



Handout 3

Considerations in electing trial court judges

Directions: Please select the top five considerations that may influence your decision in electing trial judges and put a check by them. When making your top five decisions remember considerations listed as “other” by the audience and include them on your list if that is your choice.

_____ Ability to be fair and impartial

_____ Name recognition

_____ Age

_____ Overall judicial record

_____ Areas of legal practice

_____ Overall physical health

_____ Civic or group affiliations

_____ Race/ethnic background

_____ Endorsements

_____ Religion

_____ Gender

_____ Temperament on the bench

_____ Income/socio-economic status

_____ Trial experience

_____ Individual judicial decisions

_____ Volunteer service

_____ Integrity and honesty

_____ Work ethic and punctuality

_____ Legal education and knowledge

_____ Years practicing law

_____ Length of residency in community or state

_____ News coverage

_____ Disciplinary history if any

Other _____

