

A Multi-User Data Base on the Attributes of U.S. Appeals Court Judges, 1801-2000

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Variable	Variable Description	Format	Columns
<i>Appointment Information</i>			
name	Judge's name		1-39
seatno	Identification number. The first two digits pertain to court, the next two to the seat, the last two to the particular occupant. 11.13.01 = The first occupant of the 13th seat legislated for the Eleventh Circuit.		41-48
ids	I.D. # from Songer decision data		50-55
sids	I.D. # from Songer decision data for the second seat occupied by the judge		57-64
tids	I.D. # from Songer decision data for the third seat occupied by the judge		66-73
amon	Month of commission	monthfmt	75-94
ayear	Year of commission	yearfmt	96-115
samon	month of arrival on the second court	monthfmt	117-136
tamon	month of arrival on the third court	monthfmt	138-157
sayear	year of arrival on the second court	yearfmt	159-178
tayear	year of arrival on the third court	yearfmt	180-199
pres	Appointing president	presfmt	201-216
appres	Party of appointing president	apresfmt	218-227
city	City of residence of judge	cityfmt	229-261
state	State of residence of judge	statefmt	263-286
dcother	If appointment to D.C. Circuit, state of residence at time of appointment if not D.C.	statefmt	288-311
circuit	Circuit	cirfmt	313-331
aba	American Bar Association rating ¹	abafmt	333-349
abamin	American Bar Association rating, minority	abafmt	351-367
networth	Net worth (total assets less total liabilities)	netfmt	369-388

recon	Type of appointment (replacement or new seat). If a recess appointment, then pertinent information (appointment to fill vacancy or new seat, whether eventually confirmed)	typefmt	390-413
reccatem	Month of recess appointment	monthfmt	415-434
reccatey	Year of recess appointment	yearfmt	436-455
party	Party affiliation of the judge	partyfmt	457-479
crossa	Whether judge and appointing president were of the same or different political parties	crossfmt	481-494
boom	Whether judge was appointed from outside the bench or elevated from the district courts	boomfmt	496-511
elevate	If judge was elevated from the district courts, president who made the district bench appointment	presfmt	513-528
ageon	Age at time of commission		530-537
congress	Congress (#) in which appointment occurred		539-550
hdem	Number of Democrats in the House in year of appointment		552-559
hrep	Number of Republicans in the House in year of appointment		561-568
hother	Number of members of other political parties in the house in year of appointment		570-584
sdem	Number of Democrats in the Senate in year of appointment		586-593
srep	Number of Republicans in the Senate in year of appointment		595-602
sother	Number of members of other political parties in the Senate in year of appointment		604-618
unityi	Whether government (Congress and president) was unified or divided	unityfmt	620-634
pseatno	I.D. number of judge's predecessor (same numbering system as for seatno)	\$pseat	636-651
pname	Name of judge's predecessor		653-691

<i>Leaving Information</i>			
monl	Month of departure	monthfmt	693-712
yearl	Year of departure	yearfmt	714-733
left	Means of exiting (death, retirement, etc.)	leftfmt	735-764
pleft	President in office when judge left the bench	pleftfmt	766-781
crossl	Whether judge left the bench under president of same or different political party	crossfmt	783-796
sseatno	I.D. number of judge's successor (same numbering system as for seatno)	\$sseat	798-821
<i>Background Information</i>			
yearb	Year of birth		823-830
yeard	Year of death	yeardfmt	832-839
csb	City and state of birth	cityfmt	841-873
gender	Gender of judge	genfmt	875-882
race	Race of judge (African American, Caucasian, Asian American, Hispanic, or Native American)	racefmt	884-899
religion	Religion	relfmt	901-927
ba	B.A. degree institution	lsfmt	929-970
bast	Whether B.A. received in same state as appointment	bastfmt	972-988
bapp	Whether B.A. from public or private institution	bappfmt	990-1006
ls	Law degree institution	lsfmt	1008-1049
lsst	Whether law degree in same state as appointment	lsstfmt	1051-1067
jdpp	Whether law degree from public or private institution	lsppfmt	1069-1085
graddeg1	First graduate degree (other than J.D.), if attained	gradfmt	1087-1124
graddeg2	Second graduate degree (other than J.D.), if attained	gradfmt	1126-1163
graddeg3	Third graduate degree (other than J.D.), if attained	gradfmt	1165-1202

