

MSBA Evaluation of Maine Trial Judges Survey

Fill in name of Judge: _____

I. Basis for Evaluation

A. Which of the following describes the basis for your evaluation of this judge? (Check one or more)

- Direct professional experience
- Professional reputation
- Social or personal contacts

Note: If you have insufficient knowledge to evaluate this judge, please do not complete this survey.

B. If you have had direct professional experience with this judge, which of the following best describes the amount of that experience? (Check one)

- Three or fewer substantive matters
- More than three substantive matters

II. Information about yourself (optional)

- A. State your gender (Check one) Male Female
- B. Years in Practice (Check one) Five or Fewer More than 5 years
- C. State the year of your birth: _____

III. To rate this judge, circle D if Deficient, A if Acceptable, G for Good, E for Excellent and IK if you have Insufficient Knowledge

Legal Ability

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|--|---|---|---|---|----|
| 1. Legal and factual analysis | D | A | G | E | IK |
| 2. Knowledge of substantive law | D | A | G | E | IK |
| 3. Knowledge of evidence and procedure | D | A | G | E | IK |
| 4. Oral skills | D | A | G | E | IK |
| 5. Writing ability | D | A | G | E | IK |

Impartiality

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| 6. Equal treatment of all attorneys | D | A | G | E | IK |
| 7. Free of gender bias | D | A | G | E | IK |
| 8. Free of age bias | D | A | G | E | IK |
| 9. Free of ethnic bias | D | A | G | E | IK |
| 10. Free of bias against low income litigants | D | A | G | E | IK |
| 11. Treats <i>pro se</i> litigants fairly | D | A | G | E | IK |
| 12. Fairness and justice towards litigants | D | A | G | E | IK |

Integrity

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| 13. Conduct free from both impropriety and appearance of of impropriety | D | A | G | E | IK |
| 14. Makes independent decisions not influenced by public or private controversy | D | A | G | E | IK |

Please complete reverse

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Judicial Temperament

15. Courtesy and civility	D	A	G	E	IK
16. Free of arrogance	D	A	G	E	IK
17. Human understanding and compassion	D	A	G	E	IK
18. Ability to control courtroom	D	A	G	E	IK
19. Patience	D	A	G	E	IK
20. Decisiveness	D	A	G	E	IK

Diligence

21. Makes decisions reasonably promptly	D	A	G	E	IK
22. Prepares for hearings	D	A	G	E	IK
23. Starts court on time	D	A	G	E	IK
24. Manages court time efficiently	D	A	G	E	IK

Special Skills

25. Fairness in sentencing	D	A	G	E	IK
26. Competence in cases involving children and families	D	A	G	E	IK

Overall Evaluation

27. Overall evaluation of judge	D	A	G	E	IK
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Describe this judge's strengths: (optional) _____

Describe this judge's weaknesses: (optional) _____

Other comments: (optional) _____

Return survey to:

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