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Background

In 2007, the St. Joseph County Bar Association Board of Governors (“SJCBA”) voted to implement a formal program for the evaluation of judicial performance by its members (the “Bar”). Judicial evaluation programs were recommended by the American Bar Association in its “Guidelines for the Evaluation of Judicial Performance” in 2005. The SJCBA created its evaluation process to accomplish two goals: (1) to supply reliable and unbiased information about judicial performance needed to make sound judgments regarding the continuation of judges in office; and (2) to give the judges feedback to improve their own performance and that of the courts on which they serve. The SJCBA completed and published its first survey in 2008.

Judges in St. Joseph County are installed in office two ways. The judges of the St. Joseph Circuit Court and the St. Joseph Probate Court are elected by popular vote and participate in contested elections. The judges of the St. Joseph Superior Court are appointed by the Governor of Indiana and participate in retention elections. All applicants for an opening on the Superior Court are interviewed by a seven member Judicial Nominating Committee, consisting of three lawyers, three non-lawyers and one judge from the Indiana Supreme Court or Indiana Court of Appeals. The Nominating Committee nominates five of the applicants for consideration by the Governor of Indiana. The Governor considers the recommendations and appoints the judge. Each Superior Court judge stands for a “yes” or “no” retention election two years after the initial appointment, and then every six years.

The SJCBA Board of Governors decided to apply its evaluation program to the Superior Court judges, but not to the judges who may be subject to a contested election. A contested election provides opportunities for a judge or the judge’s opponent to discuss judicial performance. The same opportunities might not exist for a judge subject to a retention vote. An evaluation by the Bar of a judge’s judicial performance, when it is not possible to evaluate an opponent running for election against the judge under the same criteria, would not further the two goals of the SJCBA evaluation program.

Methodology

The SJCBA sent a survey by e-mail on June 29, 2011, to its members who had provided e-mail addresses. The SJCBA also informed its members of the survey by announcements in its monthly newsletter. Members were informed that the survey had to be returned by August 5, 2011.

A separate survey was sent for each judge. The judges evaluated during the 2011 survey were:

Hon. Roland Chamblee, Jr.
Hon. David Chapleau
Hon. J. Jerome Frese

Hon. Jenny Pitts Manier
Hon. John Marnocha
Hon. Jane Woodward Miller
Hon. Margot F. Reagan
Hon. Michael Scopelitis

Survey

The survey instrument covered four categories: Legal Ability; Integrity and Impartiality; Professionalism and Temperament; and Administrative Capability. Each category listed five specific criteria. Respondents were asked to evaluate the judge's performance in each criteria as "exceptional," "above average," "average/acceptable," "below average," "unacceptable," or "cannot rate." Each rating, except "cannot rate," carried a numerical score to calculate an average: exceptional (5); above average (4); average/acceptable (3); below average (2); and unacceptable (1). Respondents were advised to rate only those categories that their personal experience with the specific judge qualified them to have an opinion. A copy of the original survey form is attached to the end of this report.

Response Rate

The practices of the lawyers in the SJCBA are diverse, so the number of lawyers who actually appear in court is much smaller than the number of lawyers in the SJCBA. Consequently, only a small percentage of the lawyers who received the survey could be expected to respond. Further, the St. Joseph County Superior Court judges are assigned to either a civil docket or a criminal docket. Many lawyers who represent clients in civil cases do not often represent clients in criminal cases, and many lawyers appearing in criminal court, including prosecutors and public defenders, do not often represent clients in civil cases. Consequently many attorneys with the personal experience needed to respond to the survey may have been qualified to evaluate only some of the judges listed, or only some of the criteria.

The total number of surveys returned for each judge follow:

Hon. Roland Chamblee, Jr.	65
Hon. David Chapleau	73
Hon. J. Jerome Frese	62
Hon. Jenny Pitts Manier	82
Hon. John Marnocha	60
Hon. Jane Woodward Miller	59
Hon. Margot F. Reagan	67
Hon. Michael Scopelitis	95

Results

The responses from the individual surveys were collected and summary results were compiled. Two tables were created for each judge.

Table 1 contains the number of surveys returned for that judge. It identifies the number of Bar members that chose each rating category for each criteria. It also includes an “average score.” The average for each criteria was calculated by multiplying the number of responses for the rating by its numerical value, adding the products for those values and dividing the sum by the number of responses (not including the “cannot rate” responses).

Table 2 contains the percentage of responses for each rating for each criteria (including “cannot rate”).

The tables with survey results follow in alphabetical order. The results can also be viewed on the SJCBA website at www.sjcba.org under the news tab. Survey results from 2008 through 2010 are also located at www.sjcba.org under the judiciary tab.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, St. Joseph County Bar Association
Judicial Evaluation Committee

Hon. Roland Chamblee, Jr., 2011 Judicial Evaluation Survey - Retention System Judges -- Table 1
 How Do You Rate This Individual on LEGAL ABILITY, Based on the Following Criteria

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate	Rating Average	Response Count
Legal Reasoning	0	0	14	15	9	27	3.87	65
Knowledge and Understanding of Substantive Law	0	0	12	16	11	26	3.97	65
Knowledge of Rules of Procedure and Evidence	0	1	12	16	10	26	3.90	65
Keeping Current on Developments in Law, Procedure and Evidence	0	2	10	14	10	29	3.89	65
Clear and Logical Communications and Decisions	1	3	14	10	11	26	3.69	65
						<i>answered question</i>		65
						<i>skipped question</i>		0

How Do You Rate This Individual on INTEGRITY AND IMPARTIALITY, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate	Rating Average	Response Count
Avoidance of Impropriety and the Appearance of Impropriety	0	4	9	5	22	25	4.13	65
Acts Fairly by Giving People Individual Consideration	1	7	10	10	13	24	3.66	65
Considers All Sides of an Argument With an Open Mind Before Rendering a Decision	3	8	7	11	10	26	3.44	65
Bases Decisions on the Law and Facts Without Regard to the Identity of the Parties or Counsel	1	5	12	8	13	26	3.69	65
Ability to Make Difficult or Unpopular Decisions	0	4	9	8	20	24	4.07	65
						<i>answered question</i>		65
						<i>skipped question</i>		0

