



The Iowa State Bar Association 2008 Judicial Plebiscite

	Iowa Supreme Court		
	Brent Appel	Mark S. Cady	Daryl L. Hecht
5-Excellent (performance is outstanding) 4-Good (performance is above average) 3-Satisfactory (performance is adequate) 2-Deficient (performance is below average) 1-Very Poor (performance is well below average and unacceptable)			
1. Knowledge and application of the law	4.35	4.48	4.32
2. Perception of factual issues	4.35	4.41	4.34
3. Attentiveness to arguments and testimony	4.37	4.48	4.38
4. Temperament and demeanor	4.36	4.49	4.48
5. Clarity and quality of written opinions	4.36	4.46	4.31
6. Promptness of rulings and decisions	4.14	4.33	4.15
5-Strongly Agree 4-Agree 3-Neither 2-Disagree 1-Strongly Disagree			
7. Avoids undue personal observations or criticisms of litigants, judges and lawyers from bench or in written opinions.	4.46	4.50	4.52
8. Decides cases on basis of applicable law and fact, not affected by outside influence.	4.35	4.40	4.40
9. Is courteous and patient with litigants, lawyers and court personnel.	4.5	4.57	4.57
10. Treats people equally regardless of race, gender, age, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, socio-economic status or disability.	4.53	4.55	4.54
Retention	93.8%	93.5%	92.2%
Number of respondents	192	214	167



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	Iowa Court of Appeals		
	Larry J. Eisenhauer	Terry L. Huitink	Rosemary Shaw Sackett
5-Excellent (performance is outstanding) 4-Good (performance is above average) 3-Satisfactory (performance is adequate) 2-Deficient (performance is below average) 1-Very Poor (performance is well below average and unacceptable)			
1. Knowledge and application of the law	4.37	4.25	3.68
2. Perception of factual issues	4.38	4.22	3.66
3. Attentiveness to arguments and testimony	4.42	4.31	3.83
4. Temperament and demeanor	4.51	4.37	3.80
5. Clarity and quality of written opinions	4.39	4.25	3.66
6. Promptness of rulings and decisions	4.40	4.32	3.92
5-Strongly Agree 4-Agree 3-Neither 2-Disagree 1-Strongly Disagree			
7. Avoids undue personal observations or criticisms of litigants, judges and lawyers from bench or in written opinions.	4.60	4.45	4.07
8. Decides cases on basis of applicable law and fact, not affected by outside influence.	4.51	4.32	3.85
9. Is courteous and patient with litigants, lawyers and court personnel.	4.61	4.45	4.07
10. Treats people equally regardless of race, gender, age, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, socio-economic status or disability.	4.60	4.46	4.12
Retention	94%	91.7%	77.6%
Number of respondents	183	157	192



