

# JUDICIAL SURVEY FORM

"A lawyer shall not make a statement that the lawyer knows to be false or with reckless disregard as to its truth or falsity concerning the qualifications or integrity of a judge . . ." --SCR 20:8.2(a) Judicial and legal officials

Please print the judge's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(or court commissioner's name)

Circle "A" = Excellent "B" = Good "C" = Fair "D" = Poor "F" = Fails "N/O" = No Opinion

## INTEGRITY / GOOD CHARACTER

Treats all parties fairly..... A.....B.....C.....D.....F.....N/O  
Rulings are free from any predisposition to decide for a particular party..... A.....B.....C.....D.....F.....N/O  
Ex parte communications are not conducted..... A.....B.....C.....D.....F.....N/O  
Displays a basic sense of fairness and justice..... A.....B.....C.....D.....F.....N/O  
Displays a sensitivity to differences regarding gender, color, disability, age, economic circumstance, national origin, and sexual orientation..... A.....B.....C.....D.....F.....N/O

## JUDICIAL TEMPERAMENT

Shows courtesy and respect toward litigants..... A.....B.....C.....D.....F.....N/O  
Shows courtesy and respect toward lawyers..... A.....B.....C.....D.....F.....N/O  
Gives due scheduling consideration to the convenience of lawyers and litigants..... A.....B.....C.....D.....F.....N/O  
Refrains from prejudging the outcome of a case..... A.....B.....C.....D.....F.....N/O  
Refrains from coercing settlements..... A.....B.....C.....D.....F.....N/O

## LEGAL ABILITY

Understands the issues in complex cases..... A.....B.....C.....D.....F.....N/O  
Readily understands the issues in ordinary cases..... A.....B.....C.....D.....F.....N/O  
Rulings reflect a knowledge of current legal developments..... A.....B.....C.....D.....F.....N/O  
Rulings on evidence and procedure reflect a current knowledge of the law..... A.....B.....C.....D.....F.....N/O

## COMMUNICATION

Expresses written rulings clearly..... A.....B.....C.....D.....F.....N/O  
Explains oral rulings clearly..... A.....B.....C.....D.....F.....N/O  
Explains court procedures clearly and thoroughly..... A.....B.....C.....D.....F.....N/O  
Listens attentively..... A.....B.....C.....D.....F.....N/O  
Readily understands Internet / technology terms..... A.....B.....C.....D.....F.....N/O

## DECISIVENESS

Rules promptly..... A.....B.....C.....D.....F.....N/O  
Ensures steady progress of a case..... A.....B.....C.....D.....F.....N/O  
Rules decisively..... A.....B.....C.....D.....F.....N/O  
Decides cases with reasonable promptness..... A.....B.....C.....D.....F.....N/O  
Rules promptly on evidentiary questions..... A.....B.....C.....D.....F.....N/O

## DILIGENCE

Convenes court promptly..... A.....B.....C.....D.....F.....N/O  
Hearings and pretrial conferences reflect adequate research and preparation..... A.....B.....C.....D.....F.....N/O  
Deals with emergency matters expeditiously..... A.....B.....C.....D.....F.....N/O  
Uses court time efficiently..... A.....B.....C.....D.....F.....N/O

## OVERALL PERFORMANCE

Level of professionalism..... A.....B.....C.....D.....F.....N/O  
How do you rate him/her among his/her peers with respect to skill and intelligence?..... A.....B.....C.....D.....F.....N/O  
What is your overall satisfaction level with this judicial officer?..... A.....B.....C.....D.....F.....N/O

## COURT STAFF AND COURTROOM

Level of courteousness of his/her support staff..... A.....B.....C.....D.....F.....N/O  
Staff well trained and knowledgeable..... A.....B.....C.....D.....F.....N/O  
Level of courtroom cleanliness courtroom..... A.....B.....C.....D.....F.....N/O  
Telephonic conferencing used efficiently..... A.....B.....C.....D.....F.....N/O

## ABOUT YOU

How many times have you appeared in front of this judicial officer?.....  
In what capacity?.....

