

The Iowa State Bar Association 2006 Judicial Plebiscite

	Court of Appeals		
5 – Excellent 4 – Good 3 – Satisfactory 2 – Poor 1 – Very Poor	John C. Miller	Anuradha Vaittheswaran	Van D. Zimmer
1. Knowledge and application of the law	4.48	4.24	4.58
2. Perception of factual issues	4.48	4.18	4.55
3. Attentiveness to arguments and testimony	4.50	4.42	4.60
4. Temperament and demeanor	4.56	4.53	4.64
5. Clarity and quality of written opinions	4.43	4.28	4.54
6. Promptness of rulings and decisions	4.29	4.31	4.51
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.	4.53	4.53	4.61
8. Decides cases on basis of applicable law and fact, not affected by outside influence.	4.57	4.49	4.58
9. Is courteous and patient with litigants, lawyers and court personnel.	4.61	4.59	4.66
10. Treats people equally regardless of race, gender, age, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, socio-economic status or disability.	4.60	4.61	4.64
Retention	96%	95%	97%
Number of respondents to retention question.	162	191	207

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	District 1A				District 1B							District 2A			District 2B			
5 – Excellent 4 – Good 3 – Satisfactory 2 – Poor 1 – Very Poor	Monica Ackley	John J. Baucamper	Margaret Lingreen	Randal J. Nigg	K.D. Briner	Jon Fister	Kellyann Lekar	Bruce B. Zager	Nathan A. Callahan	Jeffrey L. Harris	Joseph Moothart	James M. Drew	Bryan H. McKinley	Jon Stuart Scoles	Carl D. Baker	Dale E. Ruigh	Joel E. Swanson	Kurt L. Wilke
1. Knowledge and application of the law	3.48	4.01	4.34	4.36	4.37	4.28	4.16	4.18	4.39	3.70	4.36	4.18	4.20	4.58	4.21	4.64	3.57	4.16
2. Perception of factual issues	3.71	3.92	4.35	4.39	4.36	4.10	4.21	4.25	4.48	3.77	4.41	4.17	4.18	4.53	4.18	4.59	3.64	4.19
3. Punctuality for court proceedings	4.09	4.21	4.52	4.47	3.85	4.46	4.35	4.43	4.27	4.57	4.56	4.58	4.48	4.64	4.61	4.69	4.18	4.42
4. Attentiveness to arguments and testimony	4.10	3.90	4.52	4.46	4.44	3.62	4.46	4.43	4.43	3.97	4.62	4.40	4.29	4.49	4.42	4.65	3.63	4.27
5. Management and control of the courtroom	3.97	4.17	4.43	4.51	4.36	4.17	4.26	4.47	4.41	4.01	4.38	4.42	4.43	4.52	4.49	4.62	3.83	4.37
6. Temperament and demeanor	4.31	3.69	4.38	4.57	4.60	3.09	4.47	4.65	3.92	3.01	4.68	4.52	3.62	4.12	4.59	4.53	3.39	4.08
7. Clarity and quality of written opinions	3.59	3.72	4.31	4.28	4.34	4.04	4.17	4.30	4.27	3.76	4.38	4.13	4.21	4.54	4.04	4.55	3.60	4.11
8. Promptness of rulings and decisions	3.74	4.00	4.36	4.40	3.27	4.44	4.31	4.33	4.30	4.17	4.41	4.46	4.28	4.55	4.35	3.17	4.00	4.29
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.	4.12	4.09	4.44	4.40	4.54	3.38	4.39	4.50	4.25	3.51	4.64	4.46	3.90	4.36	4.48	4.66	3.58	4.24
10. Decides cases on basis of applicable law and fact, not affected by outside influence.	3.81	4.05	4.38	4.30	4.52	3.74	4.36	4.38	4.36	3.79	4.39	4.31	4.24	4.43	4.32	4.65	3.70	4.18
11. Is courteous and patient with litigants, lawyers and court personnel.	4.52	3.91	4.41	4.63	4.67	3.25	4.52	4.52	4.19	3.25	4.68	4.58	3.53	4.17	4.52	4.58	3.36	4.14
12. Treats people equally regardless of race, gender, age, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, socio-economic status or disability.	4.45	4.18	4.54	4.65	4.69	4.00	4.53	4.54	4.60	3.98	4.65	4.58	4.30	4.48	4.51	4.68	4.00	4.34
Retention	83%	88%	92%	95%	92%	79%	90%	95%	97%	77%	96%	93%	88%	96%	95%	95%	71%	92%
Number of respondents to retention question.	76	73	78	60	97	89	72	83	66	65	77	75	73	76	110	120	90	77