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	District 1A		District 1B		District 2A		District 2B						District 3A			
	Thomas J. Straka		Thomas N. Bower	Bradley J. Harris	Christopher C. Foy	Colleen D. Weiland	Timothy J. Finn	Gary L. McMinimee	Michael J. Moon	William C. Ostlund	William J. Pattinson	James B. Malloy	John Stoebe	Patrick M. Carr	Don E. Courtney	John P. Duffy
5-Excellent (performance is outstanding) 4-Good (performance is above average) 3-Satisfactory (performance is adequate) 2-Deficient (performance is below average) 1-Very Poor (performance is well below average and unacceptable)																
1. Knowledge and application of the law	3.78		4.17	4.32	3.85	3.74	4.30	4.14	4.12	3.90	4.39	4.09	4.16	4.54	3.81	4.30
2. Perception of factual issues	3.85		4.24	4.33	4.02	3.88	4.28	3.97	4.12	3.94	4.28	4.20	4.12	4.46	3.91	4.30
3. Punctuality for court proceedings	4.08		4.37	4.59	4.19	4.29	4.44	4.22	4.37	4.14	4.40	4.27	4.28	4.48	4.28	4.31
4. Attentiveness to arguments and testimony	4.04		4.27	4.53	4.36	4.27	4.33	4.09	4.23	4.09	4.38	4.26	4.22	4.28	4.25	4.29
5. Management and control of the courtroom	4.08		4.50	4.47	3.88	4.14	4.36	4.03	4.35	4.15	4.42	4.26	4.24	4.45	4.11	4.39
6. Temperament and demeanor	4.26		4.55	4.47	4.45	4.39	4.10	3.68	3.99	4.16	4.17	4.29	4.21	4.07	4.58	4.17
7. Clarity and quality of written opinions	3.81		4.10	4.19	3.95	3.83	4.25	4.05	4.12	3.87	4.36	4.25	4.12	4.34	4.05	4.25
8. Promptness of rulings and decisions	4.08		4.17	4.35	3.85	4.00	4.23	3.92	4.31	3.98	3.68	4.33	4.24	3.85	3.25	3.65
5-Strongly Agree 4-Agree 3-Neither 2-Disagree 1-Strongly Disagree																
9. Avoids undue personal observations or criticisms of litigants, judges and lawyers from bench or in written opinions.	4.16		4.50	4.50	4.43	4.48	4.13	4.19	3.84	4.15	4.27	4.47	4.17	4.16	4.47	4.27
10. Decides cases on basis of applicable law and fact, not affected by outside influence.	4.13		4.32	4.44	4.37	4.38	4.25	4.21	4.02	4.10	4.36	4.30	4.09	4.27	4.32	4.31
11. Is courteous and patient with litigants, lawyers and court personnel.	4.38		4.58	4.58	4.60	4.55	4.20	3.87	4.06	4.29	4.31	4.50	4.44	4.00	4.56	4.31
12. Treats people equally regardless of race, gender, age, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, socio-economic status or disability.	4.38		4.58	4.59	4.64	4.61	4.37	4.20	4.10	4.33	4.47	4.57	4.40	4.40	4.56	4.29
Retention	96.2%		92.2%	96.7%	91.3%	93.5%	87.8%	90.4%	85.3%	88.1%	94.2%	94%	89.8%	91%	91.4%	88%
Number of respondents	57		82	76	76	76	115	105	109	101	104	50	49	67	58	67



