

2022 Judicial Performance Evaluation



NEBRASKA
State Bar Association

Nebraska Supreme Court

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Please rate each judge with whom you have professional experience on items #1-8 by writing one number in the appropriate space.

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Characteristics

	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	
	Michael G. Heavican* (Statewide)	Stephanie F. Stacy (Dist. 1)	Lindsey Miller-Lerman (Dist. 2)	William B. Cassel* (Dist. 3)	Jonathan J. Papik* (Dist. 4)	Jeffrey J. Funke (Dist. 5)	John R. Freudenberg* (Dist. 6)	
1	Legal Analysis	3.84	4.09	4.15	4.02	4.31	4.05	3.87
2	Impartiality: actions not affected by any outside influence or the nature of the case	3.80	4.05	4.14	3.89	4.10	4.17	3.94
3	Attentiveness: oral arguments	4.16	4.46	4.31	4.22	4.39	4.33	4.19
4	Opinions: quality and clarity of writing	3.90	4.24	4.21	4.07	4.30	4.08	3.86
5	Judicial Temperament & Demeanor	4.22	4.29	4.38	3.94	4.32	4.35	4.12
6	Appropriate Communication: absence of undue personal observations or criticisms of litigants, judges or lawyers; from the bench or in written opinions	4.16	4.33	4.33	4.01	4.33	4.35	4.11
7	Does the judge do his/her work in a prompt and timely manner?	4.12	4.18	4.27	4.24	4.36	4.31	4.10
8	In your opinion, should this judge be retained in office? (Circle the appropriate answer)	81.9% Yes 18.1% No	86.5% Yes 13.5% No	89.1% Yes 10.9% No	82.0% Yes 18.0% No	85.6% Yes 14.4% No	90.3% Yes 9.7% No	87.4% Yes 12.6% No

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Nebraska Court of Appeals

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Characteristics

		201	202	203	204	205	206
		Riko E. Bishop* (Dist. 1)	Michael W. Pirtle (Dist. 2)	Francie C. Riedmann* (Dist. 3)	David K. Arterburn (Dist. 4)	Lawrence E. Welch, Jr.* (Dist. 5)	Frankie J. Moore* (Dist. 6)
1	Legal Analysis	4.12	4.03	4.29	3.97	4.06	4.14
2	Impartiality: actions not affected by any outside influence or the nature of the case	4.18	3.97	4.32	4.13	4.10	4.21
3	Attentiveness: oral arguments	4.40	4.17	4.49	4.29	4.23	4.34
4	Opinions: quality and clarity of writing	4.30	4.01	4.28	4.10	4.17	4.27
5	Judicial Temperament & Demeanor	4.40	4.17	4.47	4.27	4.25	4.34
6	Appropriate Communication: absence of undue personal observations or criticisms of litigants, judges or lawyers; from the bench or in written opinions	4.38	4.13	4.47	4.32	4.29	4.33
7	Does the judge do his/her work in a prompt and timely manner?	4.35	4.14	4.45	4.28	4.21	4.33
8	In your opinion, should this judge be retained in office? (Circle the appropriate answer)	91.5% Yes 8.5% No	89.7% Yes 10.3% No	88.6% Yes 11.4% No	89.3% Yes 10.7% No	93.2% Yes 6.8% No	94.3% Yes 5.7% No

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Nebraska District Court

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		301	302	303	304	305	306	307	308	309
		Rick Schreiner (Dist. 1)	Julie D. Smith (Dist. 1)	Nathan B. Cox* (Dist. 2)	Stefanie A. Martinez (Dist. 2)	Michael A. Smith (Dist. 2)	George A. Thompson (Dist. 2)	Darla S. Ideus (Dist. 3)	Andrew R. Jacobsen (Dist. 3)	Lori A. Maret (Dist.3)
1	Legal Analysis	3.26	4.51	4.05	4.00	4.13	4.14	3.96	3.82	2.80
2	Impartiality: actions not affected by any outside influence or the nature of the case	3.08	4.65	4.21	4.14	4.31	4.36	3.79	3.98	2.67
3	Attentiveness: arguments and testimony	3.64	4.76	4.29	4.20	4.33	4.53	4.13	4.09	2.99
4	Opinions: quality and clarity of writing	3.45	4.64	4.10	4.15	4.00	4.16	4.03	3.91	2.90
5	Judicial Temperament & Demeanor	2.97	4.80	4.43	4.11	4.42	4.47	3.43	4.15	2.42
6	Appropriate Communication: absence of undue personal observations or criticisms of litigants, judges or lawyers; from the bench or in written opinions	2.87	4.80	4.38	4.17	4.40	4.44	3.65	4.17	2.59
7	Performance of his/her work in a prompt and timely manner	3.59	4.70	4.02	4.23	4.18	4.25	3.75	4.00	3.05
8	Fairness: treats all equally, without regard to race, gender, age, national origin, religion, disability, sexual orientation or economic status	3.38	4.78	4.44	4.27	4.44	4.44	3.91	4.12	2.93
9	Efficiency: Docket management and scheduling	3.67	4.65	4.30	4.23	4.42	4.32	3.55	4.10	3.29
10	Punctuality: attendance at court proceedings	4.38	4.83	4.47	4.13	4.55	4.52	4.21	4.30	3.52
11	Trial Management	3.77	4.70	4.33	4.18	4.34	4.36	3.99	4.21	3.26
12	In your opinion, should this judge be retained in office? (Circle appropriate answer)	61.9% Yes 38.1% No	97.9% Yes 2.1% No	89.9% Yes 10.1% No	91.4% Yes 8.6% No	97.9% Yes 2.1% No	95.4% Yes 4.6% No	76.7% Yes 23.3% No	91.2% Yes 8.8% No	46.2% Yes 53.8% No

