

Profile of Appellate and Trial Judges*

As of September 1, 2019

| | 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 | 463 | 13 | 248 | 18 | 254 | 802 | 1,325 |
| Number of Judges | 9 | 9 | 78 | 462 | 13 | 247 | 18 | 254 | 802 | 1,310 |
| Number of Vacant Positions | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| Number of Municipalities w/ Courts | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 944 |
| Cities with No Courts | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 244 |
| AGE OF JUDGES: | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (n = 9) | (n = 9) | (n = 78) | (n = 419) | (n = 13) | (n = 221) | (n = 15) | (n = 235) | (n = 740) | (n = 1,186) |
| Mean | 55 | 61 | 58 | 53 | 60 | 56 | 55 | 55 | 56 | 59 |
| Oldest | 70 | 77 | 76 | 76 | 75 | 79 | 70 | 82 | 87 | 90 |
| Youngest | 39 | 44 | 40 | 30 | 44 | 32 | 40 | 28 | 25 | 27 |
| RANGE OF AGE: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 25 through 34 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 20 | 21 |
| 35 through 44 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 51 | 1 | 35 | 3 | 14 | 51 | 93 |
| 45 through 54 | 2 | 2 | 17 | 120 | 5 | 59 | 3 | 35 | 157 | 262 |
| 55 through 64 | 4 | 2 | 37 | 154 | 2 | 83 | 4 | 88 | 252 | 353 |
| 65 through 74 | 2 | 3 | 13 | 90 | 4 | 39 | 5 | 84 | 218 | 338 |
| Over 75 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 12 | 42 | 119 |
| GENDER OF JUDGES: | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (n = 9) | (n = 9) | (n = 78) | (n = 462) | (n = 13) | (n = 247) | (n = 18) | (n = 254) | (n = 802) | (n = 1,308) |
| Males | 7 | 5 | 40 | 292 | 5 | 161 | 9 | 227 | 494 | 811 |
| Females | 2 | 4 | 38 | 170 | 8 | 86 | 9 | 27 | 308 | 497 |
| ETHNICITY OF JUDGES: | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (n = 9) | (n = 9) | (n = 78) | (n = 450) | (n = 13) | (n = 246) | (n = 18) | (n = 237) | (n = 729) | (n = 1,161) |
| African-American | 0 | 0 | 2 | 41 | 3 | 25 | 3 | 0 | 30 | 70 |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 8 |
| Asian or Pacific Islander | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 15 |
| Hispanic/Latino | 1 | 1 | 14 | 85 | 1 | 50 | 4 | 23 | 146 | 215 |
| White (Non-Hispanic) | 8 | 8 | 61 | 315 | 7 | 167 | 11 | 211 | 547 | 844 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 9 |
| LENGTH OF SERVICE: | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (n = 9) | (n = 9) | (n = 78) | (n = 462) | (n = 13) | (n = 247) | (n = 18) | (n = 254) | (n = 802) | (n = 1,654) |
| Average | 9 Yr 6 Mo | 8 Yr 4 Mo | 5 Yr 4 Mo | 7 Yr 1 Mo | 8 Yr 4 Mo | 7 Yr 4 Mo | 6 Yr 2 Mo | 6 Yr 3 Mo | 9 Yr 0 Mo | 10 Yr 4 Mo |
| Longest | 30 Yr 8 Mo | 24 Yr 8 Mo | 24 Yr 8 Mo | 36 Yr 8 Mo | 24 Yr 6 Mo | 32 Yr 8 Mo | 34 Yr 3 Mo | 32 Yr 8 Mo | 56 Yr 5 Mo | 50 Yr 11 Mo |
| RANGE OF SERVICE ON THIS COURT IN YEARS: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 1 Year | 1 | 1 | 31 | 104 | 2 | 65 | 8 | 68 | 128 | 102 |
| 1 through 4 | 1 | 5 | 13 | 110 | 1 | 58 | 3 | 75 | 195 | 472 |
| 5 through 9 | 5 | 0 | 15 | 82 | 4 | 43 | 4 | 50 | 155 | 391 |
| 10 through 14 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 88 | 4 | 27 | 1 | 21 | 128 | 301 |
| 15 through 19 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 41 | 1 | 29 | 0 | 21 | 72 | 173 |
| 20 through 24 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 29 | 1 | 22 | 0 | 14 | 84 | 108 |
| 25 through 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 22 | 51 |
| 30 through 34 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 39 |
