

PROFILE OF APPELLATE AND TRIAL JUDGES AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1998

	Supreme Court	Court of Criminal Appeals	Courts of Appeals	District Courts	Criminal District Courts	County Courts At Law	Probate Courts	County Courts	Justice of the Peace Courts	Municipal Courts
NUMBER OF JUDGES:										
Number of judge positions	9	9	80	386	10	181	16	254	843	*1,254
Number of judges	9	9	80	386	10	181	16	254	842	*1,220
Number of vacant positions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10
Cities with judges										850
Cities with no judges										274
AGE OF JUDGES:										
Number with age data	9	6	76	358	9	153	16	233	675	616
Mean	52	48	55	52	49	50	55	56	57	55
Oldest	67	53	73	75	61	78	72	77	91	93
Youngest	41	43	39	33	41	33	42	34	26	26
RANGE OF AGE:										
Under 25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 through 34	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	2	9	16
35 through 44	2	1	11	62	3	38	1	25	87	92
45 through 54	4	5	29	163	3	72	8	73	192	197
55 through 64	1	0	19	96	3	29	3	77	219	169
65 through 74	2	0	17	34	0	12	4	53	134	104
75 through 84	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	30	31
Over 85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	7
LENGTH OF SERVICE ON THIS COURT:										
Number with service data	9	9	79	383	10	161	16	238	733	695
Average	6 Yr 10 Mo	5 Yr 11 Mo	7 Yr 2Mo	9 Yr 5 Mo	6 Yr 8 Mo	9 Yr 4 Mo	9 Yr 7 Mo	7 Yr 8 Mo	7 Yr 11 Mo	10 Yr 0 Mo
Longest	17 Yr 3Mo	17 Yr 11 Mo	25 Yr 10Mo	37 Yr 11 Mo	15 Yr 11Mo	23 Yr 11 Mo	21 Yr 11Mo	35 Yr 11 Mo	33 Yr 11Mo	43 Yr 7 Mo
RANGE OF SERVICE ON THIS COURT IN YEARS:										
Under 1	0	0	6	3	0	1	0	3	5	5
1 through 4	4	5	38	118	5	47	4	101	180	137
5 through 9	3	3	23	122	3	45	7	82	456	275
10 through 14	1	0	12	63	1	47	4	31	43	149
15 through 19	1	1	3	52	1	13	2	16	27	75
20 through 24	0	0	2	17	0	8	1	2	14	35
25 through 29	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	2	4	15
30 through 34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3
35 through 39	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
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:										
Number assumed office data	9	9	79	385	10	161	16	239	731	763
Appointment	5 (56%)	0 (0%)	34 (43%)	178 (46%)	5 (50%)	65 (40%)	9 (56%)	45 (19%)	107 (15%)	756 (99%)
Election	4 (44%)	9 (100%)	45 (57%)	207 (54%)	5 (50%)	96 (60%)	7 (44%)	194 (81%)	624 (85%)	7 (1%)
EDUCATION:										
Number with education data	9	6	75	356	9	159	16	206	668	620
HIGH SCHOOL:										
Attended	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	652 (98%)	601 (97%)
Graduated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	602 (90%)	570 (92%)
COLLEGE:										
Attended	9 (100%)	6 (100%)	74 (99%)	356 (100%)	9 (100%)	158 (99%)	16 (100%)	188 (91%)	377 (56%)	463 (75%)
Graduated	9 (100%)	6 (100%)	71 (95%)	343 (96%)	9 (100%)	149 (94%)	16 (100%)	142 (69%)	196 (29%)	375 (60%)
LAW SCHOOL:										
Attended	9 (100%)	6 (100%)	75 (100%)	356 (100%)	9 (100%)	157 (99%)	16 (100%)	36 (17%)	52 (8%)	304 (49%)
Graduated	9 (100%)	6 (100%)	75 (100%)	353 (99%)	9 (100%)	155 (97%)	16 (100%)	34 (17%)	46 (7%)	296 (48%)
LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW:										
Number licensed	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	80 (100%)	386 (100%)	10 (100%)	177 (100%)	16 (100%)	31 (12%)	41 (5%)	300 (25%)
Mean year licensed	1973	1975	1970	1973	1976	1975	1970	1977	1973	1975
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	1
1940 through 1944	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1945 through 1949	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	2	2
1950 through 1954	0	0	4	7	0	2	1	1	0	6
1955 through 1959	1	0	9	14	0	8	2	1	2	11
1960 through 1964	0	1	6	22	1	11	3	1	1	18
1965 through 1969	2	0	10	51	1	14	0	3	5	41
1970 through 1974	2	2	15	84	1	27	6	3	7	49
1975 through 1979	2	2	17	88	2	37	4	8	6	68
1980 through 1984	1	1	13	61	2	40	1	7	12	57
Since 1985	1	1	0	18	2	20	1	7	5	47
ORIGINALLY CAME TO THIS COURT FROM:										
Judge of lower court	7 (78%)	2 (22%)	23 (29%)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Attorney-private practice	2 (22%)	2 (22%)	42 (53%)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Legislative service	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other governmental service	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (6%)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:										
Prosecutor	1 (11%)	2 (22%)	22 (28%)	182 (47%)	6 (60%)	76 (43%)	5 (26%)	11 (4%)	—	—
Attorney-private practice	8 (89%)	5 (56%)	65 (81%)	314 (81%)	7 (70%)	141 (80%)	14 (89%)	25 (10%)	—	—
Judge of lower court	6 (67%)	1 (11%)	25 (31%)	85 (22%)	2 (20%)	39 (22%)	5 (26%)	17 (7%)	—	—
County commissioner	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19 (7%)	—	—
MAYOR SERVING AS JUDGE:										
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12 (1%)

*Some cities have more than one judge, and 78 persons serve as judge of two or more municipal courts in separate cities.