

Colorado Judicial Performance Attorneys Regarding Appellate Judges Survey Questions

1. *[This question asked for each judge evaluated.]* Which of the following types of cases have you appealed to the **[Court of Appeals/Supreme Court]** in which **[Judge/Justice Last Name]** authored the decision, concurred or dissented? *(Please check all that apply.)*

Civil	1
Criminal	2
Domestic	3
Juvenile	4
Other.....	5

2. Using a grade scale, where an “A” is excellent along with B, C, D or F for fail, please grade the **[Judge/Justice]** on the following. If, for a specific question you feel that you do not have enough information to grade the **[Judge/Justice]**, please check DK/NS for Don’t Know/Not Sure.

a.	Being fair and impartial toward each side of the case.	A	B	C	D	F	DK/NS
b.	Writing opinions that are clear.	A	B	C	D	F	DK/NS
c.	Writing opinions that adequately explain the basis of the Court’s decision.	A	B	C	D	F	DK/NS
d.	Issuing opinions in a timely manner.	A	B	C	D	F	DK/NS
e.	Allowing parties to present their arguments and answer questions.	A	B	C	D	F	DK/NS
f.	Making decisions without regard to possible criticism.	A	B	C	D	F	DK/NS
g.	Making reasoned decisions based upon the law and facts.	A	B	C	D	F	DK/NS
h.	Refraining from reaching issues that need not be decided.	A	B	C	D	F	DK/NS
i.	Treating parties equally regardless of race, sex or economic status.	A	B	C	D	F	DK/NS
j.	Being courteous toward attorneys.	A	B	C	D	F	DK/NS
k.	Not engaging in ex parte communications.	A	B	C	D	F	DK/NS
l.	Being prepared for oral argument.	A	B	C	D	F	DK/NS

3. What would you say are Judge (*Last Name*)'s strengths?

4. What would you say are Judge (*Last Name*)'s weaknesses?

5. Keeping in mind your responses to each of the previous questions, how strongly do you recommend that Judge [*Last Name*] be retained in office, or not retained in office?

- Strongly recommend **the judge** be retained in office 5
- Somewhat recommend **the judge** be retained in office..... 4
- Undecided or don't know enough to make recommendation..... 3
- Somewhat recommend **the judge** not be retained in office 2
- Strongly recommend **the judge** not be retained in office 1