

**2019 Austin Bar Association and Travis County Defense Lawyers Association
Judicial Evaluation Poll**

645 voters out of 3,838 cast their ballot online. (16.8%)

Demographic questions

Gender

Male	54.6%	352
Female	36.4%	235
<i>Not answered</i>	<i>9.0%</i>	<i>58</i>

Ethnicity

African American	2.0%	13
Asian	1.9%	12
Hispanic	8.2%	53
Multi-Ethnic	2.2%	14
Native American	0.6%	4
Caucasian	71.8%	463
Caucasian and Native American	0.2%	1
Middleeastern	0.2%	1
Multi-Ethnic and Hispanic	0.2%	1
Native American / Caucasian	0.2%	1
White American with a Black Ancestor	0.2%	1
poly	0.2%	1
<i>Not answered</i>	<i>12.4%</i>	<i>80</i>

Employer

Private Law Firm	63.6%	410
In-House/Corporate Legal Department	1.7%	11
Governmental Agency (federal, state, or local)	16.7%	108
Judge/Judicial Clerk (federal or state)	5.4%	35
Public Interest Group	0.5%	3
Other	3.3%	21
<i>Not answered</i>	<i>8.8%</i>	<i>57</i>

Local Office Size

Solo	20.3%	131
2 - 15 lawyers	38.6%	249
16 - 50 lawyers	12.9%	83
51 - 100 lawyers	8.8%	57
101 - 250 lawyers	2.6%	17
Over 250 lawyers	4.0%	26
<i>Not answered</i>	<i>12.7%</i>	<i>82</i>

Entity Size

Solo	19.1%	123
2 - 15 lawyers	31.3%	202
16 - 50 lawyers	9.3%	60

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51 - 100 lawyers	7.3%	47
101 - 250 lawyers	3.6%	23
Over 250 lawyers	15.3%	99

<i>Not answered</i>	<i>14.1%</i>	<i>91</i>
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Years

1 - 2 years	4.3%	28
3 - 5 years	6.2%	40
6 - 10 years	10.9%	70
11 - 15 years	11.6%	75
16 - 20 years	11.8%	76
21 or more years	49.9%	322

<i>Not answered</i>	<i>5.3%</i>	<i>34</i>
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Practice Areas

Administrative	17.4%	112
Appellate	17.1%	110
Bankruptcy	1.7%	11
Criminal	22.8%	147
Family	18.9%	122
Government	16.0%	103
Intellectual Property	5.1%	33
Litigation	46.2%	298
Oil and Gas	2.6%	17
Probate	9.6%	62
Transactional / Corporate	11.5%	74
ADR	0.2%	1
Arbitration	0.2%	1
Banking/Finance	0.2%	1
CPS	0.2%	1
Child Welfare	0.2%	1
Commercial Real Estate	0.2%	1
Constitutional	0.2%	1
Construction	0.9%	6
Education	0.2%	1
Elections	0.2%	1
Employment	1.6%	10
Employment Law	0.2%	1
Employment/Labor	0.2%	1
Environmental	0.2%	1
Environmental	0.6%	4
Estate Planning	0.5%	3
Estate Planning and Probate	0.2%	1
Estate planning	0.2%	1
Federal	0.2%	1
Finance	0.2%	1
Guardianship	0.3%	2

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Health	0.2%	1
Health Law	0.2%	1
Immigration	0.5%	3
Insurance	0.2%	1
International	0.2%	1
Juvenile	0.6%	4
LGBT	0.2%	1
Labor & Employment	0.2%	1
Labor and Employment	0.2%	1
Medical Malpractice	0.2%	1
Negligence	0.2%	1
Non-profit	0.2%	1
Non-profits	0.2%	1
Personal Injury	0.2%	1
Personal injury	0.2%	1
Professional Ethics	0.2%	1
REAL ESTATE	0.2%	1
Real Estate	0.3%	2
Real estate	0.2%	1
Regulatory	0.2%	1
Retired	0.2%	1
School law	0.2%	1
Tax	0.5%	3
Tax and Estate Planning	0.2%	1
Trusts	0.2%	1
Utility	0.2%	1
child welfare	0.3%	2
civil & family	0.2%	1
collections	0.2%	1
constitutional	0.2%	1
consumer	0.2%	1
employment	0.3%	2
entertainment/ADR	0.2%	1
estate planning	0.2%	1
health	0.2%	1
healthcare	0.2%	1
insurance	0.2%	1
insurance defense	0.2%	1
insurance insolvency	0.2%	1
juvenile	0.2%	1
labor and employment	0.3%	2
legislative	0.2%	1
limited pro bono family law	0.2%	1
mediation	0.2%	1
n/a	0.2%	1
personal injury	0.2%	1
public finance	0.2%	1

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real estate	0.5%	3
tax	0.2%	1
workers comp	0.2%	1

Judge Selection

Federal

Hon. Sam Sparks (Senior Judge, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas)	23.7%	153
Hon. James Nowlin (Senior Judge, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas)	2.3%	15
Hon. Lee Yeakel (Judge, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas)	27.4%	177
Hon. Robert Pitman (Judge, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas)	23.7%	153
Hon. Andrew Austin (Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas)	16.4%	106
Hon. Mark Lane (Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas)	17.1%	110
Hon. Tony Davis (Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court)	1.9%	12

Hon. Christopher Mott (Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court) 1.6% 10

State Appellate Courts

Hon. Jeff Rose (Chief Justice, Third Court of Appeals)	24.5%	158
Hon. Melissa Goodwin (Justice, Third Court of Appeals, Place 1)	22.0%	142

Travis Co. District Court - Civil

Hon. Scott H. Jenkins (53rd District Court)	37.5%	242
Hon. Rhonda Hurley (98th District Court)	16.3%	105
Hon. Darlene Byrne (126th District Court)	26.8%	173
Hon. Amy Clark Meachum (201st District Court)	43.9%	283
Hon. Karin Crump (250th District Court)	39.5%	255
Hon. Lora J. Livingston (261st District Court)	41.4%	267
Hon. Jan Soifer (345th District Court)	33.6%	217

