

Profile of Appellate and Trial Judges*

(as of September 1, 2009)

	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
NUMBER OF JUDGES:										
Number of Judge Positions	9	9	80	436	13	230	18	254	822	1463
Number of Judges	9	9	80	434	13	229	18	253	821	1453
Number of Vacant Positions	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	10
Number of Municipalities w/ Courts	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	916
Cities with No Courts	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	275
AGE OF JUDGES:										
	(n = 9)	(n = 9)	(n = 80)	(n = 434)	(n = 13)	(n = 199)	(n = 16)	(n = 217)	(n = 685)	(n = 1174)
Mean	54	66	55	54	55	60	68	57	56	57
Oldest	64	76	72	76	65	85	78	81	86	87
Youngest	43	56	37	32	44	35	57	32	26	27
RANGE OF AGE:										
Under 25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 through 34	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	10	13
35 through 44	1	0	7	51	1	22	0	12	53	147
45 through 54	5	0	25	132	5	81	0	44	155	293
55 through 64	3	7	39	197	6	71	11	98	283	405
65 through 74	0	1	9	48	1	20	4	54	150	235
Over 75	0	1	0	1	0	5	1	8	34	81
GENDER OF JUDGES:										
	(n = 9)	(n = 9)	(n = 80)	(n = 434)	(n = 13)	(n = 229)	(n = 18)	(n = 253)	(n = 820)	(n = 1452)
Males	8	5	47	313	9	158	13	221	545	964
Females	1	4	33	121	4	71	5	32	275	488
ETHNICITY OF JUDGES:										
	(n=9)	(n=9)	(n=79)	(n=403)	(n=12)	(n=205)	(n=16)	(n=236)	(n=654)	(n=1089)
African-American	2	0	2	17	3	8	0	2	25	54
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	11
Asian or Pacific Islander	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	10
Hispanic/Latino	1	0	11	69	0	45	3	23	125	164
White (Non-Hispanic)	6	9	65	310	9	149	13	211	503	841
Other	0	0	0	4	0	3	0	0	0	9
LENGTH OF SERVICE:										
	(n=9)	(n=9)	(n=80)	(n=434)	(n=13)	(n=229)	(n=18)	(n=253)	(n=821)	(n=1392)
Average	7 Yr 9 Mo	10 Yr 5 Mo	7 Yr 10 Mo	8 Yr 3 Mo	5 Yr 6 Mo	9 Yr 5 Mo	14 Yr 9 Mo	7 Yr 4 Mo	9 Yr 0 Mo	8 Yr 11 Mo
Longest	20 Yr 8 Mo	16 Yr 8 Mo	22 Yr 8 Mo	29 Yr 7 Mo	19 Yr 4 Mo	33 Yr 5 Mo	28 Yr 0 Mo	31 Yr 7 Mo	46 Yr 5 Mo	45 Yr 1 Mo
RANGE OF SERVICE ON THIS COURT IN YEARS:										
Under 1 Year	0	0	10	63	2	12	1	9	34	76
1 through 4	4	0	15	98	6	51	3	89	225	484
5 through 9	3	3	30	97	2	57	1	61	184	360
10 through 14	1	5	20	91	1	58	3	59	210	229
15 through 19	0	1	4	47	2	21	4	19	88	98
20 through 24	1	0	1	30	0	22	4	11	40	76
25 through 29	0	0	0	11	0	6	2	2	22	45
30 through 34	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	15	13
35 through 39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9
Over 40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
FIRST ASSUMED OFFICE BY:										
	(n=9)	(n=9)	(n=80)	(n=434)	(n=13)	(n=229)	(n=18)	(n=251)	(n=821)	(n=1429)
Appointment	5 (56%)	1 (11%)	44 (55%)	156 (36%)	3 (23%)	72 (31%)	7 (39%)	47 (19%)	225 (28%)	1416 (99%)
Election	4 (44%)	8 (89%)	36 (45%)	278 (64%)	10 (77%)	157 (69%)	11 (61%)	204 (81%)	596 (72%)	13 (1%)
EDUCATION:										
HIGH SCHOOL:										
Attended	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	35 (5%)	19 (1%)
Graduated	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	651 (93%)	1151 (89%)
COLLEGE:										
Attended	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (1%)	5 (1%)	0 (0%)	5 (2%)	0 (0%)	39 (17%)	166 (24%)	136 (11%)
Graduated	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	76 (95%)	385 (89%)	12 (92%)	184 (81%)	15 (83%)	145 (63%)	228 (33%)	810 (63%)
LAW SCHOOL:										
Attended	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (0%)	3 (0%)	2 (0%)
Graduated	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	80 (100%)	432 (100%)	13 (100%)	226 (100%)	18 (100%)	32 (14%)	65 (9%)	749 (58%)
LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW:										
Number Licensed	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	80 (100%)	434 (100%)	13 (100%)	229 (100%)	18 (100%)	31 (12%)	64 (8%)	762 (52%)
Mean Year Licensed	1983	1974	1981	1981	1981	1983	1975	1979	1983	1983
RANGE OF YEAR LICENSED:										
Before 1955	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	5
1955 through 1959	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	7
1960 through 1964	0	0	1	4	0	3	1	1	1	19
1965 through 1969	0	1	4	27	1	12	1	5	5	57
1970 through 1974	1	2	12	62	1	21	3	5	9	77
1975 through 1979	2	3	15	96	3	40	9	3	8	120
1980 through 1984	2	2	22	90	4	40	2	6	11	109
1985 through 1989	1	0	17	59	2	60	0	3	5	96
1990 through 1994	3	0	7	61	2	31	1	3	10	126
1995 through 1999	0	0	2	27	0	18	0	4	10	102
Since 2000	0	0	0	9	0	2	0	0	4	44
ORIGINALLY CAME TO THIS COURT FROM:										
Attorney Private Practice	1 (11%)	2 (22%)	23 (29%)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Judge of Lower Court	6 (67%)	4 (44%)	14 (18%)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Legislative Service	0 (0%)	3 (33%)	3 (4%)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other Governmental Service	2 (22%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:										
Prosecutor	0 (0%)	5 (56%)	13 (16%)	162 (37%)	5 (38%)	92 (40%)	3 (17%)	9 (4%)	--	--
Attorney Private Practice	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	47 (59%)	289 (67%)	12 (92%)	136 (59%)	14 (78%)	27 (11%)	--	--
Judge of Lower Court	7 (78%)	2 (22%)	15 (19%)	64 (15%)	2 (15%)	33 (14%)	3 (17%)	11 (4%)	--	--
County Commissioner	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	16 (6%)	--	--

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