

Survey of Non-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. Integrity

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| a. Conducts court free from impropriety or appearance of impropriety..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| b. Willing to make decisions even if they are politically unpopular..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |

2. Impartiality

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| a. Gives all participants a fair opportunity to be heard..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| b. Does not prejudge the outcome of cases..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| c. Presents a neutral presence on the bench..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| d. Treats all people fairly regardless of who they are..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |

3. Communication Skills

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| a. Makes sure participants understand what's going on in the courtroom..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| b. Gives clear reasons for rulings..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |

4. Professionalism

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| a. Is prepared for cases. | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| b. Maintains proper order, decorum, and civility in the courtroom | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |

5. Temperament

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| a. Demonstrates a sense of compassion and human understanding for those who appear before the court..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| b. Acts with patience and self control..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |

6. Administrative

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|--|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| a. Begins court on time | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| b. Manages court proceedings to reduce wasted time..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |
| c. Provides prompt access to the court in emergency matters..... | A | B | C | D | F | n/a |

7. 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

8. 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.

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

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