

Survey of Attorneys About Trial Judges

In general, how would you grade Judge *LastName* in terms of overall performance as a judge A B C D F n/a

1. Legal Ability

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|----|--|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| a. | Bases decisions on the relevant evidence..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| b. | Has knowledge of rules of procedure | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| c. | Follows legal precedent in decisions..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| d. | Uses judicial discretion to reach a fair decision..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |

2. Integrity

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|----|--|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| a. | Conducts court free from impropriety or appearance of impropriety..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| b. | Makes decisions without regard to possible criticism..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |

3. Impartiality

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|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| a. | Does not prejudge the outcome of cases..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| b. | Makes decisions and rulings without regard to the identity of the parties | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| c. | Treats attorneys equally regardless of sex or race..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |

4. Communication Skills

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|----|--|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| a. | Issues clear and logical oral communication while in court..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| b. | Provides written rulings that are clear, thorough and well reasoned..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |

5. Professionalism

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| a. | Does the necessary “homework” and is prepared for cases..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| b. | Uses common sense and is resourceful in resolving problems that arise during proceedings..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| c. | Promptly makes decisions and rulings | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |

6. Temperament

- a. Maintains proper order, decorum, and civility in the courtroom A B C D F n/a
- b. Treats everyone in the courtroom with respect..... A B C D F n/a
- c. Acts with patience and self control..... A B C D F n/a

7. Administrative

- a. Begins court on time..... A B C D F n/a
- b. Allots an adequate amount of time for presentation of cases. A B C D F n/a
- c. Manages court proceedings to reduce wasted time..... A B C D F n/a
- d. Appropriately uses settlement conferences and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms..... A B C D F n/a

8. If you have observed Judge **LastName** in a criminal case, would you say the judge is:

- Very biased in favor of the prosecution 1
- Somewhat biased in favor of the prosecution..... 2
- Completely neutral..... 3
- Somewhat biased in favor of the defense..... 4
- Very biased in favor of the defense 5

9. Keeping in mind your responses to each of the previous questions, how strongly do you recommend that Judge **LastName** be retained in office, or not be retained in office?

- Strongly recommend retain in office..... 1
- Somewhat recommend retain in office..... 2
- Somewhat recommend not retain in office 3
- Strongly recommend not retain in office..... 4
- Undecided or don't know enough to make recommendation.....

Though your name will never be associated with your answers, because the judge will see a typed transcript of the comments that you and others write, it is important that you do not include information in the comments below that would unintentionally identify you as the author.

10. What would you say are Judge **LastName**'s strengths?

11. And what would you say are Judge **LastName**'s weaknesses?