How Do You Rate This Individual on PROFESSIONAL AND TEMPERAMENT, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate	Rating Average	Response Count
Acts in a Dignified Manner	2	2	15	10	14	22	3.74	65
Treats All People with Courtesy	3	11	9	7	13	22	3.37	65
Acts with Patience and Self-Control	3	8	15	6	11	22	3.33	65
Deals with Pro Se Litigants and Litigation Fairly and Effectively	0	1	13	6	8	37	3.75	65
Promotes Public Understanding of and Confidence in the Courts	1	2	17	9	14	22	3.77	65
						<i>answered question</i>		65
						<i>skipped question</i>		0

How Do You Rate This Individual on ADMINISTRATIVE CAPABILITY, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate	Rating Average	Response Count
Punctuality and Preparation for Court	0	4	10	11	13	27	3.87	65
Maintains Control Over the Courtroom	1	0	11	11	15	27	4.03	65
Appropriate Enforcement of Court Rules, Orders and Deadlines	0	2	11	10	15	27	4.00	65
Makes Decisions and Rulings in a Timely Manner	0	0	10	12	15	28	4.14	65
Manages Cases to an Expedient Conclusion	0	2	9	13	13	28	4.00	65
						<i>answered question</i>		65
						<i>skipped question</i>		0

**2011 Judicial Evaluation Survey - Retention System Judges
St. Joseph County Bar Association
Hon. Roland Chamblee, Jr.
Summary of Results -- Table 2**

How Do You Rate This Individual on LEGAL ABILITY, Based on the Following Criteria

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate
•Legal Reasoning	0.0%	0.0%	21.5%	23.1%	13.8%	41.5%
•Knowledge and Understanding of Substantive Law	0.0%	0.0%	18.5%	24.6%	16.9%	40.0%
•Knowledge of Rules of Procedure and Evidence	0.0%	1.5%	18.5%	24.6%	15.4%	40.0%
•Keeping Current on Developments in Law, Procedure and Evidence	0.0%	3.1%	15.4%	21.5%	15.4%	44.6%
•Clear and Logical Communications and Decisions	1.5%	4.6%	21.5%	15.4%	16.9%	40.0%

How Do You Rate This Individual on INTEGRITY AND IMPARTIALITY, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate
•Avoidance of Impropriety and the Appearance of Impropriety	0.0%	6.2%	13.8%	7.7%	33.8%	38.5%
•Acts Fairly by Giving People Individual Consideration	1.5%	10.8%	15.4%	15.4%	20.0%	36.9%
•Considers All Sides of an Argument With an Open Mind Before Rendering a Decision	4.6%	12.3%	10.8%	16.9%	15.4%	40.0%
•Bases Decisions on the Law and Facts Without Regard to the Identity of the Parties or Counsel	1.5%	7.7%	18.5%	12.3%	20.0%	40.0%
•Ability to Make Difficult or Unpopular Decisions	0.0%	6.2%	13.8%	12.3%	30.8%	36.9%

How Do You Rate This Individual on PROFESSIONAL AND TEMPERAMENT, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate
•Acts in a Dignified Manner	3.1%	3.1%	23.1%	15.4%	21.5%	33.8%
•Treats All People with Courtesy	4.6%	16.9%	13.8%	10.8%	20.0%	33.8%
•Acts with Patience and Self-Control	4.6%	12.3%	23.1%	9.2%	16.9%	33.8%
•Deals with Pro Se Litigants and Litigation Fairly and Effectively	0.0%	1.5%	20.0%	9.2%	12.3%	56.9%
•Promotes Public Understanding of and Confidence in the Courts	1.5%	3.1%	26.2%	13.8%	21.5%	33.8%

How Do You Rate This Individual on ADMINISTRATIVE CAPABILITY, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate
•Punctuality and Preparation for Court	0.0%	6.2%	15.4%	16.9%	20.0%	41.5%
•Maintains Control Over the Courtroom	1.5%	0.0%	16.9%	16.9%	23.1%	41.5%
•Appropriate Enforcement of Court Rules, Orders and Deadlines	0.0%	3.1%	16.9%	15.4%	23.1%	41.5%
•Makes Decisions and Rulings in a Timely Manner	0.0%	0.0%	15.4%	18.5%	23.1%	43.1%
•Manages Cases to an Expedient Conclusion	0.0%	3.1%	13.8%	20.0%	20.0%	43.1%

This table identifies the percentage of responses for each rating in each criteria

Total Surveys Returned = 65

Hon. David Chapleau, 2011 Judicial Evaluation Survey - Retention System Judges -- Table 1
 How Do You Rate This Individual on LEGAL ABILITY, Based on the Following Criteria

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate	Rating Average	Response Count
Legal Reasoning	2	7	19	23	15	7	3.64	73
Knowledge and Understanding of Substantive Law	2	8	14	26	15	8	3.68	73
Knowledge of Rules of Procedure and Evidence	1	2	18	25	18	9	3.89	73
Keeping Current on Developments in Law, Procedure and Evidence	1	1	12	23	19	17	4.04	73
Clear and Logical Communications and Decisions	4	11	13	21	16	8	3.52	73
							<i>answered question</i>	73
							<i>skipped question</i>	0

How Do You Rate This Individual on INTEGRITY AND IMPARTIALITY, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate	Rating Average	Response Count
Avoidance of Impropriety and the Appearance of Impropriety	1	1	12	20	30	9	4.20	73
Acts Fairly by Giving People Individual Consideration	1	7	12	20	27	6	3.97	73
Considers All Sides of an Argument With an Open Mind Before Rendering a Decision	3	4	17	18	25	6	3.87	73
Bases Decisions on the Law and Facts Without Regard to the Identity of the Parties or Counsel	4	6	15	17	25	6	3.79	73
Ability to Make Difficult or Unpopular Decisions	5	6	15	15	20	12	3.64	73
							<i>answered question</i>	73
							<i>skipped question</i>	0

How Do You Rate This Individual on PROFESSIONAL AND TEMPERAMENT, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate	Rating Average	Response Count
Acts in a Dignified Manner	1	1	11	23	32	5	4.24	73
Treats All People with Courtesy	1	4	9	20	34	5	4.21	73
Acts with Patience and Self-Control	1	3	11	23	29	6	4.13	73
Deals with Pro Se Litigants and Litigation Fairly and Effectively	2	1	8	16	20	26	4.09	73
Promotes Public Understanding of and Confidence in the Courts	2	2	11	18	26	14	4.08	73
							<i>answered question</i>	73
							<i>skipped question</i>	0