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	District 2B			District 3A				District 3B			District 4				District 5A			
5 – Excellent 4 – Good 3 – Satisfactory 2 – Poor 1 – Very Poor	Lawrence E. Jahn	Steven J. Oeth	Kim Riley	David A. Lester	Nancy L. Whittenburg	Donald J. Bormann	Donavon D. Schaefer	Robert J. Dull	Todd Hensley	Timothy T. Jarman	J.C. Irvin	James M. Richardson	Gregory W. Steensland	Mark J. Eveloff	Kathleen A. Kilnoski	Darrell Goodhue	Peter A. Keller	Richard Clogg
1. Knowledge and application of the law	4.26	4.22	4.55	4.59	4.16	3.82	4.00	3.72	4.22	4.56	4.55	3.93	4.24	4.53	4.69	4.67	4.34	4.37
2. Perception of factual issues	4.30	4.31	4.59	4.59	4.24	3.82	3.94	3.89	4.19	4.54	4.56	3.96	4.30	4.53	4.67	4.66	4.38	4.39
3. Punctuality for court proceedings	4.60	4.43	4.82	4.74	4.33	4.35	4.25	3.88	4.38	4.58	4.46	3.86	4.60	4.62	4.74	4.76	4.61	4.55
4. Attentiveness to arguments and testimony	4.52	4.36	4.79	4.71	4.53	4.04	3.78	3.71	4.25	4.60	4.56	3.95	4.54	4.55	4.77	4.69	4.41	4.48
5. Management and control of the courtroom	4.36	4.47	4.74	4.64	4.38	4.00	4.12	4.12	4.25	4.56	4.53	4.40	4.43	4.45	4.58	4.76	4.56	4.50
6. Temperament and demeanor	4.60	4.19	4.86	4.81	4.36	4.26	3.87	3.68	4.33	4.08	4.61	4.08	4.47	4.72	4.81	4.81	4.10	4.62
7. Clarity and quality of written opinions	4.34	4.27	4.63	4.55	4.31	3.71	4.00	3.71	4.16	4.44	4.39	3.88	4.11	4.44	4.69	4.67	4.35	4.38
8. Promptness of rulings and decisions	4.57	4.46	4.79	3.75	4.17	3.78	4.06	3.76	4.11	4.15	4.15	4.27	4.44	4.55	4.68	4.70	4.38	4.50
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.	4.72	4.29	4.88	4.65	4.42	4.24	4.14	4.00	4.46	4.25	4.65	4.14	4.45	4.63	4.72	4.68	4.37	4.70
10. Decides cases on basis of applicable law and fact, not affected by outside influence.	4.59	4.23	4.74	4.69	4.36	3.93	3.79	3.88	4.31	4.48	4.38	3.86	4.40	4.51	4.61	4.69	4.34	4.61
11. Is courteous and patient with litigants, lawyers and court personnel.	4.75	4.24	4.91	4.81	4.35	4.41	4.00	3.77	4.48	4.13	4.70	4.13	4.56	4.70	4.77	4.77	4.24	4.72
12. Treats people equally regardless of race, gender, age, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, socio-economic status or disability.	4.79	4.37	4.90	4.82	4.51	4.44	4.34	4.30	4.51	4.63	4.68	4.12	4.61	4.68	4.76	4.77	4.55	4.69
Retention	98%	93%	98%	98%	91%	85%	83%	86%	94%	96%	95%	90%	98%	100%	100%	98%	95%	96%
Number of respondents to retention question.	51	68	53	63	57	27	40	42	50	55	81	78	52	57	57	124	110	51

