

Profile of Appellate and Trial Judges

(as of September 1, 2001)

	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 Judges Positions	9	9	80	408	10	195	16	254	835	1300
Number of Judges	9	9	79	408	10	195	16	254	833	1257
Number of vacant positions	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Number of municipalities										870
Cities - no judges										264
AGE OF JUDGES:										
Mean	(7)	(7)	(67)	(363)	(10)	(156)	(15)	(205)	(653)	(726)
Oldest	52	55	55	52	50	51	56	58	57	55
Youngest	70	68	74	74	63	77	70	80	94	87
	44	48	42	35	37	36	45	35	27	24
RANGE OF AGE:										
Under 25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
25 through 34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
35 through 44	1	0	3	60	3	40	0	12	66	111
45 through 54	5	4	34	177	3	70	7	65	204	219
55 through 64	0	2	21	105	4	37	6	82	216	198
65 through 74	1	1	9	21	0	6	2	40	124	129
75 through 84	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	6	31	43
Over 85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2
GENDER OF JUDGES:										
Males	(9)	(8)	(72)	(285)	(9)	(139)	(11)	(190)	(511)	(511)
Females	6	4	52	213	7	95	7	170	345	335
	3	4	20	72	2	44	4	20	166	176
ETHNICITY OF JUDGES:										
African-American	(2)	(7)	(50)	(318)	(9)	(134)	(10)	(188)	(507)	(490)
American Indian or Alaska Native	1	0	0	10	2	4	0	1	15	14
Asian or Pacific Islander	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	2	2
Hispanic/Latino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
White (Non-Hispanic)	1	0	6	35	1	18	0	13	78	59
Other	0	7	41	268	6	110	10	172	410	413
	0	0	2	3	0	2	0	1	2	1
LENGTH OF SERVICE ON THIS COURT:										
Average	(9)	(8)	(75)	(382)	(10)	(165)	(15)	(230)	(703)	(777)
Longest	6 Yr, 3 Mo	3 Yr, 6 Mo	7 Yr, 8 Mo	9 Yr, 6 Mo	9 Yr, 3 Mo	9 Yr, 3 Mo	10 Yr, 10 Mo	8 Yr, 0 Mo	9 Yr, 5 Mo	9 Yr, 11 Mo
	13 Yr, 10 Mo	8 Yr, 10 Mo	28 Yr, 9 Mo	32 Yr, 0 Mo	18 Yr, 10 Mo	26 Yr, 6 Mo	20 Yr, 2 Mo	30 Yr, 10 Mo	6 Yr, 10 Mo	41 Yr, 4 Mo
RANGE OF SERVICE ON THIS COURT IN YEARS:										
Under 1	2	3	6	29	1	1	0	1	5	30
1 through 4	2	3	17	84	1	41	2	64	179	186
5 through 9	3	2	33	107	4	51	6	88	200	245
10 through 14	2	0	12	92	2	51	2	64	221	158
15 through 19	0	0	5	42	2	13	4	7	55	85
20 through 24	0	0	1	24	0	6	1	5	28	40
25 through 29	0	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	10	21
30 through 34	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	3	8
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	0
FIRST ASSUMED OFFICE BY:										
Appointment	(9)	(8)	(75)	(398)	(10)	(167)	(15)	(231)	(708)	(848)
Election	5(56%)	1(13%)	29(39%)	162(41%)	5(50%)	52(31%)	8(53%)	37(16%)	133(19%)	830(98%)
	4(44%)	7(88%)	46(61%)	236(59%)	5(50%)	115(69%)	7(47%)	194(84%)	575(81%)	18(2%)
EDUCATION:										
HIGH SCHOOL:	(8)	(7)	(69)	(378)	(10)	(166)	(15)	(222)	(674)	(771)
Attended	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	666(99%)	743(96%)
Graduated	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	623(92%)	715(93%)
COLLEGE:										
Attended	8(100%)	7(100%)	68(99%)	377(100%)	9(90%)	166(100%)	14(93%)	184(83%)	369(55%)	566(73%)
Graduated	8(100%)	7(100%)	68(99%)	366(97%)	9(90%)	159(96%)	14(93%)	138(62%)	205(30%)	471(61%)
LAW SCHOOL:										
Attended	8(100%)	7(100%)	69(100%)	376(99%)	10(100%)	165(99%)	15(100%)	37(17%)	50(7%)	362(47%)
Graduated	8(100%)	7(100%)	69(100%)	370(98%)	9(90%)	163(98%)	15(100%)	37(17%)	45(7%)	356(46%)
LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW:										
Number licensed	7(78%)	7(78%)	67(85%)	365(89%)	9(90%)	165(85%)	14(88%)	34(13%)	40(5%)	357(28%)
Mean year licensed	1974	1976	1974	1976	1979	1978	1971	1977	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	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
1950 through 1954	0	0	2	3	0	1	1	0	0	5
1955 through 1959	1	1	3	10	0	4	0	1	1	8
1960 through 1964	0	0	3	15	0	6	2	3	1	22
1965 through 1969	0	0	6	42	1	12	0	4	4	38
1970 through 1974	2	1	14	73	1	24	5	5	8	56
1975 through 1979	2	3	18	94	1	33	5	4	4	75
1980 through 1984	2	2	18	71	3	43	1	9	8	72
Since 1985	0	0	2	57	3	42	0	8	12	80
ORIGINALLY CAME TO THIS COURT FROM:										
Judge of lower court	5(56%)	2(22%)	21(27%)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Attorney-private practice	3(33%)	2(22%)	42(53%)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Legislative service	0(0%)	0(0%)	2(3%)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Other governmental service	0(0%)	3(33%)	9(11%)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:										
Prosecutor	0(0%)	5(56%)	18(23%)	185(45%)	7(70%)	80(41%)	3(19%)	11(4%)	---	---
Attorney-private practice	7(78%)	7(78%)	54(68%)	335(82%)	8(80%)	145(74%)	15(94%)	28(11%)	---	---
Judge of lower court	4(44%)	2(22%)	21(27%)	82(20%)	2(20%)	34(17%)	5(31%)	19(7%)	---	---
County commissioner	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	26(10%)	---	---
MAYOR SERVING AS JUDGE:										
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Numbers in parentheses indicate the number of judges reporting relevant data.