

Profile of Appellate and Trial Judges*

(as of March 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	430	13	222	18	254	821	1412
Number of Judges	9	9	80	430	13	222	18	254	819	1401
Number of Vacant Positions	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	11
Number of Municipalities w/ Courts	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	916
Cities with No Courts	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	280
AGE OF JUDGES:										
	(n = 9)	(n = 9)	(n = 80)	(n = 429)	(n = 13)	(n = 184)	(n = 16)	(n = 200)	(n = 694)	(n = 1152)
Mean	53	64	56	55	52	60	67	55	56	58
Oldest	63	74	74	75	63	83	77	79	88	89
Youngest	42	54	37	35	40	36	56	31	24	26
RANGE OF AGE:										
Under 25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
25 through 34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	14
35 through 44	1	0	10	57	3	26	0	12	56	156
45 through 54	5	2	28	144	5	72	0	43	176	301
55 through 64	3	5	34	195	5	67	12	96	284	394
65 through 74	0	2	8	33	0	15	3	43	139	213
Over 75	0	0	0	1	0	4	1	5	28	74
GENDER OF JUDGES:										
	(n = 9)	(n = 9)	(n = 80)	(n = 429)	(n = 13)	(n = 222)	(n = 18)	(n = 254)	(n = 818)	(n = 1385)
Males	8	5	48	306	10	153	14	225	547	917
Females	1	4	32	123	3	69	4	29	271	468
ETHNICITY OF JUDGES:										
	(n=9)	(n=9)	(n=79)	(n=419)	(n=12)	(n=189)	(n=12)	(n=210)	(n=657)	(n=1032)
African-American	2	0	2	12	2	7	0	2	24	47
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	6
Hispanic/Latino	1	0	11	61	0	35	2	17	126	142
White (Non-Hispanic)	6	9	64	340	10	145	10	190	506	816
Other	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	1	0	9
LENGTH OF SERVICE:										
	(n=9)	(n=9)	(n=80)	(n=429)	(n=13)	(n=222)	(n=18)	(n=253)	(n=817)	(n=1348)
Average	6 Yr 2 Mo	9 Yr 10 Mo	7 Yr 4 Mo	9 Yr 5 Mo	5 Yr 11 Mo	9 Yr 6 Mo	14 Yr 0 Mo	7 Yr 0 Mo	9 Yr 0 Mo	8 Yr 4 Mo
Longest	19 Yr 1 Mo	15 Yr 1 Mo	21 Yr 1 Mo	28 Yr 0 Mo	18 Yr 9 Mo	32 Yr 10 Mo	27 Yr 5 Mo	30 Yr 0 Mo	45 Yr 10 Mo	44 Yr 6 Mo
RANGE OF SERVICE ON THIS COURT IN YEARS:										
Under 1 Year	0	0	2	16	1	1	0	6	18	105
1 through 4	5	0	25	112	6	54	3	92	227	469
5 through 9	3	5	30	122	2	85	3	91	281	339
10 through 14	0	3	19	78	2	30	4	30	121	219
15 through 19	1	1	3	76	2	24	3	19	97	91
20 through 24	0	0	1	19	0	21	3	10	35	65
25 through 29	0	0	0	10	0	6	2	4	31	40
30 through 34	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	6	12
35 through 39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Over 40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
FIRST ASSUMED OFFICE BY:										
	(n=9)	(n=9)	(n=80)	(n=429)	(n=13)	(n=222)	(n=18)	(n=253)	(n=816)	(n=1374)
Appointment	5 (56%)	1 (11%)	44 (55%)	172 (40%)	4 (31%)	67 (30%)	7 (39%)	45 (18%)	216 (26%)	1358 (99%)
Election	4 (44%)	8 (89%)	36 (45%)	257 (60%)	9 (69%)	155 (70%)	11 (61%)	208 (82%)	600 (74%)	16 (1%)
EDUCATION:										
HIGH SCHOOL:										
Attended	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	40 (6%)	26 (2%)
Graduated	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	657 (93%)	1121 (96%)
COLLEGE:										
Attended	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	6 (1%)	0 (0%)	5 (2%)	0 (0%)	35 (16%)	165 (23%)	136 (12%)
Graduated	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	78 (98%)	389 (91%)	12 (92%)	186 (85%)	15 (83%)	140 (65%)	230 (33%)	780 (66%)
LAW SCHOOL:										
Attended	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (1%)	0 (0%)	3 (1%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (0%)	4 (0%)
Graduated	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	80 (100%)	423 (99%)	13 (100%)	216 (99%)	18 (100%)	28 (13%)	58 (8%)	626 (53%)
LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW:										
Number Licensed	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	80 (100%)	429(100%)	13 (100%)	222(100%)	18 (100%)	27 (11%)	57 (7%)	691 (49%)
Mean Year Licensed	1983	1974	1979	1980	1982	1982	1975	1978	1982	1982
RANGE OF YEAR LICENSED:										
Before 1955	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	5
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	57
1970 through 1974	1	2	12	63	1	22	4	5	11	75
1975 through 1979	2	3	16	105	2	40	8	3	6	109
1980 through 1984	2	2	22	94	4	40	2	4	9	106
1985 through 1989	1	0	14	57	2	56	0	3	5	91
1990 through 1994	3	0	7	56	2	31	1	2	8	113
1995 through 1999	0	0	1	18	1	17	0	3	10	83
Since 2000	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	24
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%)	178 (41%)	5 (38%)	96 (43%)	3 (17%)	9 (4%)	--	--
Attorney Private Practice	6 (67%)	9 (100%)	44 (55%)	309 (71%)	12 (92%)	142 (64%)	15 (83%)	23 (9%)	--	--
Judge of Lower Court	4 (44%)	2 (22%)	15 (19%)	66 (15%)	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.