Hon. Tim Sulak (353rd District Court) 45.0% 290

Travis Co. District Court - Criminal

Hon. Cliff Brown (147th District Court)	18.4%	119
Hon. David Wahlberg (167th District Court)	18.8%	121
Hon. Karen Sage (299th District Court)	17.8%	115
Hon. Julie Kocurek (390th District Court)	19.1%	123
Hon. Brenda Kennedy (403rd District Court)	18.3%	118
Hon. Tamara Needles (427th District Court)	17.8%	115
Hon. Brad Urrutia (450th District Court)	17.2%	111

Hon. Leon Grizzard (Magistrate) 17.7% 114

Civil Associate Judges

Hon. James Arth	19.8%	128
Hon. Andrew Hathcock	18.9%	122
Hon. Aurora Martinez Jones	12.9%	83
Hon. Texanna Davis	4.0%	26

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Hon. Ami Larson	4.5%	29
Hon. Dulce Madrigal - Title IV-D Child Support, Associate Jud	3.6%	23
Travis County Courts at Law		
Hon. Todd Wong (County Court at Law 1)	24.8%	160
Hon. Eric Shepperd (County Court at Law 2)	27.0%	174
Hon. John Lipscombe (County Court at Law 3)	17.5%	113
Hon. Mike Denton (County Court at Law 4)	17.7%	114
Hon. Nancy Hohengarten (County Court at Law 5)	17.8%	115
Hon. Brandy Mueller (County Court at Law 6)	17.7%	114
Hon. Elisabeth Earle (County Court at Law 7)	19.4%	125
Hon. Carlos Barrera (County Court at Law 8)	15.5%	100
Hon. Kim Williams (County Court at Law 9)	16.3%	105
Justice of the Peace		
Hon. Yvonne Williams (Justice of the Peace Precinct 1)	9.3%	60
Hon. Randall Slagle (Justice of the Peace Precinct 2)	15.7%	101
Hon. Raul Gonzalez (Justice of the Peace Precinct 4)	13.2%	85
Hon. Nicholas Chu (Justice of the Peace Precinct 5)	18.0%	116
Probate Court		
Hon. Guy Herman (Probate Court 1)	24.3%	157
Hon. Dan Prashner (Associate Judge, Probate Court)	9.8%	63

Hon. Sam Sparks (Senior Judge, U.S. District Court for the

Hard working		
Excellent	80.4%	123
Acceptable	13.7%	21
Needs Improvement	4.6%	7
<i>No opinion</i>	1.3%	2
Impartial		
Excellent	57.5%	88
Acceptable	26.8%	41
Needs Improvement	13.7%	21
<i>No opinion</i>	2.0%	3
Correct law		
Excellent	59.5%	91
Acceptable	32.0%	49
Needs Improvement	5.9%	9
<i>No opinion</i>	2.6%	4
Temperament		

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Excellent	21.6%	33
Acceptable	41.2%	63
Needs Improvement	34.0%	52

<i>No opinion</i>	3.3%	5
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Overall

Excellent	52.9%	81
Acceptable	34.6%	53
Needs Improvement	9.8%	15
<i>No opinion</i>	2.6%	4

Hon. James Nowlin (Senior Judge, U.S. District Court for

Hard working

Excellent	53.3%	8
Acceptable	13.3%	2
Needs Improvement	26.7%	4

<i>No opinion</i>	6.7%	1
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Impartial

Excellent	60.0%	9
Acceptable	6.7%	1
Needs Improvement	26.7%	4

<i>No opinion</i>	6.7%	1
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Correct law

Excellent	53.3%	8
Acceptable	26.7%	4
Needs Improvement	13.3%	2

<i>No opinion</i>	6.7%	1
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Temperament

Excellent	46.7%	7
Acceptable	13.3%	2
Needs Improvement	33.3%	5

<i>No opinion</i>	6.7%	1
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Overall

Excellent	46.7%	7
Acceptable	26.7%	4
Needs Improvement	20.0%	3
<i>No opinion</i>	6.7%	1

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Hon. Lee Yeakel (Judge, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas)

Hard working

Excellent	79.7%	141
Acceptable	13.6%	24
Needs Improvement	3.4%	6

<i>No opinion</i>	3.4%	6
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Impartial

Excellent	87.6%	155
Acceptable	7.3%	13
Needs Improvement	1.7%	3

<i>No opinion</i>	3.4%	6
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Correct law

Excellent	81.4%	144
Acceptable	13.0%	23
Needs Improvement	2.8%	5

<i>No opinion</i>	2.8%	5
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Temperament

Excellent	88.1%	156
Acceptable	6.2%	11
Needs Improvement	2.3%	4

<i>No opinion</i>	3.4%	6
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Overall

Excellent	85.9%	152
Acceptable	9.0%	16
Needs Improvement	2.3%	4

<i>No opinion</i>	2.8%	5
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Hon. Robert Pitman (Judge, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas)

Hard working

Excellent	93.5%	143
Acceptable	4.6%	7
Needs Improvement	1.3%	2

<i>No opinion</i>	0.7%	1
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Impartial

Excellent	87.6%	134
Acceptable	9.2%	14
Needs Improvement	1.3%	2

<i>No opinion</i>	2.0%	3
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Correct law

Excellent	82.4%	126
Acceptable	11.8%	18
Needs Improvement	4.6%	7
<i>No opinion</i>	1.3%	2

Temperament

Excellent	94.1%	144
Acceptable	4.6%	7
Needs Improvement	0.7%	1
<i>No opinion</i>	0.7%	1

Overall

Excellent	88.2%	135
Acceptable	9.8%	15
Needs Improvement	0.7%	1
<i>No opinion</i>	1.3%	2

Hon. Andrew Austin (Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court)

Hard working

Excellent	84.0%	89
Acceptable	12.3%	13
Needs Improvement	2.8%	3
<i>No opinion</i>	0.9%	1