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	District 5A			District 5C								District 6								
5 – Excellent 4 – Good 3 – Satisfactory 2 – Poor 1 – Very Poor	Virginia Cobb	Thomas W. Mott	Kevin A. Parker	Eliza J. Ovrom	Donna L. Paulsen	Artis I. Reis	Gregory D. Brandt	Carol L. Coppola	Carol S. Egly	Louise M. Jacobs	William A. Price	David L. Baker	Marsha M. Beckelman	Kristin L. Hibbs	David M. Remley	Douglas S. Russell	Mitchell E. Turner	Fae Hoover-Grinde	Sylvia A. Lewis	Jane F. Spande
1. Knowledge and application of the law	4.28	3.84	4.41	4.53	3.60	4.39	4.07	4.50	4.08	4.20	4.21	4.41	3.78	3.94	4.82	4.20	4.15	4.41	4.10	4.25
2. Perception of factual issues	4.28	3.79	4.53	4.59	3.66	4.40	4.08	4.51	4.13	4.25	4.24	4.42	3.77	3.85	4.71	4.27	4.22	4.51	4.14	4.16
3. Punctuality for court proceedings	4.59	4.13	4.76	4.75	4.30	4.58	4.25	4.57	4.15	4.40	4.36	4.50	4.08	4.08	4.80	4.48	4.41	4.48	3.92	4.26
4. Attentiveness to arguments and testimony	4.51	3.99	4.74	4.70	4.16	4.52	4.12	4.60	4.20	4.35	4.31	4.49	4.09	4.00	4.80	4.44	4.45	4.62	4.06	4.13
5. Management and control of the courtroom	4.55	3.94	4.68	4.63	3.97	4.46	4.08	4.60	4.21	4.38	4.28	4.44	3.97	3.89	4.77	4.36	4.32	4.49	4.08	4.25
6. Temperament and demeanor	4.61	2.90	4.76	4.78	4.08	4.59	3.47	4.64	4.06	4.40	3.94	4.35	4.08	3.08	4.75	4.53	4.56	4.75	3.86	3.58
7. Clarity and quality of written opinions	4.32	3.73	4.36	4.63	3.74	4.36	4.10	4.53	4.05	4.36	4.17	4.39	3.75	3.94	4.72	4.21	4.17	4.45	3.92	4.19
8. Promptness of rulings and decisions	4.32	3.97	4.60	4.61	4.02	4.46	4.16	4.59	4.19	4.39	4.23	4.52	2.98	3.89	4.74	4.32	4.29	4.29	4.10	4.15
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.	4.51	3.12	4.71	4.69	4.16	4.51	3.63	4.61	4.20	4.38	3.95	4.36	4.12	3.62	4.77	4.52	4.50	4.67	4.24	4.06
10. Decides cases on basis of applicable law and fact, not affected by outside influence.	4.49	3.62	4.70	4.62	4.03	4.48	4.01	4.61	4.21	4.39	4.15	4.40	4.03	4.01	4.75	4.42	4.43	4.56	4.10	4.31
11. Is courteous and patient with litigants, lawyers and court personnel.	4.64	2.94	4.81	4.80	4.26	4.61	3.50	4.67	4.22	4.44	4.00	4.41	4.29	3.18	4.71	4.53	4.62	4.74	4.19	3.87
12. Treats people equally regardless of race, gender, age, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, socio-economic status or disability.	4.64	3.87	4.79	4.77	4.38	4.66	4.06	4.64	4.42	4.47	4.25	4.53	4.34	4.02	4.76	4.60	4.58	4.74	4.36	4.38
Retention	93%	73%	100%	98%	83%	95%	84%	98%	91%	97%	88%	96%	83%	79%	97%	95%	98%	99%	89%	90%
Number of respondents to retention question.	42	63	36	192	222	206	116	113	133	91	125	158	159	163	184	163	97	89	103	134