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		Kevin R. McManaman (Dist. 3)	Jodi L. Nelson* (Dist. 3)	Robert R. Otte (Dist. 3)	Ryan S. Post (Dist. 3)	Susan I. Strong (Dist. 3)	Tressa M. Alioth (Dist. 4)	Peter C. Bataillon* (Dist. 4)	W. Russell Bowie III* (Dist. 4)	Timothy P. Burns (Dist. 4)	J. Michael Coffey (Dist. 4)	J Russell Derr (Dist. 4)
1	Legal Analysis	4.14	4.12	3.84	3.95	4.12	4.10	3.74	3.80	4.34	4.06	3.87
2	Impartiality: actions not affected by any outside influence or the nature of the case	4.23	4.02	4.09	4.02	4.20	4.21	3.63	3.69	4.38	4.19	3.80
3	Attentiveness: arguments and testimony	4.36	4.35	4.10	4.33	4.24	4.40	3.89	3.81	4.44	4.14	4.01
4	Opinions: quality and clarity of writing	4.18	4.26	3.97	4.06	4.15	4.26	3.83	3.78	4.36	4.10	3.89
5	Judicial Temperament & Demeanor	4.34	3.93	4.35	4.41	4.34	4.33	3.70	3.74	4.55	4.21	4.07
6	Appropriate Communication: absence of undue personal observations or criticisms of litigants, judges or lawyers; from the bench or in written opinions	4.23	4.01	4.22	4.27	4.34	4.33	3.75	3.81	4.43	4.23	4.10
7	Performance of his/her work in a prompt and timely manner	3.84	4.25	4.03	4.28	4.29	4.38	3.75	3.74	4.46	4.17	3.90
8	Fairness: treats all equally, without regard to race, gender, age, national origin, religion, disability, sexual orientation or economic status	4.27	4.09	4.27	4.22	4.32	4.40	3.76	3.89	4.46	4.33	3.95
9	Efficiency: Docket management and scheduling	3.88	4.24	4.18	4.27	4.28	4.29	3.99	3.65	4.44	4.22	3.75
10	Punctuality: attendance at court proceedings	4.17	4.39	4.33	4.36	4.36	4.39	4.06	4.05	4.54	4.30	3.95
11	Trial Management	3.93	4.32	4.16	4.21	4.31	4.38	4.12	3.92	4.46	4.29	3.92
12	In your opinion, should this judge be retained in office? (Circle appropriate answer)	91.8% Yes 8.2% No	87.8% Yes 12.2% No	89.2% Yes 10.8% No	88.3% Yes 11.7% No	88.9% Yes 11.1% No	93.9% Yes 6.1% No	82.6% Yes 17.4% No	82.8% Yes 17.2% No	97.2% Yes 2.8% No	91.2% Yes 8.8% No	79.9% Yes 20.1% No

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		Duane C. Dougherty (Dist. 4)	Todd O. Engleman (Dist. 4)	Molly B. Keane (Dist. 4)	James M. Masteller* (Dist. 4)	Kimberly Miller Pankonin* (Dist. 4)	Marlon A. Polk (Dist. 4)	Leigh Ann Retelsdorf (Dist. 4)	Shelly R. Stratman* (Dist. 4)	Horacio J. Wheelock (Dist. 4)
1	Legal Analysis	3.95	4.12	4.12	4.14	3.87	3.50	4.28	4.27	4.70
2	Impartiality: actions not affected by any outside influence or the nature of the case	4.18	4.15	4.15	4.09	3.94	3.69	4.03	4.28	4.70
3	Attentiveness: arguments and testimony	4.18	4.26	4.26	4.34	4.14	3.85	4.27	4.40	4.81
4	Opinions: quality and clarity of writing	4.02	4.22	4.22	4.28	3.95	3.57	4.25	4.33	4.72
5	Judicial Temperament & Demeanor	4.32	4.27	4.27	4.37	4.06	4.07	3.98	4.36	4.80
6	Appropriate Communication: absence of undue personal observations or criticisms of litigants, judges or lawyers; from the bench or in written opinions	4.24	4.21	4.21	4.34	4.13	3.97	4.06	4.42	4.76
7	Performance of his/her work in a prompt and timely manner	4.04	4.20	4.20	4.23	4.10	3.45	4.32	4.39	4.76
8	Fairness: treats all equally, without regard to race, gender, age, national origin, religion, disability, sexual orientation or economic status	4.28	4.17	4.17	4.23	4.06	4.01	4.23	4.42	4.78
9	Efficiency: Docket management and scheduling	4.16	4.25	4.25	4.23	4.13	3.28	4.31	4.35	4.69
10	Punctuality: attendance at court proceedings	4.27	4.33	4.33	4.30	4.27	3.65	4.37	4.37	4.71
11	Trial Management	4.25	4.31	4.31	4.24	4.25	3.64	4.36	4.37	4.77
12	In your opinion, should this judge be retained in office? (Circle appropriate answer;)	92.1% Yes 7.9% No	98.9% Yes 1.1% No	98.9% Yes 1.1% No	94.3% Yes 5.7% No	84.0% Yes 16.0% No	81.3% Yes 18.7% No	93.2% Yes 6.8% No	97.7% Yes 2.3% No	98.6% Yes 1.4% No

