



2016 JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION STATISTICAL REPORT
Pursuant to §13-5.5-103(1)(q), C.R.S. (2013)

Of the 128 judicial officers eligible to stand for retention in 2016, 110 judicial officers received evaluations by State and District Commissions. One hundred and eight (108) judicial officers will appear on the ballot in 2016. (See Table A for a breakdown by judge type.) Two judges did not file for retention even though they had been evaluated by a commission.

State and District Commissions recommended 106 of 108 (98.1%) judicial officers be retained in office. Of the remaining two, District Commissions recommended those judges not be retained in office.

Table A			
Justices and Judges Standing for Retention in 2016			
Judge Type	Regular	Provisional*	Total
Supreme Court	0	1	1
Court of Appeals	6	4	10
District Court	37	24	61
County Court	21	15	36
Grand Total	64	44	108

*Judges are first appointed by the Governor to serve a provisional term of office of at least two years before appearing on the ballot for retention. If retained, they next appear on the ballot after having served a regular term of office.

RETENTION ELECTION RESULTS

Colorado voters decided to retain 107 (99.1%) of the judicial officers standing for retention in 2016, including one judge receiving a non-affirmative recommendation.

Dating back to the first retention election with commission input held in 1990, 1,431 judicial officers have stood for retention in 14 election cycles. During this time, Commissions recommended to retain 1,396 judicial officers (97.6%), while recommending 22 (1.5%) not be retained. Commissions offered no opinion on 13 judicial officers (0.9%) during this period.

Colorado voters elected to retain 1,419 of the 1,431 (99.2%) judicial officers standing for retention since 1990. As shown in Table B, Colorado voters retained 99.7% of the judges receiving retain recommendations, 63.6% of those receiving do not retain recommendations, and retained all judicial officers where commissions offered no opinion.

Table B					
Commission Recommendations and Election Results: 1990 - 2016					
Commission Recommendation	Total # of Recommendations	Election Results			
		Total Retained	Retained %	Total Not Retained	Not Retained %
To Retain	1,396	1,392	99.7%	4	0.3%
Do Not Retain	22	14	63.6%	8	36.4%
No Opinion	13	13	100.0%	0	0.0%
TOTALS	1,431	1,419	99.2%	12	0.8%