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	District 7												District 8A				District 8B			
	Bobbi M. Alpers	Mark D. Cleve	James E. Kelley	John A. Nabra	Charles H. Pelton	David H. Sivright, Jr.	Nancy S. Tabor	Mary E. Howes	Douglas C. McDonald	John G. Mullen	Gary P. Strausser	Arlen J. Van Zee	James Q. Blomgren	E. Richard Meadows, Jr.	Lucy J. Gamon	Michael R. Stewart	Cynthia H. Danielson	Michael G. Dieterich	Mark Kruse	
5 – Excellent 4 – Good 3 – Satisfactory 2 – Poor 1 – Very Poor																				
1. Knowledge and application of the law	4.40	4.14	4.50	4.50	3.38	4.38	3.78	4.38	4.15	4.28	4.19	4.22	4.55	3.90	4.56	4.61	3.38	4.02	4.63	
2. Perception of factual issues	4.48	4.16	4.39	4.48	3.42	4.40	3.90	4.40	4.21	4.32	4.36	4.13	4.52	4.08	4.56	4.54	3.47	4.24	4.58	
3. Punctuality for court proceedings	4.69	4.50	4.41	4.49	3.32	4.54	4.33	4.36	4.24	4.22	4.31	4.20	4.56	4.32	4.62	4.76	4.10	3.65	4.59	
4. Attentiveness to arguments and testimony	4.65	4.47	4.34	4.50	3.42	4.51	4.20	4.51	3.94	4.33	4.44	4.20	4.55	4.20	4.67	4.53	3.78	4.13	4.63	
5. Management and control of the courtroom	4.48	4.28	4.40	4.59	3.57	4.53	4.09	4.54	4.33	4.33	4.40	4.26	4.61	4.34	4.61	4.56	3.80	4.11	4.59	
6. Temperament and demeanor	4.80	4.53	3.66	4.38	3.38	4.43	4.14	4.61	3.77	4.47	4.51	4.21	4.55	4.17	4.49	4.47	3.67	4.15	4.71	
7. Clarity and quality of written opinions	4.49	4.28	4.41	4.43	3.46	4.41	3.88	4.41	4.07	4.20	4.20	4.18	4.50	4.12	4.59	4.65	3.50	3.88	4.60	
8. Promptness of rulings and decisions	4.50	4.37	3.90	4.46	3.55	4.37	4.24	4.52	4.26	4.33	4.09	4.29	4.43	4.18	4.79	4.63	3.65	3.60	4.63	
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.	4.70	4.53	4.01	4.47	3.56	4.45	4.19	4.53	3.57	4.47	4.46	4.23	4.57	4.25	4.63	4.49	3.88	4.30	4.60	
10. Decides cases on basis of applicable law and fact, not affected by outside influence.	4.55	4.38	4.28	4.36	3.45	4.50	4.14	4.47	3.75	4.26	4.41	4.06	4.51	4.28	4.57	4.58	3.68	4.17	4.58	
11. Is courteous and patient with litigants, lawyers and court personnel.	4.80	4.56	3.80	4.43	3.76	4.51	4.28	4.57	3.71	4.51	4.53	4.25	4.57	4.23	4.60	4.42	3.74	4.25	4.72	
12. Treats people equally regardless of race, gender, age, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, socio-economic status or disability.	4.69	4.56	4.43	4.53	3.83	4.62	4.45	4.59	4.08	4.49	4.54	4.19	4.67	4.51	4.74	4.79	3.97	4.33	4.69	
Retention	96%	95%	89%	95%	68%	98%	88%	96%	82%	99%	100%	93%	95%	92%	98%	95%	66%	90%	100%	
Number of respondents to retention question.	122	112	130	126	112	117	114	57	55	74	39	58	88	73	45	38	76	48	50	

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