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		Rachel A. Daugherty (Dist. 5)	Christina M. Marroquin* (Dist. 5)	James C. Stecker (Dist. 5)	Geoffrey C. Hall (Dist. 6)	Bryan C. Meismer* (Dist. 6)	John E. Samson (Dist. 6)	Mark A. Johnson* (Dist. 7)	James G. Kube (Dist. 7)	Mark D. Kozisek (Dist. 8)	Karin L. Noakes* (Dist. 8)
1	Legal Analysis	4.45	4.43	3.62	3.69	3.88	4.57	4.26	3.94	4.30	2.90
2	Impartiality: actions not affected by any outside influence or the nature of the case	4.54	4.44	3.88	3.69	4.38	4.43	4.17	3.97	4.14	3.05
3	Attentiveness: arguments and testimony	4.55	4.56	3.88	3.94	4.75	4.57	4.43	4.21	4.28	3.40
4	Opinions: quality and clarity of writing	4.48	4.34	3.85	3.86	4.06	4.61	4.24	4.06	4.21	3.08
5	Judicial Temperament & Demeanor	4.59	4.78	3.76	3.97	4.62	4.32	3.89	4.22	3.05	3.15
6	Appropriate Communication: absence of undue personal observations or criticisms of litigants, judges or lawyers; from the bench or in written opinions	4.59	4.74	3.82	3.88	4.62	4.50	4.20	4.00	3.63	3.28
7	Performance of his/her work in a prompt and timely manner	4.46	4.56	3.85	4.23	4.69	4.57	4.17	3.94	4.23	3.33
8	Fairness: treats all equally, without regard to race, gender, age, national origin, religion, disability, sexual orientation or economic status	4.67	4.71	3.91	4.13	4.56	4.43	4.34	4.21	4.37	3.50
9	Efficiency: Docket management and scheduling	4.52	4.44	3.85	4.28	4.50	4.57	4.23	3.94	4.51	3.25
10	Punctuality: attendance at court proceedings	4.45	4.75	4.24	4.29	4.62	4.57	4.54	4.18	4.63	3.79
11	Trial Management	4.56	4.70	4.09	4.23	4.23	4.56	4.39	4.18	4.42	3.49
12	In your opinion, should this judge be retained in office? (Circle appropriate answer)	98.0% Yes 2.0% No	100.0% Yes 0.0% No	80.6% Yes 19.4% No	81.2% Yes 18.8% No	100.0% Yes 0.0% No	100.0% Yes 0.0% No	91.4% Yes 8.6% No	94.1% Yes 5.9% No	97.6% Yes 2.4% No	63.4% Yes 36.6% No

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Characteristics

		340	341	342	343	344	345	346
		Andrew C. Butler* (Dist. 9)	Ryan C. Carson* (Dist. 9)	John H. Marsh (Dist. 9)	Terri S. Harder (Dist. 10)	James E. Doyle IV* (Dist. 11)	Patrick M. Heng (Dist. 11)	Michael E. Piccolo* (Dist. 11)
1	Legal Analysis	4.26	4.57	3.80	4.46	4.50	3.71	4.42
2	Impartiality: actions not affected by any outside influence or the nature of the case	4.39	4.56	4.20	4.44	4.26	4.23	4.19
3	Attentiveness: arguments and testimony	4.57	4.74	4.00	4.54	4.49	4.09	4.48
4	Opinions: quality and clarity of writing	4.18	4.66	3.78	4.41	4.41	3.79	4.55
5	Judicial Temperament & Demeanor	4.43	4.76	4.28	4.48	4.38	4.43	4.71
6	Appropriate Communication: absence of undue personal observations or criticisms of litigants, judges or lawyers; from the bench or in written opinions	4.31	4.72	4.35	4.57	4.29	4.35	4.48
7	Performance of his/her work in a prompt and timely manner	4.35	4.72	4.22	4.53	4.03	4.26	4.45
8	Fairness: treats all equally, without regard to race, gender, age, national origin, religion, disability, sexual orientation or economic status	4.46	4.71	4.42	4.63	4.35	4.27	4.68
9	Efficiency: Docket management and scheduling	4.56	4.57	4.20	4.49	4.12	4.08	4.35
10	Punctuality: attendance at court proceedings	4.57	4.74	4.43	4.62	4.38	4.38	4.71
11	Trial Management	4.40	4.70	4.24	4.51	4.32	4.11	4.46
12	In your opinion, should this judge be retained in office? (Circle appropriate answer)	94.9% Yes 5.1% No	97.8% Yes 2.2% No	94.2% Yes 5.8% No	100.0% Yes 0.0% No	94.6% Yes 5.4% No	96.6% Yes 3.4% No	100.0% Yes 0.0% No