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	District 3B						District 4			District 5A		District 5B		District 5C		
	Duane E. Hoffmeyer	Edward A. Jacobson	James D. Scott	Mary Jane Sokolovske	Gary E. Wenell	John C. Nelson	James S. Heckerman	Timothy O'Grady	Susan Kay Christensen	Dale B. Hagen	William H. Joy	David L. Christensen	Monty W. Franklin	Richard G. Blane II	Robert J. Blink	Arthur E. Gamble
5-Excellent (performance is outstanding) 4-Good (performance is above average) 3-Satisfactory (performance is adequate) 2-Deficient (performance is below average) 1-Very Poor (performance is well below average and unacceptable)																
1. Knowledge and application of the law	4.38	3.67	4.51	4.10	4.22	4.08	3.79	4.13	4.06	3.93	4.07	4.28	3.83	4.39	4.42	4.40
2. Perception of factual issues	4.36	3.74	4.43	4.19	4.16	4.13	4.04	4.15	4.06	3.95	4.13	4.30	3.70	4.28	4.34	4.41
3. Punctuality for court proceedings	4.71	3.64	4.68	4.20	4.16	4.46	4.18	4.36	4.14	4.40	4.36	4.57	4.09	4.49	4.49	4.49
4. Attentiveness to arguments and testimony	4.51	3.80	4.55	4.35	4.08	4.31	4.04	4.36	4.14	4.25	4.28	4.39	3.88	4.48	4.38	4.40
5. Management and control of the courtroom	4.58	4.08	4.57	4.06	4.29	4.34	4.26	4.39	4.12	4.30	4.28	4.51	4.04	4.34	4.38	4.48
6. Temperament and demeanor	4.13	3.80	4.45	4.44	3.67	4.08	4.11	4.20	3.97	4.24	4.04	4.31	3.93	3.69	3.78	4.07
7. Clarity and quality of written opinions	4.31	3.63	4.42	4.01	3.96	4.08	3.74	4.16	3.94	4.01	4.13	4.34	3.83	4.40	4.35	4.35
8. Promptness of rulings and decisions	4.42	3.43	4.54	3.65	3.92	4.28	4.00	4.31	4.19	4.30	3.93	4.51	3.90	4.02	4.32	4.30
5-Strongly Agree 4-Agree 3-Neither 2-Disagree 1-Strongly Disagree																
9. Avoids undue personal observations or criticisms of litigants, judges and lawyers from bench or in written opinions.	4.34	3.91	4.46	4.56	3.56	4.28	4.25	4.28	4.00	4.37	4.24	4.48	3.87	4.09	3.90	4.27
10. Decides cases on basis of applicable law and fact, not affected by outside influence.	4.31	3.86	4.44	4.39	3.94	4.28	4.05	4.17	3.94	4.18	4.16	4.43	3.91	4.43	4.25	4.33
11. Is courteous and patient with litigants, lawyers and court personnel.	4.27	3.88	4.44	4.66	3.66	4.15	4.22	4.26	4.05	4.36	4.22	4.36	3.96	3.81	3.80	4.15
12. Treats people equally regardless of race, gender, age, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, socio-economic status or disability.	4.52	4.11	4.63	4.62	4.26	4.40	4.38	4.43	4.11	4.56	4.42	4.61	4.08	4.40	4.42	4.47
Retention	96%	82.6%	97.6%	90.3%	85%	88.6%	84.5%	91.2%	86.5%	95.7%	87.8%	92.4	88.2%	89.8%	89.3%	91.7%
Number of respondents	75	69	85	72	80	44	71	80	37	93	98	79	34	225	225	241



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	District 5C				District 6								District 7			
	Michael D. Huppert	Douglas F. Staskal	Dennis J. Stovall	Colin J. Witt	Nancy A. Baumgartner	Marsha A. Bergan	Patrick R. Grady	Fae Hoover-Grinde	Thomas Koehler	Casey D. Jones	Russell Glen Keast	Barbara H. Liesveld	Angeline M. Wilson	J. Hobart Darbyshire	Marlita A. Greve	Mary E. Howes
5-Excellent (performance is outstanding) 4-Good (performance is above average) 3-Satisfactory (performance is adequate) 2-Deficient (performance is below average) 1-Very Poor (performance is well below average and unacceptable)																
1. Knowledge and application of the law	4.43	4.34	3.74	4.53	4.13	4.24	4.41	4.15	4.06	4.47	4.24	3.82	4.29	4.03	4.33	3.80
2. Perception of factual issues	4.44	4.32	3.81	4.58	4.20	4.27	4.43	4.28	4.09	4.52	4.32	3.83	4.26	4.02	4.38	4.06
3. Punctuality for court proceedings	4.55	4.47	4.05	4.61	4.35	4.58	4.45	4.45	4.44	4.62	4.39	4.05	4.44	4.22	4.52	4.23
4. Attentiveness to arguments and testimony	4.53	4.47	4.04	4.66	4.32	4.53	4.42	4.53	4.00	4.63	4.37	4.01	4.36	4.09	4.52	4.07
5. Management and control of the courtroom	4.46	4.42	4.03	4.56	4.34	4.38	4.49	4.41	4.30	4.55	4.42	4.07	4.35	4.11	4.41	4.09
6. Temperament and demeanor	4.52	4.50	3.89	4.70	4.03	4.55	4.13	4.67	3.77	4.71	4.33	3.95	4.43	3.74	4.61	4.08
7. Clarity and quality of written opinions	4.39	4.30	3.79	4.55	4.08	4.31	4.32	4.23	3.99	4.42	4.27	3.83	4.22	4.01	4.39	3.89
8. Promptness of rulings and decisions	4.48	4.41	3.92	4.59	4.28	4.15	4.29	4.24	4.34	4.63	4.30	3.92	4.37	4.12	4.58	3.97
5-Strongly Agree 4-Agree 3-Neither 2-Disagree 1-Strongly Disagree																
9. Avoids undue personal observations or criticisms of litigants, judges and lawyers from bench or in written opinions.	4.58	4.53	4.14	4.70	4.08	4.59	4.35	4.62	3.66	4.62	4.38	4.17	4.49	3.82	4.59	4.13
10. Decides cases on basis of applicable law and fact, not affected by outside influence.	4.49	4.43	4.09	4.68	4.21	4.48	4.40	4.53	3.80	4.65	4.31	4.04	4.40	4.03	4.55	4.11
11. Is courteous and patient with litigants, lawyers and court personnel.	4.56	4.55	4.09	4.75	4.18	4.68	4.25	4.69	3.82	4.69	4.41	4.15	4.60	3.75	4.69	4.24
12. Treats people equally regardless of race, gender, age, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, socio-economic status or disability.	4.60	4.58	4.35	4.76	4.53	4.72	4.53	4.70	4.12	4.71	4.46	4.26	4.55	4.20	4.67	4.35
Retention	96.9%	93.7%	86.9%	97.4%	96.3%	95.5%	94.9%	97.8%	84.1%	97%	96%	90%	96.4	85.7%	94.2%	86.8%
Number of respondents	194	191	191	114	163	135	175	135	177	68	75	80	55	112	86	91