How Do You Rate This Individual on ADMINISTRATIVE CAPABILITY, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate	Rating Average	Response Count
Punctuality and Preparation for Court	2	1	12	24	23	11	4.05	73
Maintains Control Over the Courtroom	1	3	15	22	21	11	3.95	73
Appropriate Enforcement of Court Rules, Orders and Deadlines	2	3	10	26	22	10	4.00	73
Makes Decisions and Rulings in a Timely Manner	3	4	10	20	24	12	3.95	73
Manages Cases to an Expedient Conclusion	4	5	15	16	22	11	3.76	73
							<i>answered question</i>	73
							<i>skipped question</i>	0

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**Hon. David Chapleau
Summary of Results -- Table 2**

How Do You Rate This Individual on LEGAL ABILITY, Based on the Following Criteria

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate
• Legal Reasoning	2.7%	9.6%	26.0%	31.5%	20.5%	9.6%
• Knowledge and Understanding of Substantive Law	2.7%	11.0%	19.2%	35.6%	20.5%	11.0%
• Knowledge of Rules of Procedure and Evidence	1.4%	2.7%	24.7%	34.2%	24.7%	12.3%
• Keeping Current on Developments in Law, Procedure and Evidence	1.4%	1.4%	16.4%	31.5%	26.0%	23.3%
• Clear and Logical Communications and Decisions	5.5%	15.1%	17.8%	28.8%	21.9%	11.0%

How Do You Rate This Individual on INTEGRITY AND IMPARTIALITY, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate
• Avoidance of Impropriety and the Appearance of Impropriety	1.4%	1.4%	16.4%	27.4%	41.1%	12.3%
• Acts Fairly by Giving People Individual Consideration	1.4%	9.6%	16.4%	27.4%	37.0%	8.2%
• Considers All Sides of an Argument With an Open Mind Before Rendering a Decision	4.1%	5.5%	23.3%	24.7%	34.2%	8.2%
• Bases Decisions on the Law and Facts Without Regard to the Identity of the Parties or Counsel	5.5%	8.2%	20.5%	23.3%	34.2%	8.2%
• Ability to Make Difficult or Unpopular Decisions	6.8%	8.2%	20.5%	20.5%	27.4%	16.4%

How Do You Rate This Individual on PROFESSIONAL AND TEMPERAMENT, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate
• Acts in a Dignified Manner	1.4%	1.4%	15.1%	31.5%	43.8%	6.8%
• Treats All People with Courtesy	1.4%	5.5%	12.3%	27.4%	46.6%	6.8%
• Acts with Patience and Self-Control	1.4%	4.1%	15.1%	31.5%	39.7%	8.2%
• Deals with Pro Se Litigants and Litigation Fairly and Effectively	2.7%	1.4%	11.0%	21.9%	27.4%	35.6%
• Promotes Public Understanding of and Confidence in the Courts	2.7%	2.7%	15.1%	24.7%	35.6%	19.2%

How Do You Rate This Individual on ADMINISTRATIVE CAPABILITY, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate
• Punctuality and Preparation for Court	2.7%	1.4%	16.4%	32.9%	31.5%	15.1%
• Maintains Control Over the Courtroom	1.4%	4.1%	20.5%	30.1%	28.8%	15.1%
• Appropriate Enforcement of Court Rules, Orders and Deadlines	2.7%	4.1%	13.7%	35.6%	30.1%	13.7%
• Makes Decisions and Rulings in a Timely Manner	4.1%	5.5%	13.7%	27.4%	32.9%	16.4%
• Manages Cases to an Expedient Conclusion	5.5%	6.8%	20.5%	21.9%	30.1%	15.1%

This table identifies the percentage of responses for each rating in each criteria

Total Surveys Returned = 73

Hon. J. Jerome Fresse, 2011 Judicial Evaluation Survey - Retention System Judges -- Table 1
 How Do You Rate This Individual on LEGAL ABILITY, Based on the Following Criteria

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate	Rating Average	Response Count
Legal Reasoning	1	6	16	9	5	25	3.30	62
Knowledge and Understanding of Substantive Law	1	4	15	9	8	25	3.51	62
Knowledge of Rules of Procedure and Evidence	1	6	15	8	7	25	3.38	62
Keeping Current on Developments in Law, Procedure and Evidence	2	5	12	11	5	27	3.34	62
Clear and Logical Communications and Decisions	6	11	10	3	6	26	2.78	62
							<i>answered question</i>	62
							<i>skipped question</i>	0

How Do You Rate This Individual on INTEGRITY AND IMPARTIALITY, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate	Rating Average	Response Count
Avoidance of Impropriety and the Appearance of Impropriety	1	6	13	9	7	26	3.42	62
Acts Fairly by Giving People Individual Consideration	2	5	11	10	9	25	3.51	62
Considers All Sides of an Argument With an Open Mind Before Rendering a Decision	4	12	8	6	7	25	3.00	62
Bases Decisions on the Law and Facts Without Regard to the Identity of the Parties or Counsel	2	10	13	5	7	25	3.14	62
Ability to Make Difficult or Unpopular Decisions	1	5	15	8	8	25	3.46	62
							<i>answered question</i>	62
							<i>skipped question</i>	0

How Do You Rate This Individual on PROFESSIONAL AND TEMPERAMENT, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate	Rating Average	Response Count
Acts in a Dignified Manner	7	11	8	6	5	25	2.76	62
Treats All People with Courtesy	2	6	12	7	10	25	3.46	62
Acts with Patience and Self-Control	4	11	10	4	8	25	3.03	62
Deals with Pro Se Litigants and Litigation Fairly and Effectively	3	2	12	5	7	33	3.38	62
Promotes Public Understanding of and Confidence in the Courts	6	12	10	5	5	24	2.76	62
							<i>answered question</i>	62
							<i>skipped question</i>	0

How Do You Rate This Individual on ADMINISTRATIVE CAPABILITY, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate	Rating Average	Response Count
Punctuality and Preparation for Court	11	10	8	2	3	28	2.29	62
Maintains Control Over the Courtroom	3	11	15	3	4	26	2.83	62
Appropriate Enforcement of Court Rules, Orders and Deadlines	2	9	15	6	4	26	3.03	62
Makes Decisions and Rulings in a Timely Manner	4	9	11	4	4	30	2.84	62
Manages Cases to an Expedient Conclusion	6	12	10	1	5	28	2.62	62
							<i>answered question</i>	62
							<i>skipped question</i>	0

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**Hon. J. Jerome Frese
Summary of Results -- Table 2**