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Characteristics

		347	348	349	350
		Leo P. Dobrovoly* (Dist. 12)	Andrea Miller (Dist. 12)	Travis P. O'Gorman (Dist. 12)	Derek C. Weimer (Dist. 12)
1	Legal Analysis	3.66	3.97	4.46	4.41
2	Impartiality: actions not affected by any outside influence or the nature of the case	3.78	4.22	4.27	4.45
3	Attentiveness: arguments and testimony	4.00	4.31	4.51	4.66
4	Opinions: quality and clarity of writing	3.59	3.94	4.46	4.48
5	Judicial Temperament & Demeanor	3.28	4.25	4.39	4.76
6	Appropriate Communication: absence of undue personal observations or criticisms of litigants, judges or lawyers; from the bench or in written opinions	3.53	4.31	4.49	4.59
7	Performance of his/her work in a prompt and timely manner	3.65	4.10	4.57	4.59
8	Fairness: treats all equally, without regard to race, gender, age, national origin, religion, disability, sexual orientation or economic status	3.97	4.41	4.54	4.62
9	Efficiency: Docket management and scheduling	3.81	4.28	4.38	4.62
10	Punctuality: attendance at court proceedings	4.38	4.53	4.57	4.63
11	Trial Management	4.19	4.39	4.53	4.53
12	In your opinion, should this judge be retained in office? (Circle appropriate answer)	78.1% Yes 21.9% No	89.1% Yes 10.9% No	91.9% Yes 8.1% No	96.9% Yes 3.1% No

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Characteristics

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		Linda A. Bauer (Dist. 1)	PaTricia A. Freeman (Dist. 2)	Todd J. Hutton (Dist. 2)	David J. Partsch* (Dist. 2)	Matthew L. Acton* (Dist.3)	Joseph E. Dalton* (Dist. 3)	Holly J. Parsley (Dist. 3)
1	Legal Analysis	4.43	4.17	4.49	4.37	4.43	3.65	4.23
2	Impartiality: actions not affected by any outside influence or the nature of the case	4.43	4.14	4.47	4.48	4.02	3.71	4.19
3	Attentiveness: arguments and testimony	4.67	4.46	4.62	4.57	4.50	3.95	4.43
4	Opinions: quality and clarity of writing	4.59	4.27	4.50	4.41	4.45	3.80	4.29
5	Judicial Temperament & Demeanor	4.80	4.06	4.62	4.60	3.95	3.49	4.29
6	Appropriate Communication: absence of undue personal observations or criticisms of litigants, judges or lawyers; from the bench or in written opinions	4.77	4.28	4.61	4.55	4.13	3.71	4.30
7	Performance of his/her work in a prompt and timely manner	4.80	4.23	4.50	4.33	4.57	4.10	4.41
8	Fairness: treats all equally, without regard to race, gender, age, national origin, religion, disability, sexual orientation or economic status	4.83	4.29	4.61	4.57	4.11	3.83	4.24
9	Efficiency: Docket management and scheduling	4.77	4.34	4.54	4.50	4.45	4.07	4.46
10	Punctuality: attendance at court proceedings	4.77	4.31	4.47	4.62	4.74	4.24	4.54
11	Trial Management	4.65	4.43	4.56	4.60	4.52	4.00	4.58
12	In your opinion, should this judge be retained in office? (Circle appropriate answer)	96.7% Yes 3.3% No	97.3% Yes 2.7% No	100.0% Yes 0.0% No	100.0% Yes 0.0% No	89.7% Yes 10.3% No	80.3% Yes 19.7% No	87.7% Yes 12.3% No

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		Timothy C. Phillips* (Dist. 3)	Rodney D. Reuter (Dist. 3)	Laurie J. Yardley* (Dist. 3)	Thomas E. Zimmerman (Dist. 3)	Grant A. Forsberg* (Dist. 4)	Stephanie R. Hansen (Dist. 4)	Thomas K. Harmon* (Dist. 4)	Marcena M. Hendrix (Dist. 4)
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1	Legal Analysis	4.16	4.00	4.19	4.09	3.37	4.33	3.86	3.54
2	Impartiality: actions not affected by any outside influence or the nature of the case	4.34	4.18	4.17	4.24	3.58	4.36	4.14	3.60
3	Attentiveness: arguments and testimony	4.31	4.24	4.36	4.39	3.79	4.49	4.33	3.69
4	Opinions: quality and clarity of writing	4.25	4.13	4.13	4.23	3.53	4.43	3.91	3.66
5	Judicial Temperament & Demeanor	4.53	4.36	4.38	4.46	3.88	4.45	4.29	3.76
6	Appropriate Communication: absence of undue personal observations or criticisms of litigants, judges or lawyers; from the bench or in written opinions	4.51	4.32	4.34	4.42	3.88	4.44	4.30	3.90
7	Performance of his/her work in a prompt and timely manner	4.37	4.27	4.28	4.26	3.69	4.43	4.21	3.69
8	Fairness: treats all equally, without regard to race, gender, age, national origin, religion, disability, sexual orientation or economic status	4.46	4.31	4.49	4.37	3.71	4.41	4.32	4.08
9	Efficiency: Docket management and scheduling	4.36	4.34	4.36	4.11	3.85	4.43	4.12	3.76
10	Punctuality: attendance at court proceedings	4.47	4.45	4.33	4.33	4.03	4.49	4.43	3.71
11	Trial Management	4.43	4.30	4.34	4.30	3.86	4.46	4.27	3.83
12	In your opinion, should this judge be retained in office? (Circle appropriate answer)	91.0% Yes 9.0% No	87.7% Yes 12.3% No	89.9% Yes 10.1% No	82.2% Yes 17.8% No	79.0% Yes 21.0% No	98.9% Yes 1.1% No	89.8% Yes 10.2% No	82.5% Yes 17.5% No

