

Profile of Appellate and Trial Judges*

As of September 1, 2020

| | 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 |
|---|---------------|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| NUMBER OF JUDGES: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of Judge Positions | 9 | 9 | 80 | 465 | 13 | 250 | 18 | 254 | 802 | 1,316 |
| Number of Judges | 8 | 9 | 80 | 464 | 13 | 250 | 18 | 254 | 797 | 1,300 |
| Number of Vacant Positions | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 16 |
| Number of Municipalities w/ Courts | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 945 |
| Cities with No Courts | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 242 |
| AGE OF JUDGES: | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (n = 8) | (n = 9) | (n = 79) | (n = 427) | (n = 13) | (n = 228) | (n = 16) | (n = 234) | (n = 745) | (n = 1,168) |
| Mean | 56 | 62 | 59 | 54 | 61 | 57 | 56 | 56 | 44 | 58 |
| Oldest | 71 | 78 | 77 | 77 | 76 | 80 | 71 | 83 | 88 | 91 |
| Youngest | 40 | 45 | 41 | 31 | 45 | 33 | 41 | 29 | 0 | 24 |
| RANGE OF AGE: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 25 through 34 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 17 | 14 |
| 35 through 44 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 47 | 0 | 32 | 3 | 11 | 48 | 107 |
| 45 through 54 | 1 | 3 | 15 | 123 | 6 | 61 | 3 | 32 | 154 | 243 |
| 55 through 64 | 5 | 2 | 38 | 154 | 2 | 84 | 4 | 92 | 250 | 341 |
| 65 through 74 | 1 | 3 | 16 | 99 | 4 | 42 | 6 | 80 | 224 | 333 |
| Over 75 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 17 | 51 | 129 |
| GENDER OF JUDGES: | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (n = 8) | (n = 9) | (n = 80) | (n = 464) | (n = 13) | (n = 250) | (n = 18) | (n = 254) | (n = 797) | (n = 1,299) |
| Males | 5 | 5 | 44 | 292 | 5 | 163 | 9 | 230 | 496 | 796 |
| Females | 3 | 4 | 36 | 172 | 8 | 87 | 9 | 24 | 301 | 503 |
| ETHNICITY OF JUDGES: | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (n = 8) | (n = 9) | (n = 79) | (n = 449) | (n = 13) | (n = 249) | (n = 18) | (n = 234) | (n = 733) | (n = 1,147) |
| African-American | 0 | 0 | 1 | 39 | 3 | 26 | 3 | 1 | 33 | 71 |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Asian or Pacific Islander | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 14 |
| Hispanic/Latino | 1 | 1 | 15 | 87 | 1 | 50 | 4 | 21 | 149 | 216 |
| White (Non-Hispanic) | 7 | 8 | 62 | 314 | 7 | 169 | 11 | 209 | 545 | 830 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 10 |
| LENGTH OF SERVICE: | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (n = 8) | (n = 9) | (n = 80) | (n = 464) | (n = 13) | (n = 250) | (n = 18) | (n = 254) | (n = 796) | (n = 1,644) |
| Average | 8 Yr 2 Mo | 9 Yr 4 Mo | 5 Yr 5 Mo | 8 Yr 10 Mo | 9 Yr 4 Mo | 8 Yr 2 Mo | 7 Yr 2 Mo | 7 Yr 9 Mo | 9 Yr 5 Mo | 9 Yr 11 Mo |
| Longest | 31 Yr 8 Mo | 25 Yr 8 Mo | 25 Yr 8 Mo | 37 Yr 8 Mo | 25 Yr 6 Mo | 33 Yr 8 Mo | 35 Yr 3 Mo | 33 Yr 8 Mo | 57 Yr 5 Mo | 51 Yr 11 Mo |
| RANGE OF SERVICE ON THIS COURT IN YEARS: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 1 Year | 1 | 0 | 6 | 16 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 9 | 68 |
| 1 through 4 | 2 | 3 | 38 | 161 | 3 | 87 | 9 | 90 | 210 | 473 |
| 5 through 9 | 2 | 3 | 17 | 119 | 4 | 76 | 6 | 101 | 270 | 419 |
| 10 through 14 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 78 | 4 | 28 | 1 | 20 | 115 | 279 |
| 15 through 19 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 48 | 1 | 29 | 0 | 22 | 77 | 187 |
| 20 through 24 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 24 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 8 | 57 | 104 |
