

PROFILE OF APPELLATE AND TRIAL JUDGES

INFORMATION AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1995

	Supreme Court	Court of Criminal Appeals	Courts of Appeals	District Courts	Criminal District Courts	County Courts At Law	Probate Courts	County Courts	Justice of the Peace Courts	Municipal Courts
NUMBER OF JUDGES:										
Number of judge positions	9	9	80	377	10	171	18	254	842	*1,215
Number of judges	9	9	80	377	10	171	18	254	842	*1,141
Number of vacant positions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	13
Cities with judges										847
Cities with no judges										278
AGE OF JUDGES:										
Number with age data	9	9	80	374	10	164	18	247	764	998
Mean	52	52	53	51	48	48	54	54	54	53
Oldest	69	72	75	72	64	75	69	84	88	90
Youngest	41	40	36	30	38	30	39	31	23	22
RANGE OF AGE:										
Under 25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
25 through 34	0	0	0	3	0	9	0	4	29	57
35 through 44	2	3	19	90	3	59	3	40	118	209
45 through 54	3	3	27	175	4	60	8	92	240	294
55 through 64	3	1	19	73	3	23	4	70	223	235
65 through 74	1	2	14	33	0	11	3	40	128	146
75 through 84	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	23	47
Over 85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6
LENGTH OF SERVICE ON THIS COURT:										
Number with service data	9	9	80	376	10	171	18	252	829	1,112
Average	5 Yr 10 Mo	6 Yr 11 Mo	5 Yr 8 Mo	7 Yr 11 Mo	5 Yr 8 Mo	6 Yr 8 Mo	7 Yr 0 Mo	5 Yr 1 Mo	5 Yr 2 Mo	7 Yr 1 Mo
Longest	14 Yr 3 Mo	16 Yr 11 Mo	24 Yr 11 Mo	34 Yr 11 Mo	12 Yr 11 Mo	20 Yr 11 Mo	18 Yr 11 Mo	32 Yr 11 Mo	31 Yr 0 Mo	40 Yr 7 Mo
RANGE OF SERVICE ON THIS COURT IN YEARS:										
Under 1	1	2	26	72	3	39	3	97	175	76
1 through 4	4	3	21	74	2	39	6	80	506	437
5 through 9	3	1	16	107	2	61	3	45	62	326
10 through 14	1	2	13	83	3	19	5	16	44	147
15 through 19	0	1	2	26	0	11	1	9	19	78
20 through 24	0	0	2	8	0	2	0	3	16	31
25 through 29	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	3	9
30 through 34	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	4	5
35 through 39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
40 through 44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
over 45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FIRST ASSUMED OFFICE BY:										
Number assumed office data	9	9	80	377	10	171	18	254	823	1,202
Appointment	2 (22%)	0 (0%)	31 (39%)	172 (46%)	5 (50%)	70 (41%)	9 (50%)	47 (19%)	118 (14%)	1,192 (99%)
Election	7 (78%)	9 (100%)	49 (61%)	205 (54%)	5 (50%)	101 (59%)	9 (50%)	207 (81%)	705 (86%)	10 (1%)
EDUCATION:										
Number with education data	9	9	80	376	10	169	18	213	759	993
HIGH SCHOOL:										
Attended	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	739 (97%)	964 (97%)
Graduated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	680 (90%) 917 (92)
COLLEGE:										
Attended	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	80 (100%)	376 (100%)	10 (100%)	169 (99%)	18 (100%)	201 (94%)	437 (58%)	736 (74%)
Graduated	—	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	77 (96%)	361 (96%)	10 (100%)	160 (95%)	17 (94%)	149 (70%)	226 (30%) 603 (61)
LAW SCHOOL:										
Attended	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	80 (100%)	376 (100%)	10 (100%)	168 (99%)	18 (100%)	37 (17%)	63 (8%)	460 (46%)
Graduated	—	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	80 (100%)	375 (100%)	10 (100%)	165 (98%)	18 (100%)	35 (16%)	56 (7%) 450 (45)
LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW:										
Number licensed	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	80 (100%)	376 (100%)	10 (100%)	171 (100%)	18 (100%)	33 (13%)	49 (6%)	450 (39%)
Mean year licensed	1969	1970	1969	1972	1974	1975	1968	1977	1973	1975
RANGE OF YEAR LICENSED:										
Before 1930	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1930 through 1934	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
1935 through 1939	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
1940 through 1944	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
1945 through 1949	0	1	2	4	0	1	0	0	2	3
1950 through 1954	1	0	7	16	0	2	2	1	0	9
1955 through 1959	0	1	10	19	1	9	2	1	4	19
1960 through 1964	0	1	7	26	1	12	3	1	1	29
1965 through 1969	3	0	11	54	1	14	0	3	7	49
1970 through 1974	2	2	13	95	1	31	5	3	10	65
1975 through 1979	3	2	17	91	2	41	4	9	6	105
1980 through 1984	0	1	13	56	2	40	1	8	12	88
Since 1985	0	1	0	15	2	19	1	7	6	79
ORIGINALLY CAME TO THIS COURT FROM:										
Judge of lower court	7 (78%)	2 (22%)	29 (36%)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Attorney-private practice	—	2 (22%)	6 (67%)	52 (65%)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Legislative service	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (3%)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other governmental service	1 (11%)	1 (11%)	7 (9%)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:										
Prosecutor	2 (22%)	4 (44%)	22 (28%)	193 (51%)	8 (80%)	78 (46%)	6 (33%)	12 (5%)	—	—
Attorney-private practice	—	8 (89%)	7 (78%)	71 (89%)	338 (90%)	8 (80%)	152 (89%)	17 (94%)	28 (11%)	—
Judge of lower court	5 (56%)	1 (11%)	31 (39%)	97 (26%)	2 (20%)	44 (26%)	4 (22%)	18 (7%)	—	—
County commissioner	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20 (8%)	—	—
MAYOR SERVING AS JUDGE:										
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	34 (3%)

*Some cities have more than one judge, and 43 persons serve as judge of two or more municipal courts in separate cities.