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		416	417	418	419	420	421	422	423
Use this scale:		John E. Huber (Dist. 4)	Marcela A. Keim (Dist. 4)	Sheryl L. Lohaus (Dist. 4)	Darryl R. Lowe (Dist. 4)	Jeff L. Marcuzzo* (Dist. 4)	Craig Q. McDermott (Dist. 4)	Stephanie S. Shearer (Dist. 4)	Derek R. Vaughn (Dist. 4)
5 = Excellent (performance is outstanding)									
4 = Good (performance is above average)									
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2 = Deficient (performance is below average)									
1 = Very Poor (performance is well below average and unacceptable)									
n = No Opinion									
Characteristics									
1	Legal Analysis	3.69	4.00	3.75	2.85	3.80	4.15	4.23	4.42
2	Impartiality: actions not affected by any outside influence or the nature of the case	3.58	3.78	3.78	2.76	3.70	4.23	4.29	4.53
3	Attentiveness: arguments and testimony	3.70	4.07	3.95	3.18	4.06	4.38	4.49	4.60
4	Opinions: quality and clarity of writing	3.80	4.11	3.88	3.04	3.91	4.26	4.33	4.47
5	Judicial Temperament & Demeanor	3.51	3.49	3.69	2.59	3.86	4.40	4.49	4.71
6	Appropriate Communication: absence of undue personal observations or criticisms of litigants, judges or lawyers; from the bench or in written opinions	3.69	3.67	3.79	2.60	3.87	4.37	4.51	4.64
7	Performance of his/her work in a prompt and timely manner	3.88	4.26	4.00	3.35	4.09	4.33	4.47	4.56
8	Fairness: treats all equally, without regard to race, gender, age, national origin, religion, disability, sexual orientation or economic status	3.77	3.87	3.97	3.32	3.92	4.37	4.55	4.68
9	Efficiency: Docket management and scheduling	3.88	4.17	4.00	3.28	4.00	4.35	4.48	4.55
10	Punctuality: attendance at court proceedings	4.09	4.31	4.09	3.34	4.15	4.50	4.57	4.62
11	Trial Management	4.04	4.28	4.06	3.29	4.11	4.38	4.52	4.64
12	In your opinion, should this judge be retained in office? (Circle appropriate answer)	84.4% Yes 15.6% No	86.7% Yes 13.3% No	88.1% Yes 11.9% No	57.6% Yes 42.4% No	85.7% Yes 14.3% No	94.4% Yes 5.6% No	91.1% Yes 8.9% No	98.8% Yes 1.2% No

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Characteristics

		424	425	426	427	428	429	430	431	432
		Andrew R. Lange* (Dist. 5)	C. Jo Petersen* (Dist. 5)	Stephen R.W. Twiss* (Dist. 5)	Francis W. Barron III (Dist. 6)	Douglas L. Luebe (Dist. 6)	Kenneth J. Vampola (Dist. 6)	Michael L. Long* (Dist. 7)	Ross A. Stoffer* (Dist. 7)	Donna F. Taylor* (Dist. 7)
1	Legal Analysis	4.30	4.14	4.37	3.68	3.75	3.72	4.54	3.43	4.04
2	Impartiality: actions not affected by any outside influence or the nature of the case	4.57	3.93	4.33	3.73	3.35	3.61	4.12	3.43	4.15
3	Attentiveness: arguments and testimony	4.65	4.27	4.27	4.05	4.00	3.94	4.46	4.00	4.33
4	Opinions: quality and clarity of writing	4.24	4.27	4.30	3.80	3.76	3.83	4.42	3.55	4.00
5	Judicial Temperament & Demeanor	4.70	3.27	3.50	3.55	3.24	3.83	3.96	3.81	4.44
6	Appropriate Communication: absence of undue personal observations or criticisms of litigants, judges or lawyers; from the bench or in written opinions	4.74	3.47	4.07	3.45	3.29	3.72	3.77	3.71	4.26
7	Performance of his/her work in a prompt and timely manner	4.74	4.21	4.23	4.05	3.94	3.72	4.58	3.14	4.22
8	Fairness: treats all equally, without regard to race, gender, age, national origin, religion, disability, sexual orientation or economic status	4.70	4.25	4.27	3.77	3.41	3.89	4.27	3.86	4.31
9	Efficiency: Docket management and scheduling	4.70	3.97	4.30	4.09	3.94	4.11	4.62	3.10	4.26
10	Punctuality: attendance at court proceedings	4.78	4.57	4.53	4.00	4.12	4.28	4.65	3.81	4.37
11	Trial Management	4.67	4.30	4.39	4.07	3.88	3.88	4.68	3.60	4.27
12	In your opinion, should this judge be retained in office? (Circle appropriate answer)	96.0% Yes 4.0% No	80.0% Yes 20.0% No	80.6% Yes 19.4% No	81.0% Yes 19.0% No	64.7% Yes 35.3% No	77.8% Yes 22.2% No	96.2% Yes 3.8% No	85.7% Yes 14.3% No	100.0% Yes 0.0% No