Impartial

Excellent	83.0%	88
Acceptable	11.3%	12
Needs Improvement	4.7%	5
<i>No opinion</i>	0.9%	1

Correct law

Excellent	75.5%	80
Acceptable	16.0%	17
Needs Improvement	6.6%	7
<i>No opinion</i>	1.9%	2

Temperament

Excellent	84.0%	89
Acceptable	11.3%	12
Needs Improvement	1.9%	2
<i>No opinion</i>	2.8%	3

Overall

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Excellent	81.1%	86
Acceptable	12.3%	13
Needs Improvement	3.8%	4
<i>No opinion</i>	2.8%	3

Hon. Mark Lane (Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court for

Hard working

Excellent	86.4%	95
Acceptable	9.1%	10
Needs Improvement	0.0%	0
<i>No opinion</i>	4.5%	5

Impartial

Excellent	77.3%	85
Acceptable	14.5%	16
Needs Improvement	4.5%	5
<i>No opinion</i>	3.6%	4

Correct law

Excellent	74.5%	82
Acceptable	19.1%	21
Needs Improvement	3.6%	4
<i>No opinion</i>	2.7%	3

Temperament

Excellent	86.4%	95
Acceptable	10.0%	11
Needs Improvement	0.9%	1
<i>No opinion</i>	2.7%	3

Overall

Excellent	85.5%	94
Acceptable	9.1%	10
Needs Improvement	1.8%	2
<i>No opinion</i>	3.6%	4

Hon. Tony Davis (Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court)

Hard working

Excellent	75.0%	9
Acceptable	25.0%	3
Needs Improvement	0.0%	0

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Impartial

Excellent	66.7%	8
Acceptable	25.0%	3
Needs Improvement	8.3%	1

Correct law

Excellent	50.0%	6
Acceptable	41.7%	5
Needs Improvement	0.0%	0
<i>No opinion</i>	8.3%	1

Temperament

Excellent	66.7%	8
Acceptable	25.0%	3
Needs Improvement	8.3%	1

Overall

Excellent	66.7%	8
Acceptable	25.0%	3
Needs Improvement	8.3%	1

Hon. Christopher Mott (Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court)

Hard working

Excellent	70.0%	7
Acceptable	10.0%	1
Needs Improvement	10.0%	1
<i>No opinion</i>	10.0%	1

Impartial

Excellent	70.0%	7
Acceptable	0.0%	0
Needs Improvement	20.0%	2
<i>No opinion</i>	10.0%	1

Correct law

Excellent	50.0%	5
Acceptable	10.0%	1
Needs Improvement	20.0%	2
<i>No opinion</i>	20.0%	2

Temperament

Excellent	80.0%	8
Acceptable	0.0%	0
Needs Improvement	20.0%	2

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Overall

Excellent	70.0%	7
Acceptable	0.0%	0
Needs Improvement	20.0%	2
<i>No opinion</i>	10.0%	1

Hon. Jeff Rose (Chief Justice, Third Court of Appeals)

Hard working

Excellent	58.2%	92
Acceptable	22.2%	35
Needs Improvement	12.0%	19
<i>No opinion</i>	7.6%	12

Impartial

Excellent	56.3%	89
Acceptable	24.1%	38
Needs Improvement	15.8%	25
<i>No opinion</i>	3.8%	6

Correct law

Excellent	51.9%	82
Acceptable	27.8%	44
Needs Improvement	13.3%	21
<i>No opinion</i>	7.0%	11

Temperament

Excellent	67.1%	106
Acceptable	20.9%	33
Needs Improvement	5.7%	9
<i>No opinion</i>	6.3%	10

Overall

Excellent	57.6%	91
Acceptable	23.4%	37
Needs Improvement	15.2%	24
<i>No opinion</i>	3.8%	6

Opinions

Excellent	44.3%	70
Acceptable	33.5%	53
Needs Improvement	12.7%	20
<i>No opinion</i>	9.5%	15

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Hon. Melissa Goodwin (Justice, Third Court of Appeals, P

Hard working

Excellent	46.5%	66
Acceptable	35.2%	50
Needs Improvement	12.7%	18

No opinion 5.6% 8

Impartial

Excellent	47.2%	67
Acceptable	32.4%	46
Needs Improvement	16.2%	23

No opinion 4.2% 6

Correct law

Excellent	40.8%	58
Acceptable	35.2%	50
Needs Improvement	21.1%	30

No opinion 2.8% 4

Temperament

Excellent	54.9%	78
Acceptable	28.2%	40
Needs Improvement	10.6%	15

No opinion 6.3% 9

Overall

Excellent	45.1%	64
Acceptable	34.5%	49
Needs Improvement	16.9%	24

No opinion 3.5% 5

Opinions

Excellent	41.5%	59
Acceptable	35.2%	50
Needs Improvement	17.6%	25

No opinion 5.6% 8

Hon. Scott H. Jenkins (53rd District Court)

Hard working

Excellent	80.6%	195
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Acceptable	15.7%	38
Needs Improvement	1.7%	4
<i>No opinion</i>		
	2.1%	5
Impartial		
Excellent	68.2%	165
Acceptable	22.7%	55
Needs Improvement	6.6%	16
<i>No opinion</i>		
	2.5%	6
Correct law		
Excellent	67.8%	164
Acceptable	22.3%	54
Needs Improvement	8.3%	20
<i>No opinion</i>		
	1.7%	4
Temperament		
Excellent	62.4%	151
Acceptable	24.4%	59
Needs Improvement	9.9%	24
<i>No opinion</i>		
	3.3%	8
Overall		
Excellent	70.2%	170
Acceptable	23.1%	56
Needs Improvement	5.0%	12
<i>No opinion</i>		
	1.7%	4

Hon. Rhonda Hurley (98th District Court)

