

Colorado Judicial Performance Non-attorneys Regarding Trial Judges Survey Questions

Using a grade scale, where an “A” is excellent along with B, C, D or F for fail, please grade the judge on the following. (If you feel that you don’t have experience with the judge in a specific area, or just don’t know, please circle the number corresponding to “Don’t Know/Not Applicable”—DK/NA).

1. Demeanor:

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|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------|
| a. | Giving court proceedings a sense of dignity. | A | B | C | D | F | DK/NS |
| b. | Treating participants in the case politely and with respect. | A | B | C | D | F | DK/NS |
| c. | Conducting his/her courtroom in a neutral manner. | A | B | C | D | F | DK/NS |
| d. | Having a sense of compassion and human understanding for those who appear before him/her. | A | B | C | D | F | DK/NS |

2. Fairness:

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| a. | Giving participants an opportunity to be heard. | A | B | C | D | F | DK/NS |
| b. | Treating those involved in the case without bias. | A | B | C | D | F | DK/NS |
| c. | Treating fairly people who represent themselves. | A | B | C | D | F | DK/NS |
| d. | Giving each side enough time to present his or her case. | A | B | C | D | F | DK/NS |

3. Communications:

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| a. | Making sure participants understand the proceedings, and what’s going on in the courtroom. | A | B | C | D | F | DK/NS |
| b. | Using language that everyone can understand. | A | B | C | D | F | DK/NS |
| c. | Speaking clearly so everyone in the courtroom can hear what’s being said. | A | B | C | D | F | DK/NS |

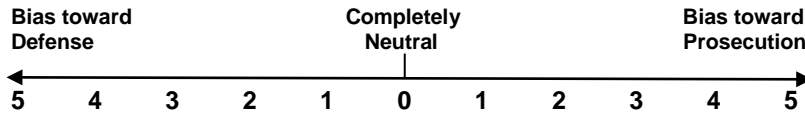
4. Diligence:

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| a. | Beginning court on time. | A | B | C | D | F | DK/NS |
| b. | Maintaining appropriate control over proceedings. | A | B | C | D | F | DK/NS |
| c. | Setting reasonable schedules for cases. | A | B | C | D | F | DK/NS |
| d. | Being prepared for his/her cases. | A | B | C | D | F | DK/NS |
| e. | Managing court proceedings so that there is little wasted time. | A | B | C | D | F | DK/NS |

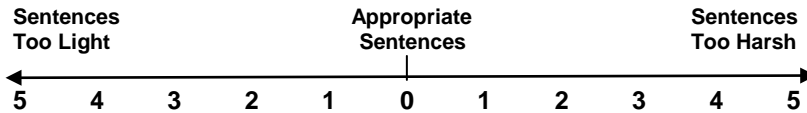
5. Application of Law:

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| a. | Giving reasons for rulings. | A | B | C | D | F | DK/NS |
| b. | Willing to make decision without regard to possible outside pressure. | A | B | C | D | F | DK/NS |
| c. | Being able to identify and analyze relevant facts. | A | B | C | D | F | DK/NS |

6. *[If you were in [Last Name]'s courtroom during a criminal case or cases please answer this question, otherwise skip to the next question.]* On the scale below, please indicate by circling the appropriate number how biased you think Judge *[Last Name]* is toward the defense or the prosecution. If you feel Judge *[Last Name]* is completely unbiased, circle "0."



7. *[If you were in [Last Name]'s courtroom during a criminal case or cases please answer this question, otherwise skip to the next question.]* On the scale below, please indicate by circling the appropriate number how lenient or how harsh you think the sentences generally handed down by *[Last Name]* are. If you feel Judge *[Last Name]* generally hands down appropriate sentences, circle "0."



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.

8. What would you say are Judge *[Last Name]*'s strengths?

9. And what would you say are Judge *[Last Name]*'s weaknesses?

10. 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 he/she be retained in office	5
Somewhat recommend he/she be retained in office	4
Undecided or don't know enough to make recommendation.....	3
Somewhat recommend he/she not be retained in office	2
Strongly recommend he/she not be retained in office.....	1