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Characteristics

		433	434	435	436	437	438	439
		Kale B. Burdick (Dist. 8)	James J. Orr (Dist. 8)	Tami K. Schendt* (Dist. 8)	Alfred E. Corey III (Dist. 9)	Gerald R. Jorgensen (Dist. 9)	John P. Rademacher (Dist. 9)	Arthur S. Wetzel (Dist. 9)
1	Legal Analysis	4.52	4.04	4.26	3.07	4.38	4.38	3.90
2	Impartiality: actions not affected by any outside influence or the nature of the case	4.45	4.08	4.22	3.79	4.38	4.23	3.77
3	Attentiveness: arguments and testimony	4.58	4.29	4.48	3.90	4.40	4.62	4.10
4	Opinions: quality and clarity of writing	4.67	4.17	4.26	3.23	4.38	4.45	4.04
5	Judicial Temperament & Demeanor	4.64	4.38	4.30	4.03	4.60	3.92	3.86
6	Appropriate Communication: absence of undue personal observations or criticisms of litigants, judges or lawyers; from the bench or in written opinions	4.52	4.21	4.30	3.90	4.31	4.15	3.93
7	Performance of his/her work in a prompt and timely manner	4.70	4.25	4.50	3.64	3.50	4.44	4.20
8	Fairness: treats all equally, without regard to race, gender, age, national origin, religion, disability, sexual orientation or economic status	4.67	4.38	4.52	4.14	4.57	4.38	4.00
9	Efficiency: Docket management and scheduling	4.62	4.33	4.30	3.31	3.80	4.46	4.20
10	Punctuality: attendance at court proceedings	4.73	4.38	4.57	4.21	3.03	4.67	4.20
11	Trial Management	4.61	4.36	4.41	3.24	4.37	4.52	4.14
12	In your opinion, should this judge be retained in office? (Circle appropriate answer)	100.0% Yes 0.0% No	95.8% Yes 4.2% No	100.0% Yes 0.0% No	66.7% Yes 33.3% No	94.1% Yes 5.9% No	97.8% Yes 2.2% No	84.4% Yes 15.6% No

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Characteristics

		440	441	442	443	444	445	446
		Michael P. Burns (Dist. 10)	Timothy E. Hoett* (Dist. 10)	Michael O. Mead (Dist. 10)	Joel B. Jay* (Dist. 11)	Anne M. Paine* (Dist. 11)	Edward D. Steenburg (Dist. 11)	Jeffrey M. Wightman* (Dist. 11)
1	Legal Analysis	4.31	4.50	3.82	3.82	4.40	4.53	4.20
2	Impartiality: actions not affected by any outside influence or the nature of the case	4.22	4.57	4.14	3.93	4.37	4.43	4.45
3	Attentiveness: arguments and testimony	4.65	4.78	4.16	4.15	4.51	4.57	4.30
4	Opinions: quality and clarity of writing	4.29	4.59	3.83	4.04	4.38	4.55	4.21
5	Judicial Temperament & Demeanor	4.04	4.76	4.37	4.07	4.60	4.50	4.43
6	Appropriate Communication: absence of undue personal observations or criticisms of litigants, judges or lawyers; from the bench or in written opinions	4.33	4.67	4.32	4.04	4.51	4.40	4.43
7	Performance of his/her work in a prompt and timely manner	4.48	4.74	3.91	4.14	4.60	4.63	4.43
8	Fairness: treats all equally, without regard to race, gender, age, national origin, religion, disability, sexual orientation or economic status	4.54	4.80	4.44	4.21	4.59	4.55	4.41
9	Efficiency: Docket management and scheduling	4.46	4.72	4.14	4.14	4.43	4.60	4.37
10	Punctuality: attendance at court proceedings	4.59	4.80	4.34	4.39	4.66	4.70	4.50
11	Trial Management	4.47	4.79	4.15	4.08	4.62	4.64	4.46
12	In your opinion, should this judge be retained in office? (Circle appropriate answer)	97.2% Yes 2.8% No	97.8% Yes 2.2% No	86.7% Yes 13.3% No	89.3% Yes 10.7% No	97.3% Yes 2.7% No	96.8% Yes 3.2% No	97.0% Yes 3.0% No

