	17	100	4	43	8	80	219	314
Over 75	0	1	1	3	0	3	0	15	46	103
<b>GENDER OF JUDGES:</b>										
	(n = 9)	(n = 9)	(n = 79)	(n = 450)	(n = 12)	(n = 242)	(n = 18)	(n = 254)	(n = 802)	(n = 1,312)
Males	7	5	43	293	6	168	9	229	498	811
Females	2	4	36	157	6	74	9	25	304	501
<b>ETHNICITY OF JUDGES:</b>										
	(n = 9)	(n = 8)	(n = 79)	(n = 429)	(n = 12)	(n = 222)	(n = 16)	(n = 244)	(n = 746)	(n = 1,151)
African-American	0	0	2	27	3	8	2	0	28	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	4	0	1	1	14
Hispanic/Latino	1	1	12	72	1	38	2	21	147	212
White (Non-Hispanic)	8	7	65	324	8	171	12	222	566	838
Other	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	10
<b>LENGTH OF SERVICE:</b>										
	(n = 9)	(n = 9)	(n = 79)	(n = 450)	(n = 12)	(n = 242)	(n = 18)	(n = 254)	(n = 802)	(n = 1,630)
Average	10 Yr 5 Mo	7 Yr 2 Mo	9 Yr 7 Mo	8 Yr 4 Mo	8 Yr 1 Mo	9 Yr 2 Mo	12 Yr 5 Mo	8 Yr 9 Mo	10 Yr 7 Mo	9 Yr 10 Mo
Longest	28 Yr 8 Mo	22 Yr 8 Mo	23 Yr 9 Mo	35 Yr 8 Mo	22 Yr 6 Mo	30 Yr 8 Mo	32 Yr 3 Mo	30 Yr 8 Mo	54 Yr 5 Mo	52 Yr 10 Mo
<b>RANGE OF SERVICE ON THIS COURT IN YEARS:</b>										
Under 1 Year	0	2	8	49	1	13	1	3	28	97
1 through 4	3	3	22	112	3	61	3	95	234	485
5 through 9	2	1	15	113	2	55	6	62	149	417
10 through 14	3	0	14	86	5	58	1	56	203	265
15 through 19	0	2	12	44	0	29	2	14	84	179
20 through 24	0	1	8	29	1	18	3	15	57	100
25 through 29	1	0	0	10	0	7	1	6	25	37
30 through 34	0	0	0	6	0	3	1	3	12	36
35 through 39	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	7	18
Over 40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	7
<b>FIRST ASSUMED OFFICE BY:</b>										
	(n = 9)	(n = 9)	(n = 79)	(n = 450)	(n = 12)	(n = 242)	(n = 18)	(n = 254)	(n = 802)	(n = 1,670)
Appointment	7 (78%)	1 (11%)	44 (56%)	149 (33%)	2 (17%)	58 (24%)	5 (28%)	48 (19%)	222 (28%)	1,654 (99%)
Election	2 (22%)	8 (89%)	35 (44%)	301 (67%)	10 (83%)	184 (76%)	13 (72%)	206 (81%)	580 (72%)	16 (1%)
<b>EDUCATION:</b>										
<b>HIGH SCHOOL:</b>	(n = 9)	(n = 9)	(n = 79)	(n = 450)	(n = 12)	(n = 242)	(n = 19)	(n = 244)	(n = 750)	(n = 1,235)
Attended	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	32 (4%)	22 (2%)
Graduated	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	711 (95%)	1,154 (93%)
<b>COLLEGE:</b>										
Attended	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (1%)	4 (1%)	0 (0%)	2 (1%)	1 (5%)	40 (16%)	174 (23%)	149 (12%)
Graduated	9 (100%)	8 (89%)	74 (94%)	418 (93%)	11 (92%)	211 (87%)	18 (95%)	160 (66%)	255 (34%)	832 (67%)
<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%)	79 (100%)	450 (100%)	12 (100%)	241 (100%)	19 (100%)	42 (17%)	67 (9%)	725 (59%)
<b>LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW:</b>										
Number Licensed	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	79 (100%)	450 (100%)	12 (100%)	242 (100%)	18 (100%)	40 (16%)	64 (8%)	746 (57%)
Mean Year Licensed	1984	1985	1985	1988	1987	1988	1985	1988	1989	1988
<b>YEARS LICENSED:</b>										
4 Years or Less	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
5 to 9 Years	0	0	0	6	0	2	0	2	5	36
10 to 14 Years	0	0	1	23	1	21	1	1	9	74
15 to 19 Years	0	1	4	54	2	23	1	3	3	74
20 to 24 Years	1	1	11	85	1	39	3	12	14	127
25 to 29 Years	3	3	18	76	1	43	2	4	5	118
30 or More Years	5	4	45	206	7	114	11	18	28	310
<b>ORIGINALLY CAME TO THIS COURT FROM:</b>										
Attorney Private Practice	1 (11%)	0 (0%)	47 (59%)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Judge of Lower Court	6 (67%)	3 (33%)	20 (25%)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Legislative Service	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other Governmental Service	2 (22%)	4 (44%)	7 (9%)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
<b>PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:</b>										
Prosecutor	1 (11%)	6 (67%)	16 (20%)	168 (37%)	6 (50%)	110 (45%)	5 (28%)	12 (5%)	--	--
Attorney Private Practice	9 (100%)	4 (44%)	28 (35%)	351 (78%)	9 (75%)	160 (66%)	17 (94%)	30 (12%)	--	--
Judge of Lower Court	6 (67%)	0 (0%)	17 (22%)	50 (11%)	2 (17%)	26 (11%)	2 (11%)	13 (5%)	--	--
County Commissioner	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (0%)	0 (0%)	26 (10%)	--	--

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