Hard working		
Excellent	56.2%	59
Acceptable	31.4%	33
Needs Improvement	8.6%	9
<i>No opinion</i>		
	3.8%	4
Impartial		
Excellent	51.4%	54
Acceptable	31.4%	33
Needs Improvement	12.4%	13
<i>No opinion</i>		
	4.8%	5
Correct law		
Excellent	48.6%	51
Acceptable	34.3%	36

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Needs Improvement	12.4%	13
<i>No opinion</i>	4.8%	5
Temperament		
Excellent	59.0%	62
Acceptable	21.9%	23
Needs Improvement	15.2%	16
<i>No opinion</i>	3.8%	4
Overall		
Excellent	51.4%	54
Acceptable	31.4%	33
Needs Improvement	11.4%	12
<i>No opinion</i>	5.7%	6

Hon. Darlene Byrne (126th District Court)

Hard working		
Excellent	73.4%	127
Acceptable	19.1%	33
Needs Improvement	5.2%	9
<i>No opinion</i>	2.3%	4
Impartial		
Excellent	65.9%	114
Acceptable	23.1%	40
Needs Improvement	9.8%	17
<i>No opinion</i>	1.2%	2
Correct law		
Excellent	64.2%	111
Acceptable	25.4%	44
Needs Improvement	9.2%	16
<i>No opinion</i>	1.2%	2
Temperament		
Excellent	76.9%	133
Acceptable	16.2%	28
Needs Improvement	4.6%	8
<i>No opinion</i>	2.3%	4
Overall		
Excellent	69.9%	121
Acceptable	21.4%	37
Needs Improvement	7.5%	13

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No opinion 1.2% 2

Hon. Amy Clark Meachum (201st District Court)

Hard working

Excellent	55.5%	157
Acceptable	28.3%	80
Needs Improvement	12.0%	34

No opinion 4.2% 12

Impartial

Excellent	55.8%	158
Acceptable	24.4%	69
Needs Improvement	15.5%	44

No opinion 4.2% 12

Correct law

Excellent	43.5%	123
Acceptable	33.9%	96
Needs Improvement	18.4%	52

No opinion 4.2% 12

Temperament

Excellent	51.2%	145
Acceptable	25.8%	73
Needs Improvement	20.5%	58

No opinion 2.5% 7

Overall

Excellent	49.5%	140
Acceptable	31.1%	88
Needs Improvement	17.0%	48

No opinion 2.5% 7

Hon. Karin Crump (250th District Court)

Hard working

Excellent	71.0%	181
Acceptable	21.2%	54
Needs Improvement	3.1%	8

No opinion 4.7% 12

Impartial

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Excellent	69.4%	177
Acceptable	20.8%	53
Needs Improvement	6.3%	16
<i>No opinion</i>	3.5%	9
Correct law		
Excellent	57.3%	146
Acceptable	27.1%	69
Needs Improvement	11.8%	30
<i>No opinion</i>	3.9%	10
Temperament		
Excellent	76.9%	196
Acceptable	16.5%	42
Needs Improvement	5.5%	14
<i>No opinion</i>	1.2%	3
Overall		
Excellent	63.5%	162
Acceptable	25.1%	64
Needs Improvement	8.6%	22
<i>No opinion</i>	2.7%	7

Hon. Lora J. Livingston (261st District Court)

Hard working		
Excellent	79.8%	213
Acceptable	14.6%	39
Needs Improvement	1.9%	5
<i>No opinion</i>	3.7%	10
Impartial		
Excellent	68.5%	183
Acceptable	21.7%	58
Needs Improvement	6.7%	18
<i>No opinion</i>	3.0%	8
Correct law		
Excellent	64.4%	172
Acceptable	25.1%	67
Needs Improvement	7.1%	19
<i>No opinion</i>	3.4%	9
Temperament		
Excellent	65.9%	176

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Acceptable	21.3%	57
Needs Improvement	10.1%	27
<i>No opinion</i>	2.6%	7
Overall		
Excellent	68.2%	182
Acceptable	22.5%	60
Needs Improvement	6.4%	17
<i>No opinion</i>	3.0%	8

Hon. Jan Soifer (345th District Court)

Hard working

Excellent	63.1%	137
Acceptable	21.7%	47
Needs Improvement	6.9%	15
<i>No opinion</i>	8.3%	18

Impartial

Excellent	57.1%	124
Acceptable	27.2%	59
Needs Improvement	11.1%	24
<i>No opinion</i>	4.6%	10

Correct law

Excellent	53.9%	117
Acceptable	22.6%	49
Needs Improvement	17.1%	37
<i>No opinion</i>	6.5%	14

Temperament

Excellent	62.2%	135
Acceptable	25.8%	56
Needs Improvement	7.8%	17
<i>No opinion</i>	4.1%	9

Overall

Excellent	58.1%	126
Acceptable	25.3%	55
Needs Improvement	11.1%	24
<i>No opinion</i>	5.5%	12

Hon. Tim Sulak (353rd District Court)

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Hard working

Excellent	84.1%	244
Acceptable	11.4%	33
Needs Improvement	1.7%	5
<i>No opinion</i>	2.8%	8

Impartial

Excellent	79.0%	229
Acceptable	12.8%	37
Needs Improvement	5.2%	15
<i>No opinion</i>	3.1%	9

Correct law

Excellent	74.5%	216
Acceptable	16.9%	49
Needs Improvement	5.9%	17
<i>No opinion</i>	2.8%	8

Temperament

Excellent	85.5%	248
Acceptable	12.1%	35
Needs Improvement	1.7%	5
<i>No opinion</i>	0.7%	2

Overall

Excellent	80.0%	232
Acceptable	14.5%	42
Needs Improvement	3.8%	11
<i>No opinion</i>	1.7%	5

Hon. Cliff Brown (147th District Court)

Hard working

Excellent	89.1%	106
Acceptable	5.9%	7
Needs Improvement	1.7%	2
<i>No opinion</i>	3.4%	4

Impartial

Excellent	77.3%	92
Acceptable	17.6%	21
Needs Improvement	2.5%	3
<i>No opinion</i>	2.5%	3