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Characteristics

		447	448	449	450	451
		Russell W. Harford (Dist. 12)	Kris D. Mickey (Dist. 12)	Randin R. Roland* (Dist. 12)	Paul G. Wess* (Dist. 12)	James M. Worden (Dist. 12)
1	Legal Analysis	3.96	3.74	4.28	4.08	4.39
2	Impartiality: actions not affected by any outside influence or the nature of the case	4.23	3.19	4.24	4.25	4.17
3	Attentiveness: arguments and testimony	4.19	4.15	4.60	4.38	4.41
4	Opinions: quality and clarity of writing	4.04	3.93	4.38	4.22	4.36
5	Judicial Temperament & Demeanor	4.58	3.70	4.32	4.36	4.18
6	Appropriate Communication: absence of undue personal observations or criticisms of litigants, judges or lawyers; from the bench or in written opinions	4.27	3.56	4.20	4.43	4.39
7	Performance of his/her work in a prompt and timely manner	4.08	3.96	4.60	4.43	4.50
8	Fairness: treats all equally, without regard to race, gender, age, national origin, religion, disability, sexual orientation or economic status	4.40	3.33	4.54	4.46	4.36
9	Efficiency: Docket management and scheduling	4.26	4.07	4.52	4.30	4.50
10	Punctuality: attendance at court proceedings	4.48	3.89	4.60	4.33	4.57
11	Trial Management	4.22	4.04	4.57	4.43	4.43
12	In your opinion, should this judge be retained in office? (Circle appropriate answer)	96.6% Yes 3.4% No	72.4% Yes 27.6% No	100.0% Yes 0.0% No	92.0% Yes 8.0% No	93.1% Yes 6.9% No

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Nebraska Separate Juvenile Court

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Characteristics

		501	502	503	504	505	506	507	508	509
		Roger J. Heideman* (Dist. 3)	Reggie L. Ryder* (Dist. 3)	Elise M.W. White (Dist. 3)	Chad M. Brown* (Dist. 4)	Vernon Daniels* (Dist. 4)	Matthew R. Kahler (Dist. 4)	Candice J. Novak (Dist. 4)	Amy N. Schuchman (Dist. 4)	Mary M.Z. Stevens (Dist. 4)
1	Legal Analysis	4.54	4.04	4.24	3.71	4.58	4.26	3.62	3.78	4.04
2	Impartiality: actions not affected by any outside influence or the nature of the case	4.54	3.72	4.24	3.75	4.42	4.04	3.58	3.83	4.22
3	Attentiveness: arguments and testimony	4.56	4.24	4.48	4.18	4.50	4.26	4.04	3.91	4.44
4	Opinions: quality and clarity of writing	4.54	4.08	4.14	3.77	4.50	4.23	3.83	4.00	4.30
5	Judicial Temperament & Demeanor	4.84	3.72	4.52	4.07	4.14	4.37	3.78	4.13	4.58
6	Appropriate Communication: absence of undue personal observations or criticisms of litigants, judges or lawyers; from the bench or in written opinions	4.68	3.88	4.48	4.04	4.31	4.22	3.74	4.22	4.48
7	Performance of his/her work in a prompt and timely manner	4.71	4.20	4.52	4.21	4.22	4.41	4.09	4.13	4.30
8	Fairness: treats all equally, without regard to race, gender, age, national origin, religion, disability, sexual orientation or economic status	4.72	3.92	4.62	4.14	4.50	4.37	3.96	4.22	4.41
9	Efficiency: Docket management and scheduling	4.67	4.08	4.24	4.14	3.86	4.37	4.17	4.26	4.22
10	Punctuality: attendance at court proceedings	4.67	4.36	4.38	4.32	4.11	4.48	4.09	4.26	4.37
11	Trial Management	4.45	4.20	4.20	4.04	3.97	4.42	4.05	4.18	4.15
12	In your opinion, should this judge be retained in office? (Circle appropriate answer)	100.0% Yes 0.0% No	84.6% Yes 15.4% No	95.5% Yes 4.5% No	90.3% Yes 9.7% No	85.0% Yes 15.0% No	90.6% Yes 9.4% No	84.6% Yes 15.4% No	92.9% Yes 7.1% No	96.7% Yes 3.3% No

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Workers' Compensation Court

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Characteristics

		601	602	603	604	605	606	607
		James R. Coe*, Omaha	J. Michael Fitzgerald, Lincoln	Daniel R. Fridrich*, Omaha	John R. Hoffert*, Lincoln	Thomas E. Stine, Lincoln	Julie A. Martin, Omaha	Dirk V. Block, Lincoln
1	Legal Analysis	3.73	4.23	4.41	4.79	4.04	4.32	4.52
2	Impartiality: actions not affected by any outside influence or the nature of the case	3.77	3.97	4.37	4.57	3.80	4.41	4.70
3	Attentiveness: arguments and testimony	3.41	4.39	4.59	4.86	4.48	4.68	4.91
4	Opinions: quality and clarity of writing	3.83	4.17	4.56	4.79	4.16	4.59	4.70
5	Judicial Temperament & Demeanor	3.00	4.33	4.70	4.89	3.88	4.59	4.83
6	Appropriate Communication: absence of undue personal observations or criticisms of litigants, judges or lawyers; from the bench or in written opinions	3.31	4.42	4.63	4.86	4.04	4.64	4.78
7	Performance of his/her work in a prompt and timely manner	4.14	4.28	4.59	4.75	4.44	4.59	4.43
8	Fairness: treats all equally, without regard to race, gender, age, national origin, religion, disability, sexual orientation or economic status	3.93	4.56	4.63	4.86	4.00	4.64	4.87
9	Efficiency: Docket management and scheduling	4.24	4.36	4.74	4.89	4.08	4.59	4.87
10	Punctuality: attendance at court proceedings	4.55	4.64	4.81	4.93	4.52	4.68	4.91
11	Trial Management	3.76	4.35	4.73	4.93	4.36	4.73	4.91
12	In your opinion, should this judge be retained in office? (Circle appropriate answer)	78.6% Yes 21.4% No	83.3% Yes 16.7% No	92.6% Yes 7.4% No	100.0% Yes 0.0% No	79.2% Yes 20.8% No	95.7% Yes 4.3% No	96.2% Yes 3.8% No