How Do You Rate This Individual on LEGAL ABILITY, Based on the Following Criteria

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate
•Legal Reasoning	1.6%	9.7%	25.8%	14.5%	8.1%	40.3%
•Knowledge and Understanding of Substantive Law	1.6%	6.5%	24.2%	14.5%	12.9%	40.3%
•Knowledge of Rules of Procedure and Evidence	1.6%	9.7%	24.2%	12.9%	11.3%	40.3%
•Keeping Current on Developments in Law, Procedure and Evidence	3.2%	8.1%	19.4%	17.7%	8.1%	43.5%
•Clear and Logical Communications and Decisions	9.7%	17.7%	16.1%	4.8%	9.7%	41.9%

How Do You Rate This Individual on INTEGRITY AND IMPARTIALITY, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate
•Avoidance of Impropriety and the Appearance of	1.6%	9.7%	21.0%	14.5%	11.3%	41.9%
•Acts Fairly by Giving People Individual Consideration	3.2%	8.1%	17.7%	16.1%	14.5%	40.3%
•Considers All Sides of an Argument With an Open Mind Before Rendering a Decision	6.5%	19.4%	12.9%	9.7%	11.3%	40.3%
•Bases Decisions on the Law and Facts Without Regard to the Identity of the Parties or Counsel	3.2%	16.1%	21.0%	8.1%	11.3%	40.3%
•Ability to Make Difficult or Unpopular Decisions	1.6%	8.1%	24.2%	12.9%	12.9%	40.3%

How Do You Rate This Individual on PROFESSIONAL AND TEMPERAMENT, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate
•Acts in a Dignified Manner	11.3%	17.7%	12.9%	9.7%	8.1%	40.3%
•Treats All People with Courtesy	3.2%	9.7%	19.4%	11.3%	16.1%	40.3%
•Acts with Patience and Self-Control	6.5%	17.7%	16.1%	6.5%	12.9%	40.3%
•Deals with Pro Se Litigants and Litigation Fairly and Effectively	4.8%	3.2%	19.4%	8.1%	11.3%	53.2%
•Promotes Public Understanding of and Confidence in the Courts	9.7%	19.4%	16.1%	8.1%	8.1%	38.7%

How Do You Rate This Individual on ADMINISTRATIVE CAPABILITY, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate
•Punctuality and Preparation for Court	17.7%	16.1%	12.9%	3.2%	4.8%	45.2%
•Maintains Control Over the Courtroom	4.8%	17.7%	24.2%	4.8%	6.5%	41.9%
•Appropriate Enforcement of Court Rules, Orders and Deadlines	3.2%	14.5%	24.2%	9.7%	6.5%	41.9%
•Makes Decisions and Rulings in a Timely Manner	6.5%	14.5%	17.7%	6.5%	6.5%	48.4%
•Manages Cases to an Expedient Conclusion	9.7%	19.4%	16.1%	1.6%	8.1%	45.2%

This table identifies the percentage of responses for each rating in each criteria

Total Surveys Returned = 62

Hon. Jenny Pitts Manier, 2011 Judicial Evaluation Survey - Retention System Judges -- Table 1
 How Do You Rate This Individual on LEGAL ABILITY, Based on the Following Criteria

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate	Rating Average	Response Count
Legal Reasoning	2	6	13	17	32	12	4.01	82
Knowledge and Understanding of Substantive Law	2	5	13	16	34	12	4.07	82
Knowledge of Rules of Procedure and Evidence	1	5	15	18	31	12	4.04	82
Keeping Current on Developments in Law, Procedure and Evidence	2	2	14	16	33	15	4.13	82
Clear and Logical Communications and Decisions	3	4	11	14	38	12	4.14	82
							<i>answered question</i>	82
							<i>skipped question</i>	0

How Do You Rate This Individual on INTEGRITY AND IMPARTIALITY, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate	Rating Average	Response Count
Avoidance of Impropriety and the Appearance of Impropriety	3	4	8	7	48	12	4.33	82
Acts Fairly by Giving People Individual Consideration	3	3	12	9	43	12	4.23	82
Considers All Sides of an Argument With an Open Mind Before Rendering a Decision	6	6	8	9	41	12	4.04	82
Bases Decisions on the Law and Facts Without Regard to the Identity of the Parties or Counsel	8	2	9	14	37	12	4.00	82
Ability to Make Difficult or Unpopular Decisions	2	5	12	8	42	13	4.20	82
							<i>answered question</i>	82
							<i>skipped question</i>	0

How Do You Rate This Individual on PROFESSIONAL AND TEMPERAMENT, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate	Rating Average	Response Count
Acts in a Dignified Manner	0	3	9	15	44	11	4.41	82
Treats All People with Courtesy	0	3	11	12	45	11	4.39	82
Acts with Patience and Self-Control	0	4	11	14	42	11	4.32	82
Deals with Pro Se Litigants and Litigation Fairly and Effectively	2	0	7	14	32	27	4.35	82
Promotes Public Understanding of and Confidence in the Courts	3	5	6	14	39	15	4.21	82
							<i>answered question</i>	82
							<i>skipped question</i>	0

How Do You Rate This Individual on ADMINISTRATIVE CAPABILITY, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate	Rating Average	Response Count
Punctuality and Preparation for Court	0	0	8	19	43	12	4.50	82
Maintains Control Over the Courtroom	0	0	12	20	38	12	4.37	82
Appropriate Enforcement of Court Rules, Orders and Deadlines	2	0	11	21	36	12	4.27	82
Makes Decisions and Rulings in a Timely Manner	0	2	8	18	41	13	4.42	82
Manages Cases to an Expedient Conclusion	0	2	11	15	41	13	4.38	82
							<i>answered question</i>	82
							<i>skipped question</i>	0

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**Hon. Jenny Pitts Manier
Summary of Results -- Table 2**

How Do You Rate This Individual on LEGAL ABILITY, Based on the Following Criteria

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate
•Legal Reasoning	2.4%	7.3%	15.9%	20.7%	39.0%	14.6%
•Knowledge and Understanding of Substantive Law	2.4%	6.1%	15.9%	19.5%	41.5%	14.6%
•Knowledge of Rules of Procedure and Evidence	1.2%	6.1%	18.3%	22.0%	37.8%	14.6%
•Keeping Current on Developments in Law, Procedure and Evidence	2.4%	2.4%	17.1%	19.5%	40.2%	18.3%
•Clear and Logical Communications and Decisions	3.7%	4.9%	13.4%	17.1%	46.3%	14.6%

