

2002 Judicial Performance Poll Results of Eligible Judges

Court of Appeals Judges

	<u>Bowman</u> Average	<u>Brown</u> Average	<u>Bryant</u> Average	<u>Deshler</u> Average	<u>Lazarus</u> Average	<u>Petree</u> Average	<u>Tyack</u> Average	Average All Judges
Objectivity	4.0	3.8	4.1	4.0	3.6	3.7	3.3	3.8
Judicial Temperament	4.2	4.1	4.3	4.1	3.9	3.9	3.5	4.0
Legal Knowledge	4.0	3.3	4.2	3.8	3.5	3.4	3.8	3.7
Quality of Opinions	3.9	3.4	4.1	3.8	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.7
Overall Rating	4.0	3.6	4.1	3.9	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.8

Common Pleas Court Judges

	<u>Bessey</u> Average	<u>Brunner</u> Average	<u>Cain</u> Average	<u>Connor</u> Average	<u>Crawford</u> Average	<u>Fais</u> Average	<u>Hogan</u> Average	<u>Johnson</u> Average	<u>McGrath</u> Average	<u>Miller</u> Average	<u>O'Neill</u> Average	<u>Pfeiffer</u> Average	<u>Sadler</u> Average	<u>Sheward</u> Average	<u>Travis</u> Average	<u>Watson</u> Average	Average All Judges
Objectivity:	4.0	3.8	4.1	3.3	2.8	3.7	4.1	4.3	3.9	3.8	2.1	3.2	3.7	3.0	4.2	4.0	3.6
Judicial Temperament:	4.3	4.0	4.3	2.9	2.3	3.7	4.3	4.5	4.1	3.8	1.7	3.2	4.0	2.9	4.3	4.2	3.6
Legal Knowledge:	3.8	3.3	3.7	3.3	3.5	3.3	4.0	4.1	3.8	3.8	2.1	3.1	3.6	3.2	4.4	3.8	3.5
Sentencing:	3.9	3.5	4.0	3.4	2.9	3.4	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.8	2.1	3.2	3.6	3.2	4.2	3.9	3.5
Timeliness:	3.9	3.5	3.9	3.4	3.5	3.0	4.1	4.0	3.7	3.8	2.2	3.3	3.7	3.4	4.1	3.8	3.6
Overall Rating:	4.0	3.6	4.0	3.2	2.9	3.4	4.1	4.2	3.9	3.8	1.9	3.1	3.7	3.0	4.2	4.0	3.6

Domestic Relations Court

	<u>Lias</u> Average	<u>Mason</u> Average	<u>Preisse</u> Average	<u>Squire</u> Average	Average All Judges
Objectivity	3.7	3.9	3.9	2.6	3.5
Judicial Temperament	3.3	4.1	4.1	2.7	3.5
Legal Knowledge	4.0	3.7	3.7	2.0	3.4
Sentencing	3.7	3.8	3.7	2.5	3.4
Timeliness	3.8	3.9	3.8	2.4	3.5
Overall Rating	3.7	3.9	3.9	2.3	3.4

Probate Court: Judge Belskis

	5	4	3	2	1	Average
Objectivity:	104	87	59	48	78	3.2
Judicial Temperament:	108	82	46	56	85	3.2
Legal Knowledge:	150	81	62	31	49	3.7
Timeliness:	132	81	64	36	46	3.6
Overall Rating:	116	82	60	50	71	3.3

Judicial Performance Poll 2002

Courts of Appeals, Common Pleas, Domestic Relations and Probate Benches rated by attorneys

The judges of four Franklin County courts received generally favorable ratings for their skills on the bench from the attorneys who appear before them, according to the poll recently released by the Columbus Bar.

The poll was conducted by Franklin University's Applied Research Institute. Ballots were mailed to over 7,000 central Ohio attorneys. 1,103 responses were returned.

Judges who have held office for at least one year were rated on a scale of one to five. Judges in Common Pleas and Domestic Relations courts are rated for performance in five categories: objectivity, judicial temperament, legal knowledge, sentencing and timeliness. The categories for sentencing and timeliness are excluded from the ratings of the judges in the Court of Appeals, who do not hand down sentences, but a rating for quality of opinions is added. Likewise, the Probate Court rating does not include the sentencing category.

The Performance results are also an element considered by the Columbus Bar's Judiciary Committee when interviewing judicial candidates.

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.