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Federal Judges, Magistrates and Bankruptcy Court

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Characteristics

		701	702	703	704	705
		Brian C. Buescher	Joseph F. Bataillon	John M. Gerrard	Richard G. Kopf	Robert F. Rossiter, Jr.
1	Legal Analysis	3.50	4.50	4.83	5.00	4.80
2	Impartiality: actions not affected by any outside influence or the nature of the case	3.50	4.80	4.83	5.00	4.80
3	Attentiveness: arguments and testimony	4.20	4.70	4.83	5.00	5.00
4	Opinions: quality and clarity of writing	3.50	4.50	4.83	5.00	5.00
5	Judicial Temperament & Demeanor	3.70	4.70	4.83	3.70	5.00
6	Appropriate Communication: absence of undue personal observations or criticisms of litigants, judges or lawyers; from the bench or in written opinions	4.00	4.70	4.83	3.70	5.00
7	Performance of his/her work in a prompt and timely manner	3.70	4.00	4.83	5.00	5.00
8	Fairness: treats all equally, without regard to race, gender, age, national origin, religion, disability, sexual orientation or economic status	3.70	4.70	4.83	3.70	5.00
9	Efficiency: Docket management and scheduling	4.00	4.20	4.29	5.00	5.00
10	Punctuality: attendance at court proceedings	4.00	4.70	4.83	5.00	5.00
11	Trial Management	4.50	4.30	4.83	5.00	5.00

Fewer than 10 respondents evaluated the Judges listed on this page. Given the small number of respondents, please interpret the results with caution.

Federal Judges, Magistrates and Bankruptcy Court

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Characteristics

		Magistrate Judges				Bankruptcy Judges	
		706	707	708	709	710	711
		Susan M. Bazis	F. A. Gossett III	Michael D. Nelson	Cheryl R. Zwart	Brian S. Kruse	Thomas L. Saladino
1	Legal Analysis	4.60	4.60	4.33	4.58	4.69	4.47
2	Impartiality: actions not affected by any outside influence or the nature of the case	4.70	4.60	4.41	4.16	4.77	4.37
3	Attentiveness: arguments and testimony	4.70	4.60	4.63	4.62	4.77	4.37
4	Opinions: quality and clarity of writing	4.60	4.70	4.41	4.71	4.69	4.53
5	Judicial Temperament & Demeanor	4.70	4.50	4.44	4.21	4.92	4.16
6	Appropriate Communication: absence of undue personal observations or criticisms of litigants, judges or lawyers; from the bench or in written opinions	4.70	4.40	4.44	4.28	4.77	4.16
7	Performance of his/her work in a prompt and timely manner	4.70	4.80	4.56	4.78	4.77	4.63
8	Fairness: treats all equally, without regard to race, gender, age, national origin, religion, disability, sexual orientation or economic status	4.80	4.60	4.52	4.56	4.85	4.47
9	Efficiency: Docket management and scheduling	4.70	4.80	4.70	4.81	4.92	4.74
10	Punctuality: attendance at court proceedings	4.80	4.80	4.41	4.78	4.92	4.74
11	Trial Management	4.60	4.70	4.56	4.79	4.91	4.76

Social Security Administration Law Judges

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Characteristics

		801	802	803	804	805	806	807
		Matthew Bring	David Buell	David DeLaitre	Jan E. Dutton	Ronald D. Lahners	Marc Mates	Chris Yokus
1	Legal Analysis	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.00	4.80	4.50	2.30
2	Impartiality: actions not affected by any outside influence or the nature of the case	4.50	4.50	4.50	3.70	4.50	4.50	2.30
3	Attentiveness: arguments and testimony	4.80	4.80	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.50	3.00
4	Opinions: quality and clarity of writing	4.50	4.50	4.30	4.10	4.50	4.50	3.00
5	Judicial Temperament & Demeanor	4.80	4.80	4.50	3.60	4.50	4.80	2.80
6	Appropriate Communication: absence of undue personal observations or criticisms of litigants, judges or lawyers; from the bench or in written opinions	4.80	4.80	4.80	3.90	4.80	4.80	3.30
7	Performance of his/her work in a prompt and timely manner	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.30	4.50	4.50	3.30
8	Fairness: treats all equally, without regard to race, gender, age, national origin, religion, disability, sexual orientation or economic status	4.50	4.50	4.50	3.80	4.80	4.50	2.50
9	Efficiency: Docket management and scheduling	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.20	4.50	4.50	3.00
10	Punctuality: attendance at court proceedings	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.40	4.80	4.50	3.00
11	Trial Management	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.00	4.80	4.50	3.00

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