How Do You Rate This Individual on INTEGRITY AND IMPARTIALITY, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate
•Avoidance of Impropriety and the Appearance of •Acts Fairly by Giving People Individual Consideration •Considers All Sides of an Argument With an Open Mind Before Rendering a Decision	3.7%	4.9%	9.8%	8.5%	58.5%	14.6%
•Bases Decisions on the Law and Facts Without Regard to the Identity of the Parties or Counsel •Ability to Make Difficult or Unpopular Decisions	3.7%	3.7%	14.6%	11.0%	52.4%	14.6%
	7.3%	7.3%	9.8%	11.0%	50.0%	14.6%
	9.8%	2.4%	11.0%	17.1%	45.1%	14.6%
	2.4%	6.1%	14.6%	9.8%	51.2%	15.9%

How Do You Rate This Individual on PROFESSIONAL AND TEMPERAMENT, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate
•Acts in a Dignified Manner •Treats All People with Courtesy •Acts with Patience and Self-Control •Deals with Pro Se Litigants and Litigation Fairly and Effectively	0.0%	3.7%	11.0%	18.3%	53.7%	13.4%
•Promotes Public Understanding of and Confidence in the Courts	3.7%	0.0%	13.4%	14.6%	54.9%	13.4%
	0.0%	4.9%	13.4%	17.1%	51.2%	13.4%
	2.4%	0.0%	8.5%	17.1%	39.0%	32.9%
	3.7%	6.1%	7.3%	17.1%	47.6%	18.3%

How Do You Rate This Individual on ADMINISTRATIVE CAPABILITY, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate
•Punctuality and Preparation for Court •Maintains Control Over the Courtroom •Appropriate Enforcement of Court Rules, Orders and Deadlines	0.0%	0.0%	9.8%	23.2%	52.4%	14.6%
•Makes Decisions and Rulings in a Timely Manner •Manages Cases to an Expedient Conclusion	0.0%	0.0%	14.6%	24.4%	46.3%	14.6%
	2.4%	0.0%	13.4%	25.6%	43.9%	14.6%
	0.0%	2.4%	9.8%	22.0%	50.0%	15.9%
	0.0%	2.4%	13.4%	18.3%	50.0%	15.9%

This table identifies the percentage of responses for each rating in each criteria

Total Surveys Returned = 82

Hon. John Marnocha, 2011 Judicial Evaluation Survey - Retention System Judges --- Table 1
 How Do You Rate This Individual on LEGAL ABILITY, Based on the Following Criteria

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate	Rating Average	Response Count
Legal Reasoning	0	0	5	14	14	27	4.27	60
Knowledge and Understanding of Substantive Law	0	0	6	12	15	27	4.27	60
Knowledge of Rules of Procedure and Evidence	0	0	7	12	14	27	4.21	60
Keeping Current on Developments in Law, Procedure and Evidence	0	0	7	11	15	27	4.24	60
Clear and Logical Communications and Decisions	0	2	4	13	13	28	4.16	60
						answered question		0
						skipped question		0

How Do You Rate This Individual on INTEGRITY AND IMPARTIALITY, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate	Rating Average	Response Count
Avoidance of Impropriety and the Appearance of Impropriety	0	1	6	11	16	26	4.24	60
Acts Fairly by Giving People Individual Consideration	1	5	6	10	10	28	3.72	60
Considers All Sides of an Argument With an Open Mind Before Rendering a Decision	1	7	9	6	9	28	3.47	60
Bases Decisions on the Law and Facts Without Regard to the Identity of the Parties or Counsel	0	3	10	6	14	27	3.94	60
Ability to Make Difficult or Unpopular Decisions	0	3	8	10	12	27	3.94	60
						answered question		0
						skipped question		0

How Do You Rate This Individual on PROFESSIONAL AND TEMPERAMENT, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate	Rating Average	Response Count
Acts in a Dignified Manner	0	0	9	10	17	24	4.22	60
Treats All People with Courtesy	1	6	7	8	13	25	3.74	60
Acts with Patience and Self-Control	1	6	9	5	14	25	3.71	60
Deals with Pro Se Litigants and Litigation Fairly and Effectively	0	1	9	3	11	36	4.00	60
Promotes Public Understanding of and Confidence in the Courts	0	2	9	7	17	25	4.11	60
						answered question		0
						skipped question		0

How Do You Rate This Individual on ADMINISTRATIVE CAPABILITY, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate	Rating Average	Response Count
Punctuality and Preparation for Court	2	5	9	5	10	29	3.52	60
Maintains Control Over the Courtroom	0	0	7	8	17	28	4.31	60
Appropriate Enforcement of Court Rules, Orders and Deadlines	0	2	8	6	16	28	4.13	60
Makes Decisions and Rulings in a Timely Manner	0	1	7	9	15	28	4.19	60
Manages Cases to an Expeditious Conclusion	0	2	6	9	15	28	4.16	60
						answered question		0
						skipped question		0

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**Hon. John Marnocha
Summary of Results -- Table 2**

How Do You Rate This Individual on LEGAL ABILITY, Based on the Following Criteria

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate
•Legal Reasoning	0.0%	0.0%	8.3%	23.3%	23.3%	45.0%
•Knowledge and Understanding of Substantive Law	0.0%	0.0%	10.0%	20.0%	25.0%	45.0%
•Knowledge of Rules of Procedure and Evidence	0.0%	0.0%	11.7%	20.0%	23.3%	45.0%
•Keeping Current on Developments in Law, Procedure and Evidence	0.0%	0.0%	11.7%	18.3%	25.0%	45.0%
•Clear and Logical Communications and Decisions	0.0%	3.3%	6.7%	21.7%	21.7%	46.7%

How Do You Rate This Individual on INTEGRITY AND IMPARTIALITY, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate
•Avoidance of Impropriety and the Appearance of	0.0%	1.7%	10.0%	18.3%	26.7%	43.3%
•Acts Fairly by Giving People Individual Consideration	1.7%	8.3%	10.0%	16.7%	16.7%	46.7%
•Considers All Sides of an Argument With an Open Mind Before Rendering a Decision	1.7%	11.7%	15.0%	10.0%	15.0%	46.7%
•Bases Decisions on the Law and Facts Without Regard to the Identity of the Parties or Counsel	0.0%	5.0%	16.7%	10.0%	23.3%	45.0%
•Ability to Make Difficult or Unpopular Decisions	0.0%	5.0%	13.3%	16.7%	20.0%	45.0%