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	District 7		District 8A		District 8B									
5-Excellent (performance is outstanding) 4-Good (performance is above average) 3-Satisfactory (performance is adequate) 2-Deficient (performance is below average) 1-Very Poor (performance is well below average and unacceptable)	Gary D. McKenrick	Christine Dalton Ploof		Daniel P. Wilson			Mary Ann Brown	John G. Linn	Michael J. Schilling	Emily S. Dean				
13. Knowledge and application of the law	4.33	3.49		3.94			4.13	3.78	4.50	3.73				
14. Perception of factual issues	4.30	3.50		3.87			4.09	3.80	4.50	3.94				
15. Punctuality for court proceedings	4.42	3.93		4.42			4.50	4.11	4.62	4.15				
16. Attentiveness to arguments and testimony	4.35	3.66		4.24			4.31	3.87	4.64	4.10				
17. Management and control of the courtroom	4.44	3.67		4.19			4.31	4.09	4.34	4.00				
18. Temperament and demeanor	4.29	3.42		4.28			4.02	3.83	4.67	4.29				
19. Clarity and quality of written opinions	4.38	3.46		3.92			4.04	3.70	4.52	3.90				
20. Promptness of rulings and decisions	4.34	3.84		4.15			3.94	3.83	4.08	4.20				
5-Strongly Agree 4-Agree 3-Neither 2-Disagree 1-Strongly Disagree														
21. Avoids undue personal observations or criticisms of litigants, judges and lawyers from bench or in written opinions.	4.26	3.44		4.37			3.78	4.26	4.65	4.27				
22. Decides cases on basis of applicable law and fact, not affected by outside influence.	4.26	3.43		3.99			3.98	4.00	4.61	3.97				
23. Is courteous and patient with litigants, lawyers and court personnel.	4.33	3.61		4.45			4.11	4.00	4.67	4.29				
24. Treats people equally regardless of race, gender, age, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, socio-economic status or disability.	4.46	3.91		4.45			4.24	4.17	4.68	4.21				
Retention	92.3%	66%		91.5%			83.3%	84.6%	98%	86.5%				
Number of respondents	104	50		82			54	52	52	37				