

PROFILE OF APPELLATE AND TRIAL JUDGES

INFORMATION AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1996

	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	385	10	172	19	254	839	*1,207
Number of judges	9	9	79	385	10	170	19	254	839	*1,152
Number of vacant positions	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	16
Cities with judges										844
Cities with no judges										278
AGE OF JUDGES:										
Number with age data	9	9	79	385	10	160	19	242	747	883
Mean	50	53	53	51	49	48	54	55	55	54
Oldest	65	73	71	73	65	76	70	85	88	91
Youngest	38	41	37	31	39	31	40	32	24	23
RANGE OF AGE:										
Under 25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
25 through 34	0	0	0	3	0	4	0	4	25	45
35 through 44	3	3	18	84	3	58	2	36	107	166
45 through 54	3	3	29	180	4	59	10	86	228	286
55 through 64	2	1	21	80	2	26	2	70	226	204
65 through 74	1	2	11	38	1	11	5	44	133	129
75 through 84	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	25	42
Over 85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	9
LENGTH OF SERVICE ON THIS COURT:										
Number with service data	9	9	79	385	10	168	19	249	811	991
Average	5 Yr 5 Mo	7 Yr 10 Mo	5 Yr 5 Mo	8 Yr 6 Mo	6 Yr 7 Mo	7 Yr 2 Mo	7 Yr 9 Mo	5 Yr 8 Mo	6 Yr 0 Mo	7 Yr 10 Mo
Longest	15 Yr 1 Mo	17 Yr 9 Mo	23 Yr 8 Mo	35 Yr 9 Mo	13 Yr 9 Mo	21 Yr 9 Mo	19 Yr 9 Mo	33 Yr 9 Mo	31 Yr 10 Mo	41 Yr 5 Mo
RANGE OF SERVICE ON THIS COURT IN YEARS:										
Under 1	1	0	7	18	0	7	0	2	2	22
1 through 4	4	3	41	114	4	51	7	117	272	373
5 through 9	3	3	17	127	3	75	5	99	451	321
10 through 14	0	1	9	62	3	18	5	18	40	152
15 through 19	1	2	4	50	0	14	2	9	22	76
20 through 24	0	0	1	5	0	3	0	3	16	31
25 through 29	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	4	11
30 through 34	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	4	3
35 through 39	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
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	79	385	10	168	19	252	807	1,077
Appointment	4 (44%)	0 (0%)	36 (46%)	189 (49%)	5 (50%)	71 (42%)	10 (53%)	48 (19%)	117 (14%)	1,071 (99%)
Election	5 (56%)	9 (100%)	43 (54%)	196 (51%)	5 (50%)	97 (58%)	9 (47%)	204 (81%)	690 (86%)	6 (1%)
EDUCATION:										
Number with education data	9	9	78	383	10	166	19	211	743	880
HIGH SCHOOL:										
Attended	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	724 (97%)	855 (97%)
Graduated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	667 (90%)	814 (93%)
COLLEGE:										
Attended	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	78 (100%)	383 (100%)	10 (100%)	165 (99%)	19 (100%)	199 (94%)	423 (57%)	654 (74%)
Graduated	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	75 (96%)	367 (96%)	10 (100%)	156 (95%)	18 (95%)	148 (70%)	219 (29%)	535 (61%)
LAW SCHOOL:										
Attended	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	78 (100%)	383 (100%)	10 (100%)	164 (99%)	19 (100%)	37 (18%)	60 (8%)	425 (48%)
Graduated	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	78 (100%)	380 (99%)	10 (100%)	162 (98%)	19 (100%)	35 (17%)	53 (7%)	417 (47%)
LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW:										
Number licensed	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	79 (100%)	385 (100%)	10 (100%)	171 (100%)	19 (100%)	33 (13%)	46 (5%)	418 (36%)
Mean year licensed	1972	1970	1969	1972	1974	1975	1969	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	1
1945 through 1949	0	1	1	4	0	1	0	0	2	3
1950 through 1954	0	0	5	13	0	2	2	1	0	6
1955 through 1959	1	1	10	19	1	9	2	1	2	17
1960 through 1964	0	1	8	26	1	13	3	1	1	25
1965 through 1969	2	0	10	55	1	14	0	3	7	46
1970 through 1974	2	2	14	94	1	28	6	3	9	63
1975 through 1979	3	2	17	95	2	37	4	9	6	97
1980 through 1984	0	1	14	60	2	41	1	8	12	83
Since 1985	1	1	0	16	2	22	1	7	6	75
ORIGINALLY CAME TO THIS COURT FROM:										
Judge of lower court	8 (89%)	2 (22%)	24 (30%)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Attorney-private practice	1 (11%)	5 (56%)	44 (56%)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Legislative service	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other governmental service	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (6%)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:										
Prosecutor	1 (11%)	4 (44%)	22 (28%)	192 (50%)	8 (80%)	81 (47%)	6 (32%)	12 (5%)	—	—
Attorney-private practice	8 (89%)	7 (78%)	68 (86%)	340 (88%)	8 (80%)	148 (87%)	18 (95%)	27 (11%)	—	—
Judge of lower court	6 (67%)	1 (11%)	26 (33%)	103 (27%)	2 (20%)	42 (25%)	5 (26%)	18 (7%)	—	—
County commissioner	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19 (7%)	—	—
MAYOR SERVING AS JUDGE:										
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26 (2%)

*Some cities have more than one judge, and 39 persons serve as judge of two or more municipal courts in separate cities.