How Do You Rate This Individual on PROFESSIONAL AND TEMPERAMENT, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate
•Acts in a Dignified Manner	0.0%	0.0%	15.0%	16.7%	28.3%	40.0%
•Treats All People with Courtesy	1.7%	10.0%	11.7%	13.3%	21.7%	41.7%
•Acts with Patience and Self-Control	1.7%	10.0%	15.0%	8.3%	23.3%	41.7%
•Deals with Pro Se Litigants and Litigation Fairly and Effectively	0.0%	1.7%	15.0%	5.0%	18.3%	60.0%
•Promotes Public Understanding of and Confidence in the Courts	0.0%	3.3%	15.0%	11.7%	28.3%	41.7%

How Do You Rate This Individual on ADMINISTRATIVE CAPABILITY, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate
•Punctuality and Preparation for Court	3.3%	8.3%	15.0%	8.3%	16.7%	48.3%
•Maintains Control Over the Courtroom	0.0%	0.0%	11.7%	13.3%	28.3%	46.7%
•Appropriate Enforcement of Court Rules, Orders and Deadlines	0.0%	3.3%	13.3%	10.0%	26.7%	46.7%
•Makes Decisions and Rulings in a Timely Manner	0.0%	1.7%	11.7%	15.0%	25.0%	46.7%
•Manages Cases to an Expedient Conclusion	0.0%	3.3%	10.0%	15.0%	25.0%	46.7%

This table identifies the percentage of responses for each rating in each criteria

Total Surveys Returned = 60

Hon. Jane Woodward Miller, 2011 Judicial Evaluation Survey - Retention System Judges -- Table 1
 How Do You Rate This Individual on LEGAL ABILITY, Based on the Following Criteria

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate	Rating Average	Response Count
Legal Reasoning	0	4	12	10	9	24	3.69	59
Knowledge and Understanding of Substantive Law	0	5	11	10	9	24	3.66	59
Knowledge of Rules of Procedure and Evidence	0	5	12	5	13	24	3.74	59
Keeping Current on Developments in Law, Procedure and Evidence	0	1	10	9	14	25	4.06	59
Clear and Logical Communications and Decisions	1	6	7	10	10	25	3.65	59
							<i>answered question</i>	59
							<i>skipped question</i>	0

How Do You Rate This Individual on INTEGRITY AND IMPARTIALITY, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate	Rating Average	Response Count
Avoidance of Impropriety and the Appearance of Impropriety	1	4	6	6	18	24	4.03	59
Acts Fairly by Giving People Individual Consideration	0	3	7	8	16	25	4.09	59
Considers All Sides of an Argument With an Open Mind Before Rendering a Decision	0	5	9	7	15	23	3.89	59
Bases Decisions on the Law and Facts Without Regard to the Identity of the Parties or Counsel	1	5	8	6	15	24	3.83	59
Ability to Make Difficult or Unpopular Decisions	2	4	10	3	16	24	3.77	59
							<i>answered question</i>	59
							<i>skipped question</i>	0

How Do You Rate This Individual on PROFESSIONAL AND TEMPERAMENT, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate	Rating Average	Response Count
Acts in a Dignified Manner	1	4	5	9	18	22	4.05	59
Treats All People with Courtesy	1	1	5	8	22	22	4.32	59
Acts with Patience and Self-Control	1	3	6	8	19	22	4.11	59
Deals with Pro Se Litigants and Litigation Fairly and Effectively	1	1	3	9	15	30	4.24	59
Promotes Public Understanding of and Confidence in the Courts	0	4	4	12	17	22	4.14	59
							<i>answered question</i>	59
							<i>skipped question</i>	0

How Do You Rate This Individual on ADMINISTRATIVE CAPABILITY, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate	Rating Average	Response Count
Punctuality and Preparation for Court	0	2	9	9	15	24	4.06	59
Maintains Control Over the Courtroom	2	3	8	9	13	24	3.80	59
Appropriate Enforcement of Court Rules, Orders and Deadlines	2	2	9	8	14	24	3.86	59
Makes Decisions and Rulings in a Timely Manner	1	1	11	8	14	24	3.94	59
Manages Cases to an Expeditious Conclusion	2	2	11	6	14	24	3.80	59
							<i>answered question</i>	59
							<i>skipped question</i>	0

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Hon. Jane Woodward Miller
Summary of Results -- Table 2

How Do You Rate This Individual on LEGAL ABILITY, Based on the Following Criteria

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate
•Legal Reasoning	0.0%	6.8%	20.3%	16.9%	15.3%	40.7%
•Knowledge and Understanding of Substantive Law	0.0%	8.5%	18.6%	16.9%	15.3%	40.7%
•Knowledge of Rules of Procedure and Evidence	0.0%	8.5%	20.3%	8.5%	22.0%	40.7%
•Keeping Current on Developments in Law, Procedure and Evidence	0.0%	1.7%	16.9%	15.3%	23.7%	42.4%
•Clear and Logical Communications and Decisions	1.7%	10.2%	11.9%	16.9%	16.9%	42.4%

How Do You Rate This Individual on INTEGRITY AND IMPARTIALITY, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate
•Avoidance of Impropriety and the Appearance of Impropriety	1.7%	6.8%	10.2%	10.2%	30.5%	40.7%
•Acts Fairly by Giving People Individual Consideration	0.0%	5.1%	11.9%	13.6%	27.1%	42.4%
•Considers All Sides of an Argument With an Open Mind Before Rendering a Decision	0.0%	8.5%	15.3%	11.9%	25.4%	39.0%
•Bases Decisions on the Law and Facts Without Regard to the Identity of the Parties or Counsel	1.7%	8.5%	13.6%	10.2%	25.4%	40.7%
•Ability to Make Difficult or Unpopular Decisions	3.4%	6.8%	16.9%	5.1%	27.1%	40.7%

How Do You Rate This Individual on PROFESSIONAL AND TEMPERAMENT, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate
•Acts in a Dignified Manner	1.7%	6.8%	8.5%	15.3%	30.5%	37.3%
•Treats All People with Courtesy	1.7%	1.7%	8.5%	13.6%	37.3%	37.3%
•Acts with Patience and Self-Control	1.7%	5.1%	10.2%	13.6%	32.2%	37.3%
•Deals with Pro Se Litigants and Litigation Fairly and Effectively	1.7%	1.7%	5.1%	15.3%	25.4%	50.8%
•Promotes Public Understanding of and Confidence in the Courts	0.0%	6.8%	6.8%	20.3%	28.8%	37.3%

