

# Profile of Appellate and Trial Judges\*

As of September 1, 2023

	Supreme Court	Court of Criminal Appeals	Court of Appeals	District Courts	Criminal District Courts	County Courts at Law	Probate Courts	County Courts	Justice Courts	Municipal Courts
<b>NUMBER OF JUDGES:</b>										
Number of Judge Positions	9	9	80	483	13	261	22	254	798	1,278
Number of Judges	9	9	80	481	13	259	20	254	798	1,257
Number of Vacant Positions	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	19
Number of Municipalities w/ Courts	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	952
Cities with No Courts	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	233
<b>AGE OF JUDGES:</b>										
	(n = 9)	(n = 9)	(n = 77)	(n = 423)	(n = 11)	(n = 191)	(n = 18)	(n = 164)	(n = 672)	(n = 1,057)
Mean	59	59	54	54	60	60	56	58	56	61
Oldest	74	70	71	77	76	83	74	83	87	91
Youngest	43	48	37	31	44	37	38	32	25	31
<b>RANGE OF AGE:</b>										
Under 25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 through 34	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	12	13
35 through 44	1	0	6	44	1	15	3	9	48	85
45 through 54	3	3	21	132	4	61	5	32	140	195
55 through 64	3	2	29	163	2	78	5	65	227	302
65 through 74	2	4	21	79	3	31	5	45	187	304
Over 75	0	0	0	3	1	6	0	12	58	158
<b>GENDER OF JUDGES:</b>										
	(n = 9)	(n = 9)	(n = 80)	(n = 481)	(n = 13)	(n = 259)	(n = 20)	(n = 254)	(n = 798)	(n = 1,242)
Males	6	5	40	259	6	157	10	223	468	764
Females	3	4	40	222	7	102	10	31	330	478
<b>ETHNICITY OF JUDGES:</b>										
	(n = 9)	(n = 9)	(n = 78)	(n = 435)	(n = 11)	(n = 203)	(n = 18)	(n = 166)	(n = 670)	(n = 1,440)
African-American	0	1	1	55	2	23	2	0	32	60
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Asian or Pacific Islander	0	0	1	6	1	4	0	2	2	12
Hispanic/Latino	1	1	21	91	1	41	5	17	127	207
White (Non-Hispanic)	8	7	53	283	6	135	11	146	505	750
Other	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	12
<b>LENGTH OF SERVICE:</b>										
	(n = 9)	(n = 9)	(n = 80)	(n = 481)	(n = 13)	(n = 259)	(n = 20)	(n = 254)	(n = 798)	(n = 1,631)
Average	9 Yr 9 Mo	10 Yr 10 Mo	5 Yr 8 Mo	7 Yr 2 Mo	7 Yr 3 Mo	7 Yr 3 Mo	8 Yr 1 Mo	5 Yr 0 Mo	8 Yr 3 Mo	10 Yr 11 Mo
Longest	34 Yr 8 Mo	28 Yr 8 Mo	28 Yr 8 Mo	40 Yr 8 Mo	28 Yr 6 Mo	29 Yr 1 Mo	38 Yr 3 Mo	36 Yr 8 Mo	60 Yr 5 Mo	54 Yr 11 Mo
<b>RANGE OF SERVICE ON THIS COURT IN YEARS:</b>										
Under 1 Year	0	0	10	71	4	55	3	87	157	115
1 through 4	4	2	49	158	3	70	8	73	200	390
5 through 9	1	5	11	94	1	49	4	50	159	416
10 through 14	3	0	3	85	2	39	2	21	100	267
15 through 19	0	0	3	37	2	18	1	10	77	198
20 through 24	0	1	3	22	0	26	0	8	63	122
25 through 29	0	1	1	10	1	4	0	3	24	74
30 through 34	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	9	25
35 through 39	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	4	22
Over 40	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	15
<b>FIRST ASSUMED OFFICE BY:</b>										
	(n = 9)	(n = 9)	(n = 80)	(n = 481)	(n = 13)	(n = 260)	(n = 22)	(n = 254)	(n = 798)	(n = 1,651)
Appointment	8 (89%)	1 (11%)	23 (29%)	122 (25%)	4 (31%)	56 (22%)	5 (23%)	38 (15%)	183 (23%)	1,636 (99%)
Election	1 (11%)	8 (89%)	57 (71%)	359 (75%)	9 (69%)	208 (80%)	17 (77%)	216 (85%)	615 (77%)	15 (1%)
<b>EDUCATION:</b>										
<b>HIGH SCHOOL:</b>	(n = 9)	(n = 9)	(n = 80)	(n = 480)	(n = 13)	(n = 259)	(n = 24)	(n = 162)	(n = 659)	(n = 1,106)
Attended	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	19 (3%)	16 (1%)
Graduated	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	632 (96%)	1,025 (93%)
<b>COLLEGE:</b>										
Attended	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (1%)	0 (0%)	2 (1%)	1 (4%)	20 (12%)	139 (21%)	116 (10%)
Graduated	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	75 (94%)	419 (87%)	9 (69%)	183 (71%)	18 (75%)	100 (62%)	257 (39%)	760 (69%)
<b>LAW SCHOOL:</b>										
Attended	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (1%)	0 (0%)	2 (0%)
Graduated	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	80 (100%)	480 (100%)	13 (100%)	259 (100%)	24 (100%)	27 (17%)	64 (10%)	667 (60%)
<b>LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW:</b>										
Number Licensed	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	80 (100%)	481 (100%)	13 (100%)	258 (100%)	20 (100%)	27 (11%)	61 (8%)	685 (54%)
Mean Year Licensed	1992	1991	1992	1995	1993	1995	1996	1992	1997	1992
<b>YEARS LICENSED:</b>										
4 Years or Less	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
5 to 9 Years	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	4	21
10 to 14 Years	0	0	2	29	0	17	2	2	8	53
15 to 19 Years	2	1	8	74	3	38	4	5	11	71
20 to 24 Years	2	1	13	80	1	45	5	2	4	78
25 to 29 Years	0	2	11	102	5	42	4	3	14	108
30 or More Years	5	5	46	191	4	111	5	15	20	353
<b>ORIGINALLY CAME TO THIS COURT FROM:</b>										
Attorney Private Practice	2 (22%)	1 (11%)	42 (53%)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Judge of Lower Court	4 (44%)	1 (11%)	8 (10%)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Legislative Service	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other Governmental Service	2 (22%)	4 (44%)	6 (8%)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
<b>PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:</b>										
Prosecutor	1 (11%)	5 (56%)	12 (15%)	174 (36%)	6 (46%)	88 (34%)	5 (25%)	4 (2%)	--	--
Attorney Private Practice	8 (89%)	5 (56%)	29 (36%)	348 (72%)	8 (62%)	132 (51%)	18 (90%)	20 (8%)	--	--
Judge of Lower Court	4 (44%)	1 (11%)	9 (11%)	34 (7%)	2 (15%)	20 (8%)	3 (15%)	3 (1%)	--	--
County Commissioner	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	21 (8%)	--	--

\* Data may be incomplete, as this chart includes only information reported to OCA.