

# Profile of Appellate and Trial Judges\*

As of March 1, 2015

	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
<b>NUMBER OF JUDGES:</b>										
Number of Judge Positions	9	9	80	446	13	239	18	254	806	1,273
Number of Judges	9	9	80	446	13	238	18	253	805	1,253
Number of Vacant Positions	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	20
Number of Municipalities w/ Courts	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	926
Cities with No Courts	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	249
<b>AGE OF JUDGES:</b>										
	(n = 9)	(n = 9)	(n = 79)	(n = 425)	(n = 13)	(n = 202)	(n = 16)	(n = 221)	(n = 730)	(n = 1,147)
Mean	57	58	57	55	57	54	57	54	58	60
Oldest	70	72	74	73	70	75	70	78	89	96
Youngest	44	43	40	36	44	32	43	29	27	23
<b>RANGE OF AGE:</b>										
Under 25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
25 through 34	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	9	20
35 through 44	1	1	7	48	1	19	1	11	60	121
45 through 54	3	2	22	135	5	69	1	38	169	274
55 through 64	3	3	39	163	4	80	8	92	286	361
65 through 74	2	3	11	79	3	30	6	70	176	281
Over 75	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	30	88
<b>GENDER OF JUDGES:</b>										
	(n = 9)	(n = 9)	(n = 80)	(n = 446)	(n = 13)	(n = 238)	(n = 18)	(n = 253)	(n = 805)	(n = 1,253)
Males	7	5	45	308	7	166	11	229	505	772
Females	2	4	35	138	6	72	7	24	300	481
<b>ETHNICITY OF JUDGES:</b>										
	(n = 9)	(n = 9)	(n = 79)	(n = 417)	(n = 12)	(n = 203)	(n = 15)	(n = 225)	(n = 715)	(n = 1,960)
African-American	0	0	3	20	3	4	0	0	28	64
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	7
Asian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	1	0	9
Hispanic/Latino	1	1	10	70	1	36	2	17	134	194
White (Non-Hispanic)	8	8	66	321	8	160	13	207	549	812
Other	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	10
<b>LENGTH OF SERVICE:</b>										
	(n = 9)	(n = 9)	(n = 80)	(n = 446)	(n = 13)	(n = 238)	(n = 18)	(n = 253)	(n = 805)	(n = 1,543)
Average	8 Yr 11 Mo	10 Yr 4 Mo	8 Yr 0 Mo	8 Yr 8 Mo	6 Yr 0 Mo	8 Yr 9 Mo	12 Yr 1 Mo	6 Yr 11 Mo	9 Yr 4 Mo	9 Yr 8 Mo
Longest	26 Yr 2 Mo	22 Yr 2 Mo	21 Yr 3 Mo	34 Yr 2 Mo	20 Yr 0 Mo	34 Yr 2 Mo	34 Yr 6 Mo	28 Yr 2 Mo	52 Yr 11 Mo	50 Yr 4 Mo
<b>RANGE OF SERVICE ON THIS COURT IN YEARS:</b>										
Under 1 Year	0	3	10	56	1	46	2	75	144	111
1 through 4	4	1	25	116	4	60	7	67	183	449
5 through 9	3	0	13	112	5	38	1	41	155	401
10 through 14	1	1	19	74	2	42	1	32	130	251
15 through 19	0	2	7	45	1	32	2	16	87	159
20 through 24	0	2	6	28	0	16	2	17	75	77
25 through 29	1	0	0	10	0	5	2	5	15	48
30 through 34	0	0	0	5	0	1	1	0	10	29
35 through 39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	14
Over 40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	10
<b>FIRST ASSUMED OFFICE BY:</b>										
	(n = 9)	(n = 9)	(n = 80)	(n = 445)	(n = 13)	(n = 239)	(n = 18)	(n = 253)	(n = 804)	(n = 1,250)
Appointment	7 (78%)	1 (11%)	46 (58%)	153 (34%)	2 (15%)	52 (22%)	4 (22%)	41 (16%)	207 (26%)	1,552 (124%)
Election	2 (22%)	8 (89%)	34 (43%)	292 (66%)	11 (85%)	188 (79%)	14 (78%)	212 (84%)	597 (74%)	17 (1%)
<b>EDUCATION:</b>										
<b>HIGH SCHOOL:</b>	(n = 9)	(n = 9)	(n = 80)	(n = 442)	(n = 13)	(n = 235)	(n = 19)	(n = 226)	(n = 721)	(n = 1,195)
Attended	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	31 (4%)	23 (2%)
Graduated	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	683 (95%)	1,111 (93%)
<b>COLLEGE:</b>										
Attended	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (1%)	4 (1%)	1 (8%)	3 (1%)	1 (5%)	37 (16%)	171 (24%)	143 (12%)
Graduated	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	76 (95%)	416 (94%)	11 (85%)	195 (83%)	17 (89%)	147 (65%)	246 (34%)	798 (67%)
<b>LAW SCHOOL:</b>										
Attended	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (1%)	2 (0%)	2 (0%)
Graduated	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	80 (100%)	442 (100%)	13 (100%)	234 (100%)	19 (100%)	38 (17%)	64 (9%)	695 (58%)
<b>LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW:</b>										
Number Licensed	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	80 (100%)	446 (100%)	13 (100%)	238 (100%)	18 (100%)	36 (14%)	63 (8%)	705 (56%)
Mean Year Licensed	1984	1982	1985	1986	1985	1988	1984	1988	1988	1987
<b>YEARS LICENSED:</b>										
4 Years or Less	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
5 to 9 Years	0	0	0	7	0	5	0	1	6	42
10 to 14 Years	0	0	1	18	1	22	2	0	5	57
15 to 19 Years	0	1	5	54	2	28	2	7	7	93
20 to 24 Years	3	1	14	86	1	39	2	10	12	121
25 to 29 Years	2	2	19	71	3	52	0	5	5	98
30 or More Years	4	5	41	210	6	92	12	12	28	290
<b>ORIGINALLY CAME TO THIS COURT FROM:</b>										
Attorney Private Practice	1 (11%)	1 (11%)	49 (61%)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Judge of Lower Court	6 (67%)	3 (33%)	21 (26%)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Legislative Service	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other Governmental Service	2 (22%)	3 (33%)	6 (8%)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
<b>PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:</b>										
Prosecutor	1 (11%)	6 (67%)	15 (19%)	173 (39%)	5 (38%)	101 (42%)	5 (28%)	11 (4%)	--	--
Attorney Private Practice	9 (100%)	6 (67%)	27 (34%)	347 (78%)	9 (69%)	145 (61%)	16 (89%)	27 (11%)	--	--
Judge of Lower Court	6 (67%)	1 (11%)	18 (23%)	54 (12%)	3 (23%)	28 (12%)	3 (17%)	14 (6%)	--	--
County Commissioner	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	25 (10%)	--	--

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