Correct law

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Excellent	73.9%	88
Acceptable	21.8%	26
Needs Improvement	0.8%	1

<i>No opinion</i>	3.4%	4
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Temperament

Excellent	89.1%	106
Acceptable	9.2%	11
Needs Improvement	0.0%	0

<i>No opinion</i>	1.7%	2
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Overall

Excellent	85.7%	102
Acceptable	13.4%	16
Needs Improvement	0.0%	0

<i>No opinion</i>	0.8%	1
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Hon. David Wahlberg (167th District Court)

Hard working

Excellent	61.2%	74
Acceptable	23.1%	28
Needs Improvement	12.4%	15

<i>No opinion</i>	3.3%	4
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Impartial

Excellent	53.7%	65
Acceptable	19.0%	23

Needs Improvement	27.3%	33
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Correct law

Excellent	55.4%	67
Acceptable	19.0%	23
Needs Improvement	24.0%	29

<i>No opinion</i>	1.7%	2
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Temperament

Excellent	57.9%	70
Acceptable	23.1%	28
Needs Improvement	16.5%	20

<i>No opinion</i>	2.5%	3
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Overall

Excellent	57.9%	70
Acceptable	19.0%	23

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Needs Improvement	23.1%	28
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Hon. Karen Sage (299th District Court)

Hard working

Excellent	53.0%	61
Acceptable	30.4%	35
Needs Improvement	10.4%	12

<i>No opinion</i>	6.1%	7
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Impartial

Excellent	39.1%	45
Acceptable	31.3%	36
Needs Improvement	27.0%	31

<i>No opinion</i>	2.6%	3
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Correct law

Excellent	40.0%	46
Acceptable	40.9%	47
Needs Improvement	14.8%	17

<i>No opinion</i>	4.3%	5
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Temperament

Excellent	41.7%	48
Acceptable	30.4%	35
Needs Improvement	26.1%	30

<i>No opinion</i>	1.7%	2
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Overall

Excellent	44.3%	51
Acceptable	31.3%	36
Needs Improvement	21.7%	25

<i>No opinion</i>	2.6%	3
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Hon. Julie Kocurek (390th District Court)

Hard working

Excellent	52.8%	65
Acceptable	32.5%	40
Needs Improvement	11.4%	14

<i>No opinion</i>	3.3%	4
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Impartial

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Judicial Evaluation Poll

Excellent	38.2%	47
Acceptable	33.3%	41
Needs Improvement	26.8%	33

<i>No opinion</i>	1.6%	2
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Correct law

Excellent	48.8%	60
Acceptable	35.0%	43
Needs Improvement	12.2%	15

<i>No opinion</i>	4.1%	5
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Temperament

Excellent	48.8%	60
Acceptable	28.5%	35
Needs Improvement	22.0%	27

<i>No opinion</i>	0.8%	1
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Overall

Excellent	48.8%	60
Acceptable	31.7%	39
Needs Improvement	17.1%	21

<i>No opinion</i>	2.4%	3
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Hon. Brenda Kennedy (403rd District Court)

Hard working

Excellent	28.0%	33
Acceptable	23.7%	28
Needs Improvement	43.2%	51

<i>No opinion</i>	5.1%	6
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Impartial

Excellent	22.9%	27
Acceptable	27.1%	32
Needs Improvement	45.8%	54

<i>No opinion</i>	4.2%	5
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Correct law

Excellent	27.1%	32
Acceptable	31.4%	37
Needs Improvement	33.9%	40

<i>No opinion</i>	7.6%	9
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Temperament

Excellent	25.4%	30
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Judicial Evaluation Poll

Acceptable	31.4%	37
Needs Improvement	39.8%	47
<i>No opinion</i>	3.4%	4
Overall		
Excellent	25.4%	30
Acceptable	32.2%	38
Needs Improvement	41.5%	49
<i>No opinion</i>	0.8%	1

Hon. Tamara Needles (427th District Court)

Hard working		
Excellent	63.5%	73
Acceptable	22.6%	26
Needs Improvement	7.8%	9
<i>No opinion</i>	6.1%	7
Impartial		
Excellent	54.8%	63
Acceptable	22.6%	26
Needs Improvement	18.3%	21
<i>No opinion</i>	4.3%	5
Correct law		
Excellent	46.1%	53
Acceptable	29.6%	34
Needs Improvement	18.3%	21
<i>No opinion</i>	6.1%	7
Temperament		
Excellent	63.5%	73
Acceptable	20.9%	24
Needs Improvement	13.0%	15
<i>No opinion</i>	2.6%	3
Overall		
Excellent	55.7%	64
Acceptable	28.7%	33
Needs Improvement	13.0%	15
<i>No opinion</i>	2.6%	3

Hon. Brad Urrutia (450th District Court)

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Hard working

Excellent	83.8%	93
Acceptable	9.9%	11
Needs Improvement	2.7%	3

<i>No opinion</i>	3.6%	4
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Impartial

Excellent	79.3%	88
Acceptable	14.4%	16
Needs Improvement	4.5%	5

<i>No opinion</i>	1.8%	2
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Correct law

Excellent	75.7%	84
Acceptable	18.9%	21
Needs Improvement	3.6%	4

<i>No opinion</i>	1.8%	2
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Temperament

Excellent	84.7%	94
Acceptable	9.0%	10
Needs Improvement	2.7%	3

<i>No opinion</i>	3.6%	4
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Overall

Excellent	82.9%	92
Acceptable	12.6%	14
Needs Improvement	3.6%	4

<i>No opinion</i>	0.9%	1
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Hon. Leon Grizzard (Magistrate)

Hard working

Excellent	87.7%	100
Acceptable	7.0%	8
Needs Improvement	2.6%	3

<i>No opinion</i>	2.6%	3
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Impartial

Excellent	69.3%	79
Acceptable	19.3%	22
Needs Improvement	10.5%	12

<i>No opinion</i>	0.9%	1
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Correct law

