

Profile of Appellate and Trial Judges*

As of September 1, 2026

	Supreme Court	Court of Criminal Appeals	Court of Appeals	District Courts	Criminal District Courts	County Courts at Law	Probate Courts	County Courts	Justice Courts	Municipal Courts
NUMBER OF JUDGES:										
Number of Judge Positions	9	9	83	504	13	262	25	254	798	1,241
Number of Judges	9	9	83	502	13	262	25	254	794	1,212
Number of Vacant Positions	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	29
Number of Municipalities w/ Courts	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	954
Cities with No Courts	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	227
AGE OF JUDGES:										
Mean	(n = 8) 57	(n = 7) 63	(n = 75) 57	(n = 432) 56	(n = 11) 60	(n = 228) 58	(n = 22) 58	(n = 209) 60	(n = 713) 58	(n = 1,011) 61
Oldest	69	73	74	78	74	86	77	86	88	94
Youngest	45	53	40	34	46	30	39	33	28	27
RANGE OF AGE:										
Under 25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 through 34	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	9	10
35 through 44	0	0	4	33	0	15	3	12	53	89
45 through 54	5	1	19	122	2	57	5	39	125	153
55 through 64	1	3	30	184	6	83	9	61	237	281
65 through 74	2	3	22	86	3	61	2	65	218	302
Over 75	0	0	0	6	0	11	3	31	71	176
GENDER OF JUDGES:										
Males	(n = 9) 6	(n = 9) 7	(n = 83) 43	(n = 502) 259	(n = 13) 5	(n = 262) 160	(n = 25) 9	(n = 254) 221	(n = 794) 460	(n = 1,195) 705
Females	3	2	40	243	8	102	16	33	334	490
ETHNICITY OF JUDGES:										
African-American	(n = 8) 0	(n = 9) 1	(n = 80) 0	(n = 442) 55	(n = 11) 3	(n = 239) 26	(n = 23) 4	(n = 211) 0	(n = 707) 36	(n = 1,200) 64
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	2
Asian or Pacific Islander	0	0	1	8	0	6	1	2	1	12
Hispanic/Latino	1	0	18	93	1	48	7	21	137	218
White (Non-Hispanic)	7	8	59	285	6	159	11	185	529	700
Other	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	3	1	6
LENGTH OF SERVICE:										
Average	(n = 9) 7 Yr 4 Mo	(n = 9) 6 Yr 2 Mo	(n = 83) 4 Yr 9 Mo	(n = 502) 8 Yr 9 Mo	(n = 13) 7 Yr 4 Mo	(n = 262) 9 Yr 5 Mo	(n = 25) 8 Yr 7 Mo	(n = 254) 7 Yr 0 Mo	(n = 795) 9 Yr 6 Mo	(n = 1,621) 10 Yr 1 Mo
Longest	16 Yr 3 Mo	11 Yr 8 Mo	27 Yr 8 Mo	40 Yr 9 Mo	19 Yr 8 Mo	32 Yr 1 Mo	41 Yr 3 Mo	30 Yr 10 Mo	47 Yr 8 Mo	57 Yr 11 Mo
RANGE OF SERVICE ON THIS COURT IN YEARS:										
Under 1 Year	1	0	2	26	0	6	2	6	24	121
1 through 4	2	3	46	148	6	73	9	100	235	412
5 through 9	4	3	29	175	2	72	7	72	205	366
10 through 14	1	3	4	62	3	45	2	41	130	273
15 through 19	1	0	0	54	2	39	4	25	109	170
20 through 24	0	0	1	15	0	20	0	7	39	132
25 through 29	0	0	1	15	0	8	0	3	33	69
30 through 34	0	0	0	4	0	3	0	0	8	48
35 through 39	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	7	15
Over 40	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	18
FIRST ASSUMED OFFICE BY:										
Appointment	(n = 9) 8 (89%)	(n = 9) 1 (11%)	(n = 83) 26 (31%)	(n = 502) 151 (30%)	(n = 13) 3 (23%)	(n = 262) 65 (25%)	(n = 25) 8 (32%)	(n = 254) 54 (21%)	(n = 794) 229 (29%)	(n = 1,639) 1,619 (99%)
Election	1 (11%)	8 (89%)	57 (69%)	351 (70%)	10 (77%)	201 (77%)	17 (68%)	200 (79%)	565 (71%)	20 (1%)
EDUCATION:										
HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated	(n = 9) --	(n = 9) --	(n = 83) --	(n = 500) --	(n = 13) --	(n = 262) --	(n = 28) --	(n = 209) --	(n = 695) 669 (96%)	(n = 1,064) 986 (93%)
COLLEGE: Attended	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (0%)	1 (8%)	2 (1%)	1 (4%)	26 (12%)	142 (20%)	105 (10%)
Graduated	8 (89%)	7 (78%)	72 (87%)	432 (86%)	8 (62%)	222 (85%)	22 (79%)	130 (62%)	278 (40%)	726 (68%)
LAW SCHOOL: Attended	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (1%)	1 (0%)	1 (0%)
Graduated	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	83 (100%)	500 (100%)	13 (100%)	262 (100%)	28 (100%)	32 (15%)	70 (10%)	637 (60%)
LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW:										
Number Licensed	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	83 (100%)	502 (100%)	13 (100%)	262 (100%)	25 (100%)	32 (13%)	66 (8%)	655 (54%)
Mean Year Licensed	1999	1993	1994	1997	1995	1995	1999	1993	1997	1993
YEARS LICENSED:										
4 Years or Less	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
5 to 9 Years	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	16
10 to 14 Years	1	0	1	17	1	12	1	1	6	41
15 to 19 Years	2	0	14	66	0	26	7	2	10	72
20 to 24 Years	1	1	7	78	2	45	4	8	9	74
25 to 29 Years	2	3	12	105	4	41	4	2	8	82
30 or More Years	3	5	49	234	6	137	9	19	32	368
ORIGINALLY CAME TO THIS COURT FROM:										
Attorney Private Practice	2 (22%)	1 (11%)	26 (31%)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Judge of Lower Court	3 (33%)	2 (22%)	16 (19%)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Legislative Service	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other Governmental Service	2 (22%)	2 (22%)	7 (8%)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:										
Prosecutor	1 (11%)	5 (56%)	19 (23%)	190 (38%)	5 (38%)	106 (40%)	7 (28%)	5 (2%)	--	--
Attorney Private Practice	7 (78%)	3 (33%)	41 (49%)	354 (71%)	6 (46%)	165 (63%)	21 (84%)	25 (10%)	--	--
Judge of Lower Court	3 (33%)	1 (11%)	17 (20%)	44 (9%)	2 (15%)	25 (10%)	6 (24%)	2 (1%)	--	--
County Commissioner	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	22 (9%)	--	--

* Data may be incomplete, as this chart includes only information reported to OCA.