| 25 through 29 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 14 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 40 | 62 |
| 30 through 34 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 32 |
| 35 through 39 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 20 |
| Over 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 12 |
| FIRST ASSUMED OFFICE BY: | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (n = 8) | (n = 9) | (n = 80) | (n = 464) | (n = 13) | (n = 250) | (n = 18) | (n = 254) | (n = 798) | (n = 1,671) |
| Appointment | 7 (88%) | 0 | 32 (40%) | 133 (29%) | 2 (15%) | 51 (20%) | 2 (11%) | 49 (19%) | 219 (27%) | 1,652 (99%) |
| Election | 1 (13%) | 9 (100%) | 48 (60%) | 331 (71%) | 11 (85%) | 199 (80%) | 16 (89%) | 205 (81%) | 579 (73%) | 19 (1%) |
| EDUCATION: | | | | | | | | | | |
| HIGH SCHOOL: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Attended | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 24 (3%) | 25 (2%) |
| Graduated | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 695 (96%) | 1,126 (93%) |
| COLLEGE: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Attended | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 1 (1%) | 3 (1%) | 0 (0%) | 2 (1%) | 1 (5%) | 35 (15%) | 163 (22%) | 135 (11%) |
| Graduated | 8 (100%) | 9 (100%) | 76 (95%) | 420 (91%) | 11 (85%) | 217 (87%) | 17 (89%) | 142 (61%) | 266 (37%) | 829 (68%) |
| LAW SCHOOL: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Attended | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 3 (1%) | 2 (0%) | 3 (0%) |
| Graduated | 8 (100%) | 9 (100%) | 80 (100%) | 464 (100%) | 13 (100%) | 250 (100%) | 19 (100%) | 37 (16%) | 68 (9%) | 734 (61%) |
| LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number Licensed | 8 (100%) | 9 (100%) | 80 (100%) | 464 (100%) | 13 (100%) | 250 (100%) | 18 (100%) | 37 (15%) | 63 (8%) | 748 (58%) |
| Mean Year Licensed | 1989 | 1987 | 1989 | 1991 | 1988 | 1992 | 1992 | 1990 | 1994 | 1990 |
| YEARS LICENSED: | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 Years or Less | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 5 to 9 Years | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 23 |
| 10 to 14 Years | 0 | 0 | 4 | 46 | 0 | 29 | 2 | 4 | 11 | 71 |
| 15 to 19 Years | 2 | 1 | 7 | 47 | 2 | 37 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 76 |
| 20 to 24 Years | 0 | 2 | 4 | 86 | 3 | 29 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 104 |
| 25 to 29 Years | 1 | 1 | 16 | 81 | 1 | 40 | 2 | 4 | 14 | 126 |
| 30 or More Years | 5 | 5 | 49 | 199 | 7 | 110 | 7 | 20 | 19 | 347 |
| ORIGINALLY CAME TO THIS COURT FROM: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Attorney Private Practice | 1 (13%) | 1 (11%) | 46 (58%) | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Judge of Lower Court | 5 (63%) | 2 (22%) | 14 (18%) | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Legislative Service | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Other Governmental Service | 2 (25%) | 4 (44%) | 8 (10%) | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prosecutor | 1 (13%) | 5 (56%) | 11 (14%) | 170 (37%) | 7 (54%) | 106 (42%) | 3 (17%) | 9 (4%) | -- | -- |
| Attorney Private Practice | 8 (100%) | 5 (56%) | 30 (38%) | 354 (76%) | 9 (69%) | 160 (64%) | 16 (89%) | 28 (11%) | -- | -- |
| Judge of Lower Court | 4 (50%) | 0 (0%) | 11 (14%) | 42 (9%) | 3 (23%) | 22 (9%) | 2 (11%) | 9 (4%) | -- | -- |
| County Commissioner | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 1 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 31 (12%) | -- | -- |

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