<i>Prior Experience (dichotomous variables unless otherwise indicated)</i>			
pfedjge	Federal district judge		1204-1206
pfjdget	Years of service as district judge		1208-1210
pssc	State high court judge		1212-1214
pslc	State lower court judge		1216-1218
plocct	Local/municipal court judge		1220-1222
psjdget	Years of service as state/local judge		1224-1226
pausa	Assistant U.S. Attorney		1228-1230
pusa	U.S. Attorney		1232-1234
psgo	Solicitor-General's office		1236-1238
psg	The Solicitor-General		1240-1242
pago	Justice Department		1244-1246
pag	The Attorney-General		1248-1250
pcc	Congressional counsel		1252-1254
psp	Special prosecutor		1256-1258
pspros	State prosecutor		1260-1262
pmag	U.S. Magistrate		1264-1266
pcomct	U.S. Commerce Court		1268-1275
pbank	Bankruptcy judge		1277-1284
pcustom	U.S. Court of Customs Appeals		1286-1293
pterr	Territorial judge		1295-1302
pcab	Cabinet secretary		1304-1306
pcabdept	If cabinet secretary, which department?	cabfmt	1308-1337
pscab	Sub-cabinet secretary		1339-1341
pscabdpt	If sub-cabinet secretary, which department?	cabfmt	1343-1372
paag	Sub-cabinet secretary, Department of Justice		1374-1376
pindreg1	Other federal experience		1378-1380

preg1	If so, what?	irafmt	1382-1435
pindreg2	Second other federal experience		1437-1439
preg2	If so, what?	irafmt	1441-1494
pindreg3	Third other federal experience		1496-1498
preg3	If so, what?	irafmt	1500-1553
pindreg4	Fourth other federal experience		1555-1557
preg4	If so, what?	irafmt	1559-1612
pindreg5	Fifth other federal experience		1614-1616
preg5	If so, what?	irafmt	1618-1671
phouse	U.S. House of Representatives		1673-1675
psenate	U.S. Senate		1677-1679
pgov	Governor		1681-1683
statecab	State cabinet or other significant state office. Which, if any?	dumfmt	1685-1759
pssenate	State senate		1761-1763
pshouse	State house		1765-1767
pmayor	Mayor		1769-1771
pccoun	City council		1773-1775
pccom	County commission		1777-1779
pada	Deputy or assistant district/county/city attorney		1781-1788
pda	District/County/City Attorney		1790-1792
plother	Other local experience		1794-1796
plotherl	If so, what position?	localfmt	1798-1869
pgovt	Any governmental experience		1871-1873
plawprof	Full-time law professor		1875-1877
pprivate	Private practice		1879-1881
prevpos	Position held at time of appointment	aposfmt	1883-1930

<i>Career History</i>			
pos1	Position at time of appointment	allfmt	1932-1983
pos1yrs	Number of years in that position		1985-1992
pos2	Position previous to above	allfmt	1994-2045
pos2yrs	Number of years in that position		2047-2054
pos3	Position previous to above	allfmt	2056-2107
pos3yrs	Number of years in that position		2109-2116
pos4	Position previous to above	allfmt	2118-2169
pos4yrs	Number of years in that position		2171-2178
pos5	Position previous to above	allfmt	2180-2231
pos5yrs	Number of years in that position		2233-2240
pos6	Position previous to above	allfmt	2242-2293
pos6yrs	Number of years in that position		2295-2302
pos7	Position previous to above	allfmt	2304-2355
pos7yrs	Number of years in that position		2357-2364
pos8	Position previous to above	allfmt	2366-2417
pos8yrs	Number of years in that position		2419-2426
pos9	Position previous to above	allfmt	2428-2479
pos9yrs	Number of years in that position		2481-2488
pos10	Position previous to above	allfmt	2490-2541
pos10yrs	Number of years in that position		2543-2550
pos11	Position previous to above	allfmt	2552-2603
pos11yrs	Number of years in that position		2605-2612
pos12	Position previous to above	allfmt	2614-2665
pos12yrs	Number of years in that position		2667-2674
pos13	Position previous to above	allfmt	2676-2727
pos13yrs	Number of years in that position		2729-2736

pos14	Position previous to above	allfmt	2738-2789
pos14yrs	Number of years in that position		2791-2798
pos15	Position previous to above	allfmt	2800-2851
pos15yrs	Number of years in that position		2853-2860

1. The Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary of the American Bar Association first published its evaluations of nominees to the lower federal courts in Volume 72 of the Proceedings of the American Bar Association (1947). From 1947 through to 1958 this information typically was part of the record of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary confirmation hearings.

While there are some indications of degree of qualifications (ranging from favorable to exceptionally well qualified) for Eisenhower's nominees, a systematic ratings system was not implemented until the last two years of the administration. The possible ratings were: exceptionally well qualified, well qualified, qualified, not qualified (for a short period of time there was a category for "not qualified because of age," that was dropped in the fall of 1981).

Minority ratings began during the Carter administration.

The "exceptionally well qualified" rating was discontinued in June, 1989.