

PROFILE OF APPELLATE AND TRIAL JUDGES

INFORMATION AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1994

| | 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 |
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| NUMBER OF JUDGES: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of judge positions | 9 | 9 | 80 | 376 | 10 | 167 | 18 | 254 | 885 | 1,206 |
| Number of judges | 9 | 9 | 80 | 375 | 10 | 167 | 18 | 254 | *878 | *1,144 |
| Number of vacant positions | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 16 |
| Cities with judges | | | | | | | | | | 840 |
| Cities with no judges | | | | | | | | | | 283 |
| AGE OF JUDGES: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number with age data | 9 | 9 | 80 | 374 | 10 | 155 | 16 | 239 | 750 | 909 |
| Mean | 51 | 53 | 56 | 52 | 50 | 50 | 56 | 56 | 57 | 53 |
| Oldest | 68 | 71 | 73 | 75 | 63 | 76 | 68 | 83 | 90 | 89 |
| Youngest | 42 | 39 | 37 | 33 | 37 | 33 | 45 | 35 | 22 | 21 |
| RANGE OF AGE: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| 25 through 34 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 48 |
| 35 through 44 | 3 | 2 | 12 | 87 | 4 | 51 | 0 | 30 | 106 | 188 |
| 45 through 54 | 3 | 4 | 28 | 159 | 3 | 55 | 8 | 82 | 203 | 269 |
| 55 through 64 | 2 | 1 | 22 | 78 | 3 | 24 | 4 | 65 | 224 | 222 |
| 65 through 74 | 1 | 2 | 18 | 47 | 0 | 20 | 4 | 54 | 148 | 132 |
| 75 through 84 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 46 | 42 |
| Over 85 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| LENGTH OF SERVICE ON THIS COURT: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number with service data | 9 | 9 | 80 | 375 | 10 | 164 | 18 | 252 | 864 | 1,079 |
| Average | 5 Yr 4 Mo | 8 Yr 5 Mo | 7 Yr 5 Mo | 8 Yr 11 Mo | 8 Yr 6 Mo | 8 Yr 3 Mo | 8 Yr 11 Mo | 7 Yr 6 Mo | 5 Yr 5 Mo | 6 Yr 7 Mo |
| Longest | 13 Yr 0 Mo | 15 Yr 8 Mo | 23 Yr 8 Mo | 35 Yr 9 Mo | 19 Yr 8 Mo | 27 Yr 8 Mo | 22 Yr 8 Mo | 31 Yr 8 Mo | 37 Yr 2 Mo | 39 Yr 4 Mo |
| RANGE OF SERVICE ON THIS COURT IN YEARS: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 106 |
| 1 through 4 | 4 | 4 | 26 | 101 | 3 | 49 | 6 | 124 | 663 | 430 |
| 5 through 9 | 4 | 1 | 26 | 130 | 4 | 70 | 6 | 65 | 76 | 301 |
| 10 through 14 | 1 | 3 | 17 | 78 | 2 | 30 | 3 | 32 | 46 | 139 |
| 15 through 19 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 41 | 1 | 11 | 2 | 20 | 37 | 60 |
| 20 through 24 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 12 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 11 | 28 |
| 25 through 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 11 |
| 30 through 34 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| 35 through 39 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 40 through 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| over 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FIRST ASSUMED OFFICE BY: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number assumed office data | 9 | 9 | 80 | 375 | 10 | 167 | 18 | 254 | 855 | 1,189 |
| Appointment | 2 (22%) | 0 (0%) | 41 (51%) | 199 (53%) | 4 (40%) | 85 (51%) | 9 (50%) | 60 (24%) | 142 (17%) | 1,179 (99%) |
| Election | 7 (78%) | 9 (100%) | 39 (49%) | 176 (47%) | 6 (60%) | 82 (49%) | 9 (50%) | 194 (76%) | 713 (83%) | 10 (1%) |
| EDUCATION: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number with education data | 9 | 9 | 80 | 375 | 10 | 167 | 18 | 202 | 755 | 903 |
| HIGH SCHOOL: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Attended | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 741(98%) | 871(96%) |
| Graduated | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 658(87%) | 831(92%) |
| COLLEGE: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Attended | 9 (100%) | 9 (100%) | 80 (100%) | 375 (100%) | 10 (100%) | 167 (100%) | 18 (100%) | 191 (95%) | 385 (51%) | 654 (72%) |
| Graduated | 9 (100%) | 9 (100%) | 77 (96%) | 352 (94%) | 10 (100%) | 154 (92%) | 17 (94%) | 140 (69%) | 203 (27%) | 533 (59%) |
| LAW SCHOOL: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Attended | 9 (100%) | 9 (100%) | 80 (100%) | 374 (100%) | 10 (100%) | 166 (99%) | 18 (100%) | 44 (22%) | 59 (8%) | 412 (46%) |
| Graduated | 9 (100%) | 9 (100%) | 80 (100%) | 372 (99%) | 10 (100%) | 163 (98%) | 18 (100%) | 42 (21%) | 52 (7%) | 406 (45%) |
| LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number licensed | 9 (100%) | 9 (100%) | 80 (100%) | 374 (100%) | 10 (100%) | 167 (100%) | 18 (100%) | 38 (15%) | 47 (5%) | 401 (35%) |
| Mean year licensed | 1969 | 1967 | 1965 | 1969 | 1971 | 1971 | 1966 | 1972 | 1972 | 1974 |
| 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 | 1 |
| 1935 through 1939 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1940 through 1944 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 1945 through 1949 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| 1950 through 1954 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 32 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 8 |
| 1955 through 1959 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 27 | 1 | 15 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 19 |
| 1960 through 1964 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 28 | 2 | 17 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 26 |
| 1965 through 1969 | 3 | 1 | 16 | 60 | 2 | 15 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 48 |
| 1970 through 1974 | 3 | 3 | 14 | 92 | 0 | 34 | 4 | 5 | 12 | 64 |
| 1975 through 1979 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 86 | 2 | 42 | 3 | 11 | 5 | 98 |
| 1980 through 1984 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 34 | 2 | 28 | 1 | 8 | 13 | 79 |
| Since 1985 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 51 |
| ORIGINALLY CAME TO THIS COURT FROM: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Judge of lower court | 7 (78%) | 3 (33%) | 35 (44%) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Attorney-private practice | 1 (11%) | 5 (56%) | 31 (39%) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Legislative service | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 1 (1%) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Other governmental service | 1 (11%) | 1 (11%) | 5 (6%) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prosecutor | 2 (22%) | 5 (56%) | 24 (30%) | 187 (50%) | 9 (90%) | 82 (49%) | 5 (28%) | 11 (4%) | — | — |
| Attorney-private practice | 8 (89%) | 7 (78%) | 64 (80%) | 334 (89%) | 7 (70%) | 144 (86%) | 15 (83%) | 33 (13%) | — | — |
| Judge of lower court | 4 (44%) | 1 (11%) | 37 (46%) | 108 (29%) | 2 (20%) | 45 (27%) | 3 (17%) | 17 (7%) | — | — |
| County commissioner | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 19 (7%) | — | — |
| MAYOR SERVING AS JUDGE: | | | | | | | | | | |
| | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 30 (3%) |

*One person serves as judge of two places within one justice of the peace precinct; 32 persons serve as judge of two or more municipal courts in a total of 46 courts.