How Do You Rate This Individual on ADMINISTRATIVE CAPABILITY, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate
•Punctuality and Preparation for Court	0.0%	3.4%	15.3%	15.3%	25.4%	40.7%
•Maintains Control Over the Courtroom	3.4%	5.1%	13.6%	15.3%	22.0%	40.7%
•Appropriate Enforcement of Court Rules, Orders and Deadlines	3.4%	3.4%	15.3%	13.6%	23.7%	40.7%
•Makes Decisions and Rulings in a Timely Manner	1.7%	1.7%	18.6%	13.6%	23.7%	40.7%
•Manages Cases to an Expedient Conclusion	3.4%	3.4%	18.6%	10.2%	23.7%	40.7%

This table identifies the percentage of responses for each rating in each criteria

Total Surveys Returned = 59

Hon. Margot F. Reagan, 2011 Judicial Evaluation Survey - Retention System Judges -- Table 1
How Do You Rate This Individual on LEGAL ABILITY, Based on the Following Criteria

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate	Rating Average	Response Count
Legal Reasoning	2	4	13	21	7	20	3.57	67
Knowledge and Understanding of Substantive Law	2	6	15	17	8	19	3.48	67
Knowledge of Rules of Procedure and Evidence	2	5	13	16	11	20	3.62	67
Keeping Current on Developments in Law, Procedure and Evidence	2	7	7	14	9	28	3.54	67
Clear and Logical Communications and Decisions	2	8	14	10	12	21	3.48	67
						<i>answered question</i>		67
						<i>skipped question</i>		0

How Do You Rate This Individual on INTEGRITY AND IMPARTIALITY, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate	Rating Average	Response Count
Avoidance of Impropriety and the Appearance of Impropriety	1	2	5	17	23	19	4.23	67
Acts Fairly by Giving People Individual Consideration	1	2	8	15	22	19	4.15	67
Considers All Sides of an Argument With an Open Mind Before Rendering a Decision	1	4	7	16	18	21	4.00	67
Bases Decisions on the Law and Facts Without Regard to the Identity of the Parties or Counsel	1	3	10	15	17	21	3.96	67
Ability to Make Difficult or Unpopular Decisions	2	5	8	13	13	26	3.73	67
						<i>answered question</i>		67
						<i>skipped question</i>		0

How Do You Rate This Individual on PROFESSIONAL AND TEMPERAMENT, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate	Rating Average	Response Count
Acts in a Dignified Manner	1	1	11	11	25	18	4.18	67
Treats All People with Courtesy	1	0	7	11	30	18	4.41	67
Acts with Patience and Self-Control	1	0	5	11	29	21	4.46	67
Deals with Pro Se Litigants and Litigation Fairly and Effectively	1	1	8	8	18	31	4.14	67
Promotes Public Understanding of and Confidence in the Courts	2	2	9	10	16	28	3.92	67
						<i>answered question</i>		67
						<i>skipped question</i>		0

How Do You Rate This Individual on ADMINISTRATIVE CAPABILITY, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate	Rating Average	Response Count
Punctuality and Preparation for Court	1	1	13	13	15	24	3.93	67
Maintains Control Over the Courtroom	2	0	15	12	14	24	3.84	67
Appropriate Enforcement of Court Rules, Orders and Deadlines	2	3	7	17	13	25	3.86	67
Makes Decisions and Rulings in a Timely Manner	1	2	10	14	16	24	3.98	67
Manages Cases to an Expedient Conclusion	1	2	10	13	15	26	3.95	67
						<i>answered question</i>		67
						<i>skipped question</i>		0

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Hon. Margot F. Reagan

Summary of Results -- Table 2

How Do You Rate This Individual on LEGAL ABILITY, Based on the Following Criteria

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate
• Legal Reasoning	3.0%	6.0%	19.4%	31.3%	10.4%	29.9%
• Knowledge and Understanding of Substantive Law	3.0%	9.0%	22.4%	25.4%	11.9%	28.4%
• Knowledge of Rules of Procedure and Evidence	3.0%	7.5%	19.4%	23.9%	16.4%	29.9%
• Keeping Current on Developments in Law, Procedure and Evidence	3.0%	10.4%	10.4%	20.9%	13.4%	41.8%
• Clear and Logical Communications and Decisions	3.0%	11.9%	20.9%	14.9%	17.9%	31.3%

How Do You Rate This Individual on INTEGRITY AND IMPARTIALITY, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate
• Avoidance of Impropriety and the Appearance of Acts Fairly by Giving People Individual Consideration	1.5%	3.0%	7.5%	25.4%	34.3%	28.4%
• Considers All Sides of an Argument With an Open Mind Before Rendering a Decision	1.5%	3.0%	11.9%	22.4%	32.8%	28.4%
• Bases Decisions on the Law and Facts Without Regard to the Identity of the Parties or Counsel	1.5%	6.0%	10.4%	23.9%	26.9%	31.3%
• Ability to Make Difficult or Unpopular Decisions	1.5%	4.5%	14.9%	22.4%	25.4%	31.3%
	3.0%	7.5%	11.9%	19.4%	19.4%	38.8%

How Do You Rate This Individual on PROFESSIONAL AND TEMPERAMENT, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate
• Acts in a Dignified Manner	1.5%	1.5%	16.4%	16.4%	37.3%	26.9%
• Treats All People with Courtesy	1.5%	0.0%	10.4%	16.4%	44.8%	26.9%
• Acts with Patience and Self-Control	1.5%	0.0%	7.5%	16.4%	43.3%	31.3%
• Deals with Pro Se Litigants and Litigation Fairly and Effectively	1.5%	1.5%	11.9%	11.9%	26.9%	46.3%
• Promotes Public Understanding of and Confidence in the Courts	3.0%	3.0%	13.4%	14.9%	23.9%	41.8%

How Do You Rate This Individual on ADMINISTRATIVE CAPABILITY, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate
• Punctuality and Preparation for Court	1.5%	1.5%	19.4%	19.4%	22.4%	35.8%
• Maintains Control Over the Courtroom	3.0%	0.0%	22.4%	17.9%	20.9%	35.8%
• Appropriate Enforcement of Court Rules, Orders and Deadlines	3.0%	4.5%	10.4%	25.4%	19.4%	37.3%
• Makes Decisions and Rulings in a Timely Manner	1.5%	3.0%	14.9%	20.9%	23.9%	35.8%
• Manages Cases to an Expedient Conclusion	1.5%	3.0%	14.9%	19.4%	22.4%	38.8%