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Judicial Evaluation Poll

Excellent	76.3%	87
Acceptable	14.9%	17
Needs Improvement	4.4%	5

<i>No opinion</i>	4.4%	5
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Temperament

Excellent	81.6%	93
Acceptable	12.3%	14

Needs Improvement	6.1%	7
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Overall

Excellent	77.2%	88
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Acceptable	16.7%	19
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Needs Improvement	5.3%	6
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<i>No opinion</i>	0.9%	1
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Hon. James Arth

Hard working

Excellent	61.7%	79
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Acceptable	25.8%	33
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Needs Improvement	6.3%	8
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<i>No opinion</i>	6.3%	8
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Impartial

Excellent	46.1%	59
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Acceptable	29.7%	38
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Needs Improvement	20.3%	26
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<i>No opinion</i>	3.9%	5
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Correct law

Excellent	57.0%	73
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Acceptable	28.9%	37
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Needs Improvement	10.2%	13
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<i>No opinion</i>	3.9%	5
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Temperament

Excellent	30.5%	39
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Acceptable	32.8%	42
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Needs Improvement	32.8%	42
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<i>No opinion</i>	3.9%	5
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Overall

Excellent	48.4%	62
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Acceptable	29.7%	38
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Needs Improvement	16.4%	21
<i>No opinion</i>	5.5%	7

Hon. Andrew Hathcock

Hard working

Excellent	75.4%	92
Acceptable	16.4%	20
Needs Improvement	3.3%	4
<i>No opinion</i>	4.9%	6

Impartial

Excellent	72.1%	88
Acceptable	18.0%	22
Needs Improvement	5.7%	7
<i>No opinion</i>	4.1%	5

Correct law

Excellent	67.2%	82
Acceptable	23.8%	29
Needs Improvement	5.7%	7
<i>No opinion</i>	3.3%	4

Temperament

Excellent	76.2%	93
Acceptable	15.6%	19
Needs Improvement	4.1%	5
<i>No opinion</i>	4.1%	5

Overall

Excellent	72.1%	88
Acceptable	19.7%	24
Needs Improvement	4.9%	6
<i>No opinion</i>	3.3%	4

Hon. Aurora Martinez Jones

Hard working

Excellent	75.9%	63
Acceptable	10.8%	9
Needs Improvement	8.4%	7
<i>No opinion</i>	4.8%	4

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Impartial

Excellent	75.9%	63
Acceptable	12.0%	10
Needs Improvement	8.4%	7
<i>No opinion</i>	3.6%	3

Correct law

Excellent	71.1%	59
Acceptable	14.5%	12
Needs Improvement	10.8%	9
<i>No opinion</i>	3.6%	3

Temperament

Excellent	79.5%	66
Acceptable	12.0%	10
Needs Improvement	4.8%	4
<i>No opinion</i>	3.6%	3

Overall

Excellent	74.7%	62
Acceptable	15.7%	13
Needs Improvement	6.0%	5
<i>No opinion</i>	3.6%	3

Hon. Texanna Davis

Hard working

Excellent	65.4%	17
Acceptable	19.2%	5
Needs Improvement	15.4%	4

Impartial

Excellent	57.7%	15
Acceptable	26.9%	7
Needs Improvement	15.4%	4

Correct law

Excellent	65.4%	17
Acceptable	19.2%	5
Needs Improvement	15.4%	4

Temperament

Excellent	73.1%	19
Acceptable	7.7%	2
Needs Improvement	19.2%	5

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Overall

Excellent	65.4%	17
Acceptable	19.2%	5
Needs Improvement	15.4%	4

Hon. Ami Larson

Hard working

Excellent	55.2%	16
Acceptable	17.2%	5
Needs Improvement	27.6%	8

Impartial

Excellent	41.4%	12
Acceptable	24.1%	7
Needs Improvement	34.5%	10

Correct law

Excellent	44.8%	13
Acceptable	27.6%	8
Needs Improvement	27.6%	8

Temperament

Excellent	41.4%	12
Acceptable	17.2%	5
Needs Improvement	41.4%	12

Overall

Excellent	48.3%	14
Acceptable	20.7%	6
Needs Improvement	31.0%	9

Hon. Dulce Madrigal - Title IV-D Child Support, Associate

Hard working

Excellent	60.9%	14
Acceptable	26.1%	6
Needs Improvement	13.0%	3

Impartial

Excellent	60.9%	14
Acceptable	26.1%	6
Needs Improvement	13.0%	3

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Correct law

Excellent	52.2%	12
Acceptable	30.4%	7
Needs Improvement	17.4%	4

Temperament

Excellent	60.9%	14
Acceptable	26.1%	6
Needs Improvement	13.0%	3

Overall

Excellent	56.5%	13
Acceptable	30.4%	7
Needs Improvement	8.7%	2
<i>No opinion</i>	4.3%	1

Hon. Todd Wong (County Court at Law 1)

Hard working

Excellent	71.9%	115
Acceptable	18.1%	29
Needs Improvement	4.4%	7
<i>No opinion</i>	5.6%	9

Impartial

Excellent	69.4%	111
Acceptable	18.1%	29
Needs Improvement	8.8%	14
<i>No opinion</i>	3.8%	6

Correct law

Excellent	68.8%	110
Acceptable	17.5%	28
Needs Improvement	9.4%	15
<i>No opinion</i>	4.4%	7

Temperament

Excellent	62.5%	100
Acceptable	18.1%	29
Needs Improvement	15.6%	25
<i>No opinion</i>	3.8%	6

Overall

Excellent	66.3%	106
Acceptable	19.4%	31

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Needs Improvement	10.6%	17
<i>No opinion</i>	3.8%	6

Hon. Eric Shepperd (County Court at Law 2)

Hard working

Excellent	74.1%	129
Acceptable	15.5%	27
Needs Improvement	6.9%	12
<i>No opinion</i>	3.4%	6

