

Survey of Judges About Appellate Judges

1. In general, how would you grade each of the following Supreme Court Justices or Court of Appeals Judges standing for retention next November in terms of overall performance as a justice or judge?

Justice One.....	A	B	C	D	F	n/a
Justice Two	A	B	C	D	F	n/a
Judge Three.....	A	B	C	D	F	n/a
Judge Four.....	A	B	C	D	F	n/a
Judge Five.....	A	B	C	D	F	n/a

2. To the extent you are familiar with the opinions, concurrences or dissents written by these justices and judges, please grade each one on the following:

- a. Writes clear opinions.

Justice One.....	A	B	C	D	F	n/a
Justice Two	A	B	C	D	F	n/a
Judge Three.....	A	B	C	D	F	n/a
Judge Four.....	A	B	C	D	F	n/a
Judge Five.....	A	B	C	D	F	n/a

- b. Writes opinions that adequately explain the basis of the Court's decision.

Justice One.....	A	B	C	D	F	n/a
Justice Two	A	B	C	D	F	n/a
Judge Three.....	A	B	C	D	F	n/a
Judge Four.....	A	B	C	D	F	n/a
Judge Five.....	A	B	C	D	F	n/a

- c. Issues opinions without unnecessary delay.

Justice One.....	A	B	C	D	F	n/a
Justice Two	A	B	C	D	F	n/a
Judge Three.....	A	B	C	D	F	n/a
Judge Four.....	A	B	C	D	F	n/a
Judge Five.....	A	B	C	D	F	n/a

- d. Renders decisions without regard to possible public criticism.

Justice One.....	A	B	C	D	F	n/a
Justice Two	A	B	C	D	F	n/a
Judge Three.....	A	B	C	D	F	n/a
Judge Four.....	A	B	C	D	F	n/a
Judge Five.....	A	B	C	D	F	n/a

- e. Makes reasoned decisions based upon the law and facts.

Justice One.....	A	B	C	D	F	n/a
Justice Two	A	B	C	D	F	n/a
Judge Three.....	A	B	C	D	F	n/a

Judge Four..... A B C D F n/a
 Judge Five..... A B C D F n/a

f. Refrains from reaching issues that need not be decided.

Justice One..... A B C D F n/a
 Justice Two A B C D F n/a
 Judge Three..... A B C D F n/a
 Judge Four..... A B C D F n/a
 Judge Five..... A B C D F n/a

g. Opinions exhibit scholarly legal analysis.

Justice One..... A B C D F n/a
 Justice Two A B C D F n/a
 Judge Three..... A B C D F n/a
 Judge Four..... A B C D F n/a
 Judge Five..... A B C D F n/a

h. Opinions demonstrate knowledge of the substantive law.

Justice One..... A B C D F n/a
 Justice Two A B C D F n/a
 Judge Three..... A B C D F n/a
 Judge Four..... A B C D F n/a
 Judge Five..... A B C D F n/a

i. Opinions appropriately follow established legal precedent.

Justice One..... A B C D F n/a
 Justice Two A B C D F n/a
 Judge Three..... A B C D F n/a
 Judge Four..... A B C D F n/a
 Judge Five..... A B C D F n/a

3. To the extent you are familiar with these justices and judges, please grade each one on the following:

a. Is fair and impartial toward each side of the case.

Justice One..... A B C D F n/a
 Justice Two A B C D F n/a
 Judge Three..... A B C D F n/a
 Judge Four..... A B C D F n/a
 Judge Five..... A B C D F n/a

b. Allows parties to present their arguments and answer questions.

Justice One..... A B C D F n/a
 Justice Two A B C D F n/a
 Judge Three..... A B C D F n/a
 Judge Four..... A B C D F n/a
 Judge Five..... A B C D F n/a

- c. Is courteous toward attorneys.
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| Justice One..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| Justice Two | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| Judge Three..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| Judge Four..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| Judge Five..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
- d. Refrains from inappropriate *ex parte* communications.
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| Justice One..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| Justice Two | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| Judge Three..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| Judge Four..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| Judge Five..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
- e. Is prepared for oral argument.
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| Justice One..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| Justice Two | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| Judge Three..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| Judge Four..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| Judge Five..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
- f. Behaves in a manner that is free from impropriety or the appearance of impropriety.
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| Justice One..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| Justice Two | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| Judge Three..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| Judge Four..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| Judge Five..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
- g. Presents an appropriate demeanor on the bench.
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|-------------------|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| Justice One..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| Justice Two | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| Judge Three..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| Judge Four..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| Judge Five..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
- h. Participates during oral argument with good questions and comments.
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|-------------------|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| Justice One..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| Justice Two | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| Judge Three..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| Judge Four..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| Judge Five..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
- i. Is willing to help other judges and justices.
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|-------------------|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| Justice One..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| Justice Two | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| Judge Three..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |

Judge Four..... A B C D F n/a
 Judge Five..... A B C D F n/a

j. Is willing to undertake administrative responsibilities.

Justice One..... A B C D F n/a
 Justice Two A B C D F n/a
 Judge Three..... A B C D F n/a
 Judge Four..... A B C D F n/a
 Judge Five..... A B C D F n/a

4. Recommend to be retained/not retained in office.

	Justice One	Justice Two	Judge Three
Strongly recommend to retain	1	1	1
Somewhat recommend to retain...	2	2	2
Somewhat recommend not retain	3	3	3
Strongly recommend not retain	4	4	4
Undecided or don't know enough to make recommendation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Judge Four	Judge Five
Strongly recommend to retain	1	1
Somewhat recommend to retain...	2	2
Somewhat recommend not retain	3	3
Strongly recommend not retain	4	4
Undecided or don't know enough to make recommendation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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.

5. Please write comments you would like to make about Justice One in the space below. If you would like to make more comments than space allows, feel free to attach a sheet with additional comments.

6. Please write comments you would like to make about Justice Two in the space below. If you would like to make more comments than space allows, feel free to attach a sheet with additional comments.

7. Please write comments you would like to make about Judge Three in the space below. If you would like to make more comments than space allows, feel free to attach a sheet with additional comments.

8. Please write comments you would like to make about Judge Four in the space below. If you would like to make more comments than space allows, feel free to attach a sheet with additional comments.

9. Please write comments you would like to make about Judge Five in the space below. If you would like to make more comments than space allows, feel free to attach a sheet with additional comments.