This table identifies the percentage of responses for each rating in each criteria

Total Surveys Returned = 67

Hon. Michael Scopelitis, 2011 Judicial Evaluation Survey - Retention System Judges -- Table 1
 How Do You Rate This Individual on LEGAL ABILITY, Based on the Following Criteria

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/ Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate	Rating Average	Response Count
Legal Reasoning	0	1	6	25	57	6	4.55	95
Knowledge and Understanding of Substantive Law	0	0	5	28	56	6	4.57	95
Knowledge of Rules of Procedure and Evidence	0	0	4	26	58	7	4.61	95
Keeping Current on Developments in Law, Procedure and Evidence	0	0	6	27	53	9	4.55	95
Clear and Logical Communications and Decisions	0	4	6	29	50	6	4.40	95
							<i>answered question</i>	95
							<i>skipped question</i>	0

How Do You Rate This Individual on INTEGRITY AND IMPARTIALITY, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/ Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate	Rating Average	Response Count
Avoidance of Impropriety and the Appearance of Impropriety	0	2	4	18	65	6	4.64	95
Acts Fairly by Giving People Individual Consideration	0	2	9	25	53	6	4.45	95
Considers All Sides of an Argument With an Open Mind Before Rendering a Decision	1	2	8	26	52	6	4.42	95
Bases Decisions on the Law and Facts Without Regard to the Identity of the Parties or Counsel	1	3	4	27	54	6	4.46	95
Ability to Make Difficult or Unpopular Decisions	0	0	7	17	65	6	4.65	95
							<i>answered question</i>	95
							<i>skipped question</i>	0

How Do You Rate This Individual on PROFESSIONAL AND TEMPERAMENT, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/ Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate	Rating Average	Response Count
Acts in a Dignified Manner	0	3	10	26	51	5	4.39	95
Treats All People with Courtesy	1	5	12	26	46	5	4.23	95
Acts with Patience and Self-Control	3	9	15	22	41	5	3.99	95
Deals with Pro Se Litigants and Litigation Fairly and Effectively	1	0	14	14	36	30	4.29	95
Promotes Public Understanding of and Confidence in the Courts	0	1	10	18	57	9	4.52	95
							<i>answered question</i>	95
							<i>skipped question</i>	0

How Do You Rate This Individual on ADMINISTRATIVE CAPABILITY, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/ Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate	Rating Average	Response Count
Punctuality and Preparation for Court	0	2	8	27	50	8	4.44	95
Maintains Control Over the Courtroom	0	1	6	25	56	7	4.55	95
Appropriate Enforcement of Court Rules, Orders and Deadlines	0	2	9	25	52	7	4.44	95
Makes Decisions and Rulings in a Timely Manner	0	5	13	22	47	8	4.28	95
Manages Cases to an Expedient Conclusion	0	3	11	24	49	8	4.37	95
							<i>answered question</i>	95
							<i>skipped question</i>	0

**2011 Judicial Evaluation Survey - Retention System Judges
St. Joseph County Bar Association
Hon. Michael Scopelitis
Summary of Results -- Table 2**

How Do You Rate This Individual on LEGAL ABILITY, Based on the Following Criteria

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate
• Legal Reasoning	0.0%	1.1%	6.3%	26.3%	60.0%	6.3%
• Knowledge and Understanding of Substantive Law	0.0%	0.0%	5.3%	29.5%	58.9%	6.3%
• Knowledge of Rules of Procedure and Evidence	0.0%	0.0%	4.2%	27.4%	61.1%	7.4%
• Keeping Current on Developments in Law, Procedure and Evidence	0.0%	0.0%	6.3%	28.4%	55.8%	9.5%
• Clear and Logical Communications and Decisions	0.0%	4.2%	6.3%	30.5%	52.6%	6.3%

How Do You Rate This Individual on INTEGRITY AND IMPARTIALITY, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate
• Avoidance of Impropriety and the Appearance of Impropriety	0.0%	2.1%	4.2%	18.9%	68.4%	6.3%
• Acts Fairly by Giving People Individual Consideration	0.0%	2.1%	9.5%	26.3%	55.8%	6.3%
• Considers All Sides of an Argument With an Open Mind Before Rendering a Decision	1.1%	2.1%	8.4%	27.4%	54.7%	6.3%
• Bases Decisions on the Law and Facts Without Regard to the Identity of the Parties or Counsel	1.1%	3.2%	4.2%	28.4%	56.8%	6.3%
• Ability to Make Difficult or Unpopular Decisions	0.0%	0.0%	7.4%	17.9%	68.4%	6.3%

How Do You Rate This Individual on PROFESSIONAL AND TEMPERAMENT, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate
• Acts in a Dignified Manner	0.0%	3.2%	10.5%	27.4%	53.7%	5.3%
• Treats All People with Courtesy	1.1%	5.3%	12.6%	27.4%	48.4%	5.3%
• Acts with Patience and Self-Control	3.2%	9.5%	15.8%	23.2%	43.2%	5.3%
• Deals with Pro Se Litigants and Litigation Fairly and Effectively	1.1%	0.0%	14.7%	14.7%	37.9%	31.6%
• Promotes Public Understanding of and Confidence in the Courts	0.0%	1.1%	10.5%	18.9%	60.0%	9.5%

How Do You Rate This Individual on ADMINISTRATIVE CAPABILITY, Based on the Following Criteria:

Answer Options	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average/Acceptable	Above Average	Exceptional	Cannot Rate
• Punctuality and Preparation for Court	0.0%	2.1%	8.4%	28.4%	52.6%	8.4%
• Maintains Control Over the Courtroom	0.0%	1.1%	6.3%	26.3%	58.9%	7.4%
• Appropriate Enforcement of Court Rules, Orders and Deadlines	0.0%	2.1%	9.5%	26.3%	54.7%	7.4%
• Makes Decisions and Rulings in a Timely Manner	0.0%	5.3%	13.7%	23.2%	49.5%	8.4%
• Manages Cases to an Expedient Conclusion	0.0%	3.2%	11.6%	25.3%	51.6%	8.4%

This table identifies the percentage of responses for each rating in each criteria

Total Surveys Returned = 95