

MUNICIPAL COURT BENCH RATED BY ATTORNEYS -- JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE POLL 2007

The results of the 2007 Performance Poll are in. Due to errors at the fulfillment house in 2005, this is the first poll released for Municipal Court judges since 2003.

Judges who have held office for at least one year were rated on a scale of one to five for performance in six categories: objectivity, judicial temperament, legal knowledge, sentencing, timeliness, and an overall rating.

Included in the poll were the Honorables: Ted Barrows, Michael T. Brandt, Julia L. Dorrian, Carrie E. Glaeden, James E. Green, Janet A. Grubb, Paul M. Herbert, W. Dwayne Maynard, Andrea C. Peeples, H. William Pollitt, Jr., Amy S. Salerno, Anne Taylor, Scott D. VanDerKarr, and Harland H. Hale from the Environmental Division.

The Columbus Bar Association sponsors the judicial performance poll annually, producing a grade card between elections that helps both voters and judges. Voters can watch their elected court officers, and judges can note how they are perceived in the legal community. The project has been so successful that attorneys have asked the Association to consider adding visiting judges to future polls.

The poll was conducted by Hausser + Taylor. Ballots were mailed to over 7,700 central Ohio attorneys in March. The results tally responses from attorneys who indicated they had appeared in the last two years before the judge they were rating. A total of 572 responses were counted, down slightly from prior years. Several other ballots were received, but postmarked after the deadline and were therefore not included.

The Performance Poll was developed by the Columbus Bar in an effort to help maintain the high quality of our judiciary and to educate voters during an election year. The results are also an element considered by the Columbus Bar's Judicial Screening Committee when interviewing judicial candidates prior to the fall elections.

Every spring the Columbus Bar releases its Judicial Performance Poll of sitting judges, in odd years rating the Franklin County Municipal Court, and in even years rating the Tenth District Court of Appeals, along with the Common Pleas, Domestic Relations, and Probate courts of Franklin County. In the fall, the Judicial Preference Poll is taken, surveying local attorneys for the judicial candidates preferred, and the results are released in time for the election in November.

**Columbus Bar Association
2007 Judicial Performance Poll of Municipal Court Judges
Combined Judges Average**

TOTAL RESPONSES

	Objectivity	Judicial Temperament	Legal Knowledge	Sentencing	Timeliness	Overall Rating
Barrows	4.2	4.3	4.2	3.8	4.3	4.2
Brandt	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.1	4.1	4.0
Dorrian	3.5	3.8	3.3	3.1	3.7	3.4
Glaeden	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.7	4.0	3.9
Green	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.1	3.6	3.5
Grubb	3.9	3.7	4.1	3.9	4.0	4.0
Herbert	4.4	4.6	4.1	4.4	4.4	4.4
Maynard	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.3	2.8	3.4
Peeples	3.5	3.7	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.4
Pollitt	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.5
Salerno	3.0	3.0	2.3	2.9	2.5	2.7
Taylor	4.4	4.6	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.4
VanDerKarr	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.5
Hale	3.9	4.0	3.8	4.0	3.7	3.9
Average All Judges	3.9	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9

Rating Criteria

1=Poor in this category 2=Weak in this category (significant improvement needed)
 3=Acceptable in this category (moderate improvement needed)
 4=Generally strong (minor improvement needed) 5=Excellent in this category