Profile of Appellate and Trial Judges*

as of September 1, 2005

	Supreme Court	Court of Criminal Appeals	Court of Appeals	District Courts	Criminal District Courts	County Courts at Law	Statutory Probate Courts	County Courts	Justice Courts	Municipal Courts
NUMBER OF JUDGES:										
Number of Judge Positions	9	9	80	420	12	216	17	254	826	1,378
Number of Judges	9	9	79	415	10	216	17	254	826	1,367
Number of Vacant Positions	0	0	1	5	2	0	0	0	0	11
Number of Municipalities w/ Courts	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	908
Cities with No Courts	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	245
AGE OF JUDGES:	(n = 9)	(n = 9)	(n = 76)	(n = 403)	(n = 10)	(n = 193)	(n = 15)	(n = 221)	(n = 706)	(n = 1,092)
Mean	50	62	56	55	51	59	64	56	60	57
Oldest	60	72	73	74	61	81	74	79	93	89
Youngest	39	52	38	35	40	36	53	33	27	24
RANGE OF AGE:										
Under 25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
25 through 34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	11	25
35 through 44	3	0	7	56	1	45	0	8	62	158
45 through 54	4	2	34	167	4	76	1	58	191	329
55 through 64	2	6	28	153	5	53	10	101	271	343
65 through 74	0	1	7	28	0	14	4	44	130	171
75 through 84	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	7	37	62
Over 85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3
GENDER OF JUDGES:	(n = 9)	(n = 9)	(n = 79)	(n = 415)	(n = 10)	(n = 216)	(n = 17)	(n = 254)	(n = 815)	(n = 1,341)
Males	8	5	46	305	7	150	14	228	547	900
Females	1	4	33	110	3	66	3	26	268	441
ETHNICITY OF JUDGES:	(n=9)	(n=9)	(n=78)	(n=403)	(n=10)	(n=188)	(n=10)	(n=230)	(n=636)	(n=963)
African-American	2	0	2	11	2	6	0	2	21	32
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	7
Asian or Pacific Islander	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
Hispanic/Latino	1	0	12	49	1	32	1	18	108	132
White (Non-Hispanic)	6	9	62	337	7	148	9	207	503	779
Other	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	3	2	6
LENGTH OF SERVICE:	(n=9)	(n=9)	(n=79)	(n=414)	(n=10)	(n=209)	(n=15)	(n=247)	(n=762)	(n=1,091)
Average	3 Yr 9 Mo	6 Yr 5 Mo	6 Yr 6 Mo	9 Yr 6 Mo	8 Yr 10 Mo	8 Yr 1 Mo	14 Yr 5 Mo	7 Yr 3 Mo	9 Yr 9 Mo	8 Yr 7 Mo
Longest	16 Yr 8 Mo	12 Yr 8 Mo	18 Yr 8 Mo	29 Yr 10 Mo	15 Yr 4 Mo	29 Yr 5 Mo	24 Yr 0 Mo	34 Yr 8 Mo	40 Yr 3 Mo	45 Yr 2 Mo
RANGE OF SERVICE ON THIS COURT IN YEARS:										
Under 1 Year	4	0	5	28	1	7	0	4	19	88
1 through 4	3	3	34	106	2	60	0	91	189	360
5 through 9	1	4	15	95	1	59	3	60	180	274
10 through 14	0	2	23	94	5	42	6	66	262	163
15 through 19	1	0	1	60	1	31	2	17	52	97
20 through 24	0	0	0	29	0	6	4	3	41	57
25 through 29	0	0	0	4	0	3	0	5	15	27
30 through 34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	16
35 through 39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
40 through 44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Over 45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
FIRST ASSUMED OFFICE BY:	(n=9)	(n=9)	(n=79)	(n=415)	(n=11)	(n=209)	(n=15)	(n=247)	(n=750)	(n=1,238)
Appointment	5 (56%)	1 (11%)	42 (53%)	171 (41%)	4 (36%)	70 (33%)	8 (53%)	43 (17%)	154 (21%)	1,221 (99%)
Election	4 (44%)	8 (89%)	37 (47%)	244 (59%)	7 (64%)	139 (67%)	7 (47%)	204 (83%)	594 (79%)	17 (1%)
EDUCATION:	(n=9)	(n=9)	(n=78)	(n=407)	(n=10)	(n=196)	(n=15)	(n=235)	(n=703)	(n=1,073)
HIGH SCHOOL:										
Attended	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	38 (5%)	24 (2%)
Graduated	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	656 (93%)	1,029 (96%)
COLLEGE:										
Attended	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	6 (1%)	0 (0%)	5 (3%)	0 (0%)	38 (16%)	156 (22%)	115 (11%)
Graduated	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	76 (97%)	392 (96%)	10 (100%)	189 (96%)	14 (93%)	149 (63%)	229 (33%)	693 (65%)
LAW SCHOOL:										
Attended	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (1%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (1%)	7 (1%)
Graduated	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	78 (100%)	403 (99%)	10 (100%)	194 (99%)	15 (100%)	34 (14%)	52 (7%)	543 (51%)
LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW:										
Number Licensed	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	79 (100%)	415 (100%)	10 (100%)	216 (100%)	17 (100%)	33 (13%)	53 (6%)	551 (40%)
Mean Year Licensed	1983	1974	1979	1979	1979	1981	1972	1978	1980	1980
RANGE OF YEAR LICENSED:										
Before 1950	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	132	245
1950 through 1954	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	3
1955 through 1959	0	1	2	3	0	3	0	1	1	7
1960 through 1964	0	0	2	12	0	3	2	2	0	20
1965 through 1969	0	1	4	33	1	12	1	6	7	48
1970 through 1974	1	2	13	70	2	24	5	6	10	76
1975 through 1979	2	3	18	102	1	37	6	2	6	97
1980 through 1984	2	2	24	93	3	46	2	6	12	93
1985 through 1989	1	0	10	56	2	58	0	4	4	69
1990 through 1994	3	0	6	39	1	29	0	4	10	84
1995 through 1999	0	0	0	8	0	3	0	2	3	46
Since 2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
ORIGINALLY CAME TO THIS COURT FROM:										
Attorney Private Practice	0 (0%)	1 (11%)	20 (25%)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Judge of Lower Court	6 (67%)	4 (44%)	14 (18%)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Legislative Service	1 (11%)	3 (33%)	3 (4%)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other Governmental Service	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:										
Prosecutor	0 (0%)	5 (56%)	19 (24%)	195 (47%)	7 (70%)	103 (48%)	4 (24%)	12 (5%)	--	--
Attorney Private Practice	6 (67%)	9 (100%)	46 (58%)	340 (82%)	9 (90%)	158 (73%)	15 (88%)	29 (11%)	--	--
Judge of Lower Court	4 (44%)	2 (22%)	16 (20%)	82 (20%)	1 (10%)	38 (18%)	5 (29%)	20 (8%)	--	--
County Commissioner	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	22 (9%)	--	--
MAYOR SERVING AS JUDGE:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	21 (2%)