Impartial

Excellent	73.6%	128
Acceptable	19.0%	33
Needs Improvement	6.3%	11
<i>No opinion</i>	1.1%	2

Correct law

Excellent	67.8%	118
Acceptable	19.5%	34
Needs Improvement	9.8%	17
<i>No opinion</i>	2.9%	5

Temperament

Excellent	78.7%	137
Acceptable	14.9%	26
Needs Improvement	4.6%	8
<i>No opinion</i>	1.7%	3

Overall

Excellent	72.4%	126
Acceptable	19.0%	33
Needs Improvement	6.9%	12
<i>No opinion</i>	1.7%	3

Hon. John Lipscombe (County Court at Law 3)

Hard working

Excellent	22.1%	25
Acceptable	25.7%	29
Needs Improvement	48.7%	55
<i>No opinion</i>	3.5%	4

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Impartial

Excellent	29.2%	33
Acceptable	31.0%	35
Needs Improvement	36.3%	41
<i>No opinion</i>	3.5%	4

Correct law

Excellent	22.1%	25
Acceptable	28.3%	32
Needs Improvement	44.2%	50
<i>No opinion</i>	5.3%	6

Temperament

Excellent	24.8%	28
Acceptable	31.0%	35
Needs Improvement	41.6%	47
<i>No opinion</i>	2.7%	3

Overall

Excellent	21.2%	24
Acceptable	33.6%	38
Needs Improvement	44.2%	50
<i>No opinion</i>	0.9%	1

Hon. Mike Denton (County Court at Law 4)

Hard working

Excellent	60.5%	69
Acceptable	21.1%	24
Needs Improvement	14.9%	17
<i>No opinion</i>	3.5%	4

Impartial

Excellent	24.6%	28
Acceptable	33.3%	38
Needs Improvement	40.4%	46
<i>No opinion</i>	1.8%	2

Correct law

Excellent	35.1%	40
Acceptable	35.1%	40
Needs Improvement	29.8%	34

Temperament

Excellent	46.5%	53
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Judicial Evaluation Poll

Acceptable	31.6%	36
Needs Improvement	18.4%	21
<i>No opinion</i>	3.5%	4
Overall		
Excellent	38.6%	44
Acceptable	39.5%	45
Needs Improvement	21.1%	24
<i>No opinion</i>	0.9%	1

Hon. Nancy Hohengarten (County Court at Law 5)

Hard working

Excellent	69.6%	80
Acceptable	21.7%	25
Needs Improvement	6.1%	7
<i>No opinion</i>	2.6%	3

Impartial

Excellent	47.0%	54
Acceptable	30.4%	35
Needs Improvement	20.9%	24
<i>No opinion</i>	1.7%	2

Correct law

Excellent	52.2%	60
Acceptable	27.0%	31
Needs Improvement	16.5%	19
<i>No opinion</i>	4.3%	5

Temperament

Excellent	48.7%	56
Acceptable	31.3%	36
Needs Improvement	19.1%	22
<i>No opinion</i>	0.9%	1

Overall

Excellent	53.9%	62
Acceptable	28.7%	33
Needs Improvement	15.7%	18
<i>No opinion</i>	1.7%	2

Hon. Brandy Mueller (County Court at Law 6)

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Hard working

Excellent	57.0%	65
Acceptable	31.6%	36
Needs Improvement	7.0%	8
<i>No opinion</i>	4.4%	5

Impartial

Excellent	56.1%	64
Acceptable	24.6%	28
Needs Improvement	14.0%	16
<i>No opinion</i>	5.3%	6

Correct law

Excellent	49.1%	56
Acceptable	35.1%	40
Needs Improvement	8.8%	10
<i>No opinion</i>	7.0%	8

Temperament

Excellent	68.4%	78
Acceptable	21.1%	24
Needs Improvement	7.0%	8
<i>No opinion</i>	3.5%	4

Overall

Excellent	57.0%	65
Acceptable	30.7%	35
Needs Improvement	7.9%	9
<i>No opinion</i>	4.4%	5

Hon. Elisabeth Earle (County Court at Law 7)

Hard working

Excellent	36.0%	45
Acceptable	21.6%	27
Needs Improvement	39.2%	49
<i>No opinion</i>	3.2%	4

Impartial

Excellent	53.6%	67
Acceptable	32.8%	41
Needs Improvement	12.0%	15
<i>No opinion</i>	1.6%	2

Correct law

2019 Austin Bar Association and Travis County Defense Lawyers Association

Judicial Evaluation Poll

Excellent	52.0%	65
Acceptable	32.0%	40
Needs Improvement	12.0%	15

<i>No opinion</i>	4.0%	5
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Temperament

Excellent	63.2%	79
Acceptable	24.8%	31
Needs Improvement	9.6%	12

<i>No opinion</i>	2.4%	3
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Overall

Excellent	49.6%	62
Acceptable	32.8%	41
Needs Improvement	15.2%	19

<i>No opinion</i>	2.4%	3
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Hon. Carlos Barrera (County Court at Law 8)

Hard working

Excellent	76.0%	76
Acceptable	16.0%	16
Needs Improvement	5.0%	5

<i>No opinion</i>	3.0%	3
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Impartial

Excellent	51.0%	51
Acceptable	33.0%	33
Needs Improvement	14.0%	14

<i>No opinion</i>	2.0%	2
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Correct law

Excellent	49.0%	49
Acceptable	37.0%	37
Needs Improvement	11.0%	11

<i>No opinion</i>	3.0%	3
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Temperament

Excellent	55.0%	55
Acceptable	34.0%	34
Needs Improvement	9.0%	9

<i>No opinion</i>	2.0%	2
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Overall

Excellent	54.0%	54
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Acceptable	37.0%	37
Needs Improvement	8.0%	8
<i>No opinion</i>	1.0%	1

Hon. Kim Williams (County Court at Law 9)

Hard working

Excellent	82.9%	87
Acceptable	13.3%	14
Needs Improvement	0.0%	0
<i>No opinion</i>	3.8%	4