| 35 through 39 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 19 |
| Over 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 9 |
| FIRST ASSUMED OFFICE BY: | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (n = 9) | (n = 9) | (n = 78) | (n = 462) | (n = 13) | (n = 247) | (n = 18) | (n = 254) | (n = 802) | (n = 1,685) |
| Appointment | 7 (78%) | 0 | 28 (36%) | 125 (27%) | 2 (15%) | 47 (19%) | 2 (11%) | 44 (17%) | 216 (27%) | 1,666 (99%) |
| Election | 2 (22%) | 9 (100%) | 50 (64%) | 337 (73%) | 11 (85%) | 200 (81%) | 16 (89%) | 210 (83%) | 586 (73%) | 19 (1%) |
| EDUCATION: | | | | | | | | | | |
| HIGH SCHOOL: | (n = 9) | (n = 9) | (n = 78) | (n = 462) | (n = 13) | (n = 247) | (n = 19) | (n = 234) | (n = 721) | (n = 1,233) |
| Attended | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 26 (4%) | 26 (2%) |
| Graduated | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 690 (96%) | 1,145 (93%) |
| COLLEGE: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Attended | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 1 (1%) | 3 (1%) | 0 (0%) | 2 (1%) | 1 (5%) | 33 (14%) | 168 (23%) | 144 (12%) |
| Graduated | 9 (100%) | 9 (100%) | 75 (96%) | 405 (88%) | 11 (85%) | 207 (84%) | 16 (84%) | 144 (62%) | 260 (36%) | 835 (68%) |
| LAW SCHOOL: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Attended | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 3 (1%) | 2 (0%) | 3 (0%) |
| Graduated | 9 (100%) | 9 (100%) | 78 (100%) | 462 (100%) | 13 (100%) | 247 (100%) | 19 (100%) | 36 (15%) | 64 (9%) | 737 (60%) |
| LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number Licensed | 9 (100%) | 9 (100%) | 78 (100%) | 462 (100%) | 13 (100%) | 247 (100%) | 18 (100%) | 34 (13%) | 59 (7%) | 755 (58%) |
| Mean Year Licensed | 1989 | 1987 | 1989 | 1991 | 1988 | 1992 | 1992 | 1991 | 1994 | 1989 |
| YEARS LICENSED: | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 Years or Less | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| 5 to 9 Years | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 28 |
| 10 to 14 Years | 1 | 0 | 5 | 44 | 0 | 33 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 66 |
| 15 to 19 Years | 1 | 1 | 8 | 61 | 2 | 36 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 72 |
| 20 to 24 Years | 1 | 2 | 5 | 76 | 4 | 29 | 2 | 5 | 11 | 119 |
| 25 to 29 Years | 1 | 1 | 19 | 86 | 0 | 45 | 2 | 3 | 10 | 127 |
| 30 or More Years | 5 | 5 | 41 | 187 | 7 | 98 | 7 | 17 | 17 | 339 |
| ORIGINALLY CAME TO THIS COURT FROM: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Attorney Private Practice | 1 (11%) | 1 (11%) | 49 (63%) | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Judge of Lower Court | 6 (67%) | 2 (22%) | 13 (17%) | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Legislative Service | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Other Governmental Service | 2 (22%) | 4 (44%) | 7 (9%) | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prosecutor | 1 (11%) | 5 (56%) | 13 (17%) | 161 (35%) | 7 (54%) | 103 (42%) | 3 (17%) | 9 (4%) | -- | -- |
| Attorney Private Practice | 9 (100%) | 5 (56%) | 26 (33%) | 340 (74%) | 9 (69%) | 152 (62%) | 15 (83%) | 26 (10%) | -- | -- |
| Judge of Lower Court | 5 (56%) | 0 (0%) | 10 (13%) | 44 (10%) | 3 (23%) | 20 (8%) | 2 (11%) | 12 (5%) | -- | -- |
| County Commissioner | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 1 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 31 (12%) | -- | -- |

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