

Profile of Appellate and Trial Judges*

(as of September 1, 2007)

	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	425	12	222	18	254	821	1416
Number of Judges	9	9	78	424	12	222	18	254	820	1406
Number of Vacant Positions	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	10
Number of Municipalities w/ Courts	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	918
Cities with No Courts	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	279
AGE OF JUDGES:										
	(n = 9)	(n = 9)	(n = 78)	(n = 418)	(n = 12)	(n = 185)	(n = 16)	(n = 201)	(n = 706)	(n = 1210)
Mean	52	64	55	55	53	60	66	55	56	58
Oldest	62	74	73	74	63	83	76	79	88	90
Youngest	41	54	37	35	42	36	55	30	24	25
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	13	17
35 through 44	2	0	9	59	2	28	0	12	65	179
45 through 54	4	2	27	144	5	77	0	49	190	338
55 through 64	3	5	34	188	5	61	13	93	282	391
65 through 74	0	2	8	28	0	15	2	41	131	211
Over 75	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	5	24	74
GENDER OF JUDGES:										
	(n = 9)	(n = 9)	(n = 78)	(n = 424)	(n = 12)	(n = 222)	(n = 18)	(n = 254)	(n = 816)	(n = 1395)
Males	8	5	46	303	9	153	14	225	546	920
Females	1	4	32	121	3	69	4	29	270	475
ETHNICITY OF JUDGES:										
	(n=9)	(n=9)	(n=76)	(n=398)	(n=12)	(n=190)	(n=12)	(n=212)	(n=670)	(n=1086)
African-American	2	0	2	11	2	7	0	2	24	50
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	13
Asian or Pacific Islander	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	7
Hispanic/Latino	1	0	11	55	0	35	2	17	131	149
White (Non-Hispanic)	6	9	61	326	10	146	10	192	514	858
Other	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	1	0	9
LENGTH OF SERVICE:										
	(n=9)	(n=9)	(n=78)	(n=424)	(n=12)	(n=221)	(n=18)	(n=253)	(n=815)	(n=1337)
Average	5 Yr 8 Mo	8 Yr 4 Mo	6 Yr 0 Mo	8 Yr 2 Mo	5 Yr 11 Mo	8 Yr 11 Mo	13 Yr 6 Mo	6 Yr 7 Mo	8 Yr 9 Mo	8 Yr 4 Mo
Longest	18 Yr 7 Mo	14 Yr 7 Mo	20 Yr 7 Mo	31 Yr 9 Mo	17 Yr 3 Mo	31 Yr 4 Mo	26 Yr 11 Mo	29 Yr 6 Mo	44 Yr 4 Mo	43 Yr 0 Mo
RANGE OF SERVICE ON THIS COURT IN YEARS:										
Under 1 Year	0	0	7	59	5	40	3	86	155	104
1 through 4	6	0	25	90	3	45	0	62	189	462
5 through 9	2	5	23	96	0	56	3	40	182	342
10 through 14	0	4	21	95	2	32	4	32	132	211
15 through 19	1	0	1	58	2	23	3	18	80	90
20 through 24	0	0	1	19	0	19	4	12	49	67
25 through 29	0	0	0	8	0	5	1	3	22	39
30 through 34	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	5	14
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=78)	(n=424)	(n=12)	(n=221)	(n=18)	(n=253)	(n=815)	(n=1383)
Appointment	5 (56%)	1 (11%)	42 (54%)	159 (38%)	3 (25%)	64 (29%)	7 (39%)	43 (17%)	207 (25%)	1368 (99%)
Election	4 (44%)	8 (89%)	36 (46%)	265 (63%)	9 (75%)	157 (71%)	11 (61%)	210 (83%)	608 (75%)	15 (1%)
EDUCATION:										
HIGH SCHOOL:										
Attended	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	44 (6%)	28 (2%)
Graduated	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	666 (93%)	1177 (95%)
COLLEGE:										
Attended	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	6 (1%)	0 (0%)	5 (2%)	0 (0%)	35 (16%)	166 (23%)	152 (12%)
Graduated	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	77 (99%)	393 (93%)	12 (100%)	187 (86%)	15 (83%)	142 (65%)	236 (33%)	814 (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%)	78 (100%)	418 (99%)	12 (100%)	215 (99%)	18 (100%)	29 (13%)	58 (8%)	656 (53%)
LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW:										
Number Licensed	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	78 (100%)	424(100%)	12 (100%)	222(100%)	18 (100%)	28 (11%)	57 (7%)	710 (50%)
Mean Year Licensed	1983	1974	1979	1980	1981	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	7	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	6	11	74
1975 through 1979	2	3	16	103	2	40	8	3	6	114
1980 through 1984	2	2	22	91	4	40	2	4	9	110
1985 through 1989	1	0	13	56	2	57	0	3	5	94
1990 through 1994	3	0	7	55	2	31	1	2	8	115
1995 through 1999	0	0	0	18	0	16	0	3	10	89
Since 2000	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	23
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%)	179 (42%)	5 (42%)	97 (44%)	3 (17%)	10 (4%)	--	--
Attorney Private Practice	6 (67%)	9 (100%)	43 (55%)	314 (74%)	12 (100%)	143 (64%)	15 (83%)	24 (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.