Impartial

Excellent	74.3%	78
Acceptable	16.2%	17
Needs Improvement	6.7%	7
<i>No opinion</i>	2.9%	3

Correct law

Excellent	71.4%	75
Acceptable	20.0%	21
Needs Improvement	1.0%	1
<i>No opinion</i>	7.6%	8

Temperament

Excellent	85.7%	90
Acceptable	11.4%	12
Needs Improvement	1.0%	1
<i>No opinion</i>	1.9%	2

Overall

Excellent	79.0%	83
Acceptable	18.1%	19
Needs Improvement	1.0%	1
<i>No opinion</i>	1.9%	2

Hon. Yvonne Williams (Justice of the Peace Precinct 1)

Hard working

Excellent	35.0%	21
Acceptable	21.7%	13
Needs Improvement	33.3%	20
<i>No opinion</i>	10.0%	6

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Judicial Evaluation Poll**

Impartial

Excellent	40.0%	24
Acceptable	23.3%	14
Needs Improvement	30.0%	18
<i>No opinion</i>	6.7%	4

Correct law

Excellent	33.3%	20
Acceptable	23.3%	14
Needs Improvement	36.7%	22
<i>No opinion</i>	6.7%	4

Temperament

Excellent	40.0%	24
Acceptable	25.0%	15
Needs Improvement	26.7%	16
<i>No opinion</i>	8.3%	5

Overall

Excellent	35.0%	21
Acceptable	21.7%	13
Needs Improvement	36.7%	22
<i>No opinion</i>	6.7%	4

Hon. Randall Slagle (Justice of the Peace Precinct 2)

Hard working

Excellent	66.3%	67
Acceptable	19.8%	20
Needs Improvement	5.9%	6
<i>No opinion</i>	7.9%	8

Impartial

Excellent	70.3%	71
Acceptable	15.8%	16
Needs Improvement	6.9%	7
<i>No opinion</i>	6.9%	7

Correct law

Excellent	66.3%	67
Acceptable	16.8%	17
Needs Improvement	9.9%	10
<i>No opinion</i>	6.9%	7

Temperament

2019 Austin Bar Association and Travis County Defense Lawyers Association

Judicial Evaluation Poll

Excellent	74.3%	75
Acceptable	12.9%	13
Needs Improvement	6.9%	7

<i>No opinion</i>	5.9%	6
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Overall

Excellent	69.3%	70
Acceptable	16.8%	17
Needs Improvement	6.9%	7
<i>No opinion</i>	6.9%	7

Hon. Raul Gonzalez (Justice of the Peace Precinct 4)

Hard working

Excellent	65.9%	56
Acceptable	18.8%	16
Needs Improvement	9.4%	8

<i>No opinion</i>	5.9%	5
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Impartial

Excellent	64.7%	55
Acceptable	20.0%	17
Needs Improvement	8.2%	7

<i>No opinion</i>	7.1%	6
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Correct law

Excellent	64.7%	55
Acceptable	17.6%	15
Needs Improvement	11.8%	10

<i>No opinion</i>	5.9%	5
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Temperament

Excellent	72.9%	62
Acceptable	11.8%	10
Needs Improvement	10.6%	9

<i>No opinion</i>	4.7%	4
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Overall

Excellent	68.2%	58
Acceptable	20.0%	17
Needs Improvement	8.2%	7
<i>No opinion</i>	3.5%	3

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Hon. Nicholas Chu (Justice of the Peace Precinct 5)

Hard working

Excellent	81.0%	94
Acceptable	9.5%	11
Needs Improvement	3.4%	4

<i>No opinion</i>	6.0%	7
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Impartial

Excellent	77.6%	90
Acceptable	11.2%	13
Needs Improvement	4.3%	5

<i>No opinion</i>	6.9%	8
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Correct law

Excellent	77.6%	90
Acceptable	9.5%	11
Needs Improvement	5.2%	6

<i>No opinion</i>	7.8%	9
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Temperament

Excellent	79.3%	92
Acceptable	12.1%	14
Needs Improvement	3.4%	4

<i>No opinion</i>	5.2%	6
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Overall

Excellent	77.6%	90
Acceptable	12.1%	14
Needs Improvement	4.3%	5

<i>No opinion</i>	6.0%	7
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Hon. Guy Herman (Probate Court 1)

Hard working

Excellent	70.7%	111
Acceptable	17.8%	28
Needs Improvement	7.0%	11

<i>No opinion</i>	4.5%	7
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Impartial

Excellent	61.8%	97
Acceptable	15.9%	25
Needs Improvement	17.2%	27

<i>No opinion</i>	5.1%	8
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Correct law

Excellent	64.3%	101
Acceptable	20.4%	32
Needs Improvement	11.5%	18
<i>No opinion</i>	3.8%	6

Temperament

Excellent	64.3%	101
Acceptable	20.4%	32
Needs Improvement	10.8%	17
<i>No opinion</i>	4.5%	7

Overall

Excellent	63.1%	99
Acceptable	19.1%	30
Needs Improvement	11.5%	18
<i>No opinion</i>	6.4%	10

Hon. Dan Prashner (Associate Judge, Probate Court)

Hard working

Excellent	81.0%	51
Acceptable	12.7%	8
Needs Improvement	1.6%	1
<i>No opinion</i>	4.8%	3

Impartial

Excellent	82.5%	52
Acceptable	11.1%	7
Needs Improvement	1.6%	1
<i>No opinion</i>	4.8%	3

Correct law

Excellent	77.8%	49
Acceptable	14.3%	9
Needs Improvement	1.6%	1
<i>No opinion</i>	6.3%	4

Temperament

Excellent	77.8%	49
Acceptable	15.9%	10
Needs Improvement	1.6%	1
<i>No opinion</i>	4.8%	3

Overall

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Judicial Evaluation Poll

Excellent	79.4%	50
Acceptable	12.7%	8
Needs Improvement	1.6%	1
<i>No opinion</i>	6.3%	4