

Profile of Appellate and Trial Judges*

(as of September 1, 2008)

	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	431	13	222	18	254	821	1414
Number of Judges	9	9	79	429	13	222	18	254	819	1406
Number of Vacant Positions	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	8
Number of Municipalities w/ Courts	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	917
Cities with No Courts	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	277
AGE OF JUDGES:										
	(n = 9)	(n = 9)	(n = 79)	(n = 429)	(n = 13)	(n = 185)	(n = 16)	(n = 199)	(n = 700)	(n = 1179)
Mean	53	65	56	56	52	61	67	56	57	58
Oldest	63	75	74	75	64	84	77	80	89	90
Youngest	42	55	38	36	40	37	56	31	25	26
RANGE OF AGE:										
Under 25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 through 34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	18
35 through 44	1	0	9	50	3	21	0	11	53	150
45 through 54	5	0	26	138	5	75	0	39	173	298
55 through 64	3	7	33	201	5	69	12	98	289	408
65 through 74	0	1	11	38	0	15	3	44	143	224
Over 75	0	1	0	2	0	5	1	6	32	81
GENDER OF JUDGES:										
	(n = 9)	(n = 9)	(n = 79)	(n = 429)	(n = 13)	(n = 222)	(n = 18)	(n = 254)	(n = 818)	(n = 1403)
Males	8	5	48	306	10	153	14	225	548	930
Females	1	4	31	123	3	69	4	29	270	473
ETHNICITY OF JUDGES:										
	(n=9)	(n=9)	(n=78)	(n=419)	(n=12)	(n=189)	(n=12)	(n=209)	(n=667)	(n=1092)
African-American	2	0	2	12	2	7	0	2	26	50
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	12
Asian or Pacific Islander	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	10
Hispanic/Latino	1	0	11	61	0	35	2	17	127	175
White (Non-Hispanic)	6	9	63	340	10	145	10	189	513	835
Other	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	1	0	10
LENGTH OF SERVICE:										
	(n=9)	(n=9)	(n=79)	(n=429)	(n=13)	(n=222)	(n=18)	(n=254)	(n=819)	(n=1353)
Average	6 Yr 9 Mo	9 Yr 5 Mo	7 Yr 3 Mo	9 Yr 0 Mo	5 Yr 6 Mo	9 Yr 1 Mo	14 Yr 7 Mo	7 Yr 7 Mo	9 Yr 7 Mo	8 Yr 9 Mo
Longest	19 Yr 8 Mo	15 Yr 8 Mo	21 Yr 8 Mo	28 Yr 7 Mo	18 Yr 4 Mo	32 Yr 5 Mo	27 Yr 0 Mo	30 Yr 7 Mo	45 Yr 5 Mo	44 Yr 1 Mo
RANGE OF SERVICE ON THIS COURT IN YEARS:										
Under 1 Year	0	0	2	13	1	0	0	2	13	70
1 through 4	5	0	20	113	6	55	3	96	230	491
5 through 9	3	5	32	125	2	84	3	93	274	336
10 through 14	0	3	19	72	2	31	3	28	130	229
15 through 19	1	1	5	76	2	21	4	20	96	90
20 through 24	0	0	1	21	0	23	3	10	37	72
25 through 29	0	0	0	12	0	7	2	4	31	43
30 through 34	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	6	14
35 through 39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6
Over 40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
FIRST ASSUMED OFFICE BY:										
	(n=9)	(n=9)	(n=79)	(n=429)	(n=13)	(n=222)	(n=18)	(n=254)	(n=819)	(n=1388)
Appointment	5 (56%)	1 (11%)	45 (57%)	172 (40%)	4 (31%)	67 (30%)	7 (39%)	46 (18%)	217 (26%)	1374 (99%)
Election	4 (44%)	8 (89%)	34 (43%)	257 (60%)	9 (69%)	155 (70%)	11 (61%)	208 (82%)	602 (74%)	14 (1%)
EDUCATION:										
HIGH SCHOOL:										
Attended	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	40 (6%)	26 (2%)
Graduated	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	662 (93%)	1148 (89%)
COLLEGE:										
Attended	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	6 (1%)	0 (0%)	5 (2%)	0 (0%)	35 (16%)	168 (24%)	136 (11%)
Graduated	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	77 (97%)	395 (93%)	12 (92%)	187 (85%)	15 (83%)	140 (65%)	232 (33%)	799 (62%)
LAW SCHOOL:										
Attended	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (1%)	0 (0%)	3 (1%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (0%)	5 (0%)
Graduated	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	79 (100%)	423 (99%)	13 (100%)	216 (99%)	18 (100%)	28 (13%)	62 (9%)	724 (56%)
LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW:										
Number Licensed	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	79 (100%)	429 (100%)	13 (100%)	222 (100%)	18 (100%)	27 (11%)	61 (7%)	735 (52%)
Mean Year Licensed	1983	1974	1979	1980	1982	1982	1975	1978	1982	1983
RANGE OF YEAR LICENSED:										
Before 1955	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	6
1955 through 1959	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	7
1960 through 1964	0	0	2	6	0	3	1	1	1	21
1965 through 1969	0	1	5	26	1	11	1	5	5	58
1970 through 1974	1	2	12	64	1	22	4	5	12	79
1975 through 1979	2	3	16	104	2	40	8	3	7	113
1980 through 1984	2	2	21	94	4	40	2	4	10	108
1985 through 1989	1	0	14	56	2	56	0	3	5	96
1990 through 1994	3	0	7	58	2	31	1	2	9	121
1995 through 1999	0	0	1	17	1	17	0	3	10	97
Since 2000	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	29
ORIGINALLY CAME TO THIS COURT FROM:										
Attorney Private Practice	1 (11%)	2 (22%)	22 (28%)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Judge of Lower Court	6 (67%)	4 (44%)	14 (18%)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Legislative Service	1 (11%)	3 (33%)	3 (4%)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other Governmental Service	1 (11%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:										
Prosecutor	0 (0%)	5 (56%)	14 (18%)	177 (41%)	5 (38%)	95 (43%)	3 (17%)	9 (4%)	--	--
Attorney Private Practice	6 (67%)	9 (100%)	43 (54%)	314 (73%)	12 (92%)	141 (64%)	15 (83%)	23 (9%)	--	--
Judge of Lower Court	4 (44%)	2 (22%)	15 (19%)	67 (16%)	1 (8%)	34 (15%)	3 (17%)	13 (5%)	--	--
County Commissioner	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	16 (6%)	--	--

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