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January 5, 2026

The Honorable Scott A. Surovell
Chair, Courts of Justice Committee
Senate of Virginia
P.O. Box 396
Richmond, VA 23218

The Honorable Patrick A. Hope
Chair, Courts of Justice Committee
Virginia House of Delegates
P.O. Box 406
Richmond, VA 23218

Dear Chairs Surovell and Hope:

Va. Code §17.1-106 requires the Office of the Executive Secretary (OES) to distribute evaluation forms for retired recalled circuit court judges during the final year of the three-year period following their qualification by the House and Senate Courts of Justice Committees. In addition, item 31.O of the 2025 Appropriation Act requires the Office of the Executive Secretary to collect information regarding the numbers and types of cases referred to retired circuit court judges. This letter serves to report the results of these activities to the House and Senate Courts of Justice Committees. This process is not part of the Judicial Performance Evaluation (JPE) Program, which is established in Virginia Code § 17.1-100 and the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia.

Survey Description

The retired recalled circuit court judges survey measured the frequency (i.e., never, rarely, some of the time, frequently, always) of the following judicial attributes:

1. The judge uses courtroom time efficiently.
2. The judge is patient.
3. The judge shows respect for all court participants.
4. The judge is attentive to the proceedings.

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5. The judge is prompt in rendering decisions.
6. The judge displays knowledge of the law.
7. The judge exhibits fairness to all parties.
8. The judge communicates effectively.
9. The judge exhibits a good faith consideration of the law.
10. The judge's decisions are clear.

Survey recipients included all active attorneys licensed to practice law in Virginia and all Clerks of the circuit courts ("circuit court clerks").¹ Clerks were not asked to rate a judge's knowledge of the law or a judge's good faith consideration of the law.

Upon completion of an evaluation, attorneys and clerks certified that they had not completed more than one response for a particular judge. Attorneys also certified that their responses were based on their personal experience with the judge. Although clerks were asked to complete the evaluation independently, they were not asked to certify that their responses were based on their personal experience with the judge. This allowed them the option to consult with a courtroom clerk who may have had more direct interaction with the judge.

To collect information regarding the numbers and types of cases referred to retired circuit court judges, attorneys were asked to indicate the case types before which they appeared before or observed a retired recalled judge. Attorneys who responded that they had not appeared before one of the 19 listed retired circuit judges but had appeared before a retired circuit judge who was not listed, also answered this question.

Survey Distribution

On October 1, 2025, the OES distributed an online survey to evaluate a group of 19 retired recalled circuit court judges in their final year of the three-year period following their qualification and to collect information about the number and types of cases referred to retired circuit court judges.

A survey announcement with a link to the survey was sent via email to all active licensed attorneys and all circuit court clerks. The announcement to attorneys asked them to complete the anonymous 5-minute survey for each retired judge who they appeared before or observed in the past 12 months (October 1, 2024-September 30, 2025).² If an attorney appeared before a retired judge who was not listed (i.e., not being evaluated this year) the attorney was asked to select *Not*

¹ Clerks of court were included in this evaluation process to give them the opportunity to rate the performance of retired judges who sit in their courts.

² Attorneys who had not appeared before or observed a retired judge in the past 12 months were to disregard the survey.

Listed for purposes of collecting the numbers and types of cases referred to retired circuit court judges.

The announcement to clerks asked them to complete the anonymous 5-minute survey for each retired judge who sat in recall in their court during the same 12-month time-period.

Follow-up survey announcements were sent to all active licensed attorneys and to all circuit court clerks on October 16. The survey closed on October 31.

Survey Completion

A total of 1,456 respondents (1,393 attorneys and 63 clerks) completed a survey. A completed survey is one in which the respondent clicked *Done* on the last page of the survey.

Respondents completed 755 evaluations.³ Of these, 692 were completed by attorneys and 63 were completed by clerks. All 19 judges were evaluated by at least one attorney respondent and 14 of the 19 judges were evaluated by at least one clerk respondent. Attorney respondents who completed a survey by indicating that they appeared before or observed a retired judge who was not listed totaled 701.⁴

An additional 1,050 respondents (977 attorneys and 73 clerks) started a survey by entering at least one answer and clicking *Next* on at least one survey page but did not click *Done* on the last page of the survey. These surveys are considered to have been in progress or abandoned at the end of the survey close date and are not included in the results.

Overview of Evaluation Results

Out of 692 attorney respondents, 89 (13%) reported that they appeared before or observed a particular retired judge more than 5 times.

Attorneys and clerks rated retired circuit court judges across eight evaluation areas. The results show that 89% to 93% of respondents indicated that the judges *always* or *frequently* used courtroom time efficiently, were patient, showed respect for court participants, were attentive to proceedings, rendered decisions promptly, exhibited fairness to all parties, communicated effectively, and made clear decisions.

³ Twenty-three responses have been excluded from these data because the circuit court judge name did not register with the response.

⁴ Of the 698 respondents who indicated that they appeared before or observed a retired judge who was not listed, 68 did not indicate the types of cases in which they appeared before or observed the judge.

Attorneys rated judges across two additional evaluation areas: good faith consideration of applicable law and knowledge of the law. Ninety percent of attorneys believe that the judge *always* or *frequently* considered the law in good faith, and 89% of attorneys believe that the judge *always* or *frequently* demonstrated knowledge of the law.

The response data in aggregate are provided below.

Circuit Court Judicial Attributes	1-Never	2-Rarely	3-Some of the Time	4-Frequently	5-Always	N/A-Don't Know/ Not Applicable	Number of Respondents
The judge uses courtroom time efficiently:	0.1%	0.9%	4.2%	14.2%	75.1%	5.5%	746
The judge is patient:	0.9%	2.7%	5.1%	18.4%	70.7%	2.3%	750
The judge shows respect for all court participants:	0.8%	1.7%	4.0%	10.1%	81.7%	1.6%	750
The judge is attentive to the proceedings:	0.8%	1.5%	3.9%	10.5%	82.0%	1.3%	750
The judge is prompt in rendering decisions:	0.7%	1.1%	3.5%	11.3%	79.4%	4.1%	752
The judge displays knowledge of the law:	0.9%	2.6%	6.1%	14.4%	74.6%	1.5%	689
The judge exhibits fairness to all parties:	1.2%	3.3%	3.5%	10.3%	79.9%	1.9%	751
The judge communicates effectively:	0.8%	2.5%	4.8%	12.2%	78.4%	1.3%	753
The judge exhibits a good faith consideration of applicable law:	1.3%	2.9%	4.1%	12.0%	78.0%	1.7%	690
The judge's decisions are clear:	0.7%	1.3%	4.7%	12.5%	77.5%	3.3%	751

These results indicate that the retired recalled circuit court judges evaluated use courtroom time efficiently, are attentive and respectful during court proceedings, and are prompt in rendering clear decisions. Individual survey results for each retired recalled judge are attached in alphabetical order by last name.

Overview of Results of the Numbers and Types of Cases Referred to Retired Circuit Court Judges

Case filings and types are not tracked for retired judges. Survey results identifying the case type(s) in which the attorney appeared before or observed a retired circuit court judge indicate that 65% (998/1,527) of the cases were civil in nature. Civil case types included on the survey were domestic relations, tort, contract, and other civil. Criminal case type was a stand-alone selection and counted for 35% (529/1,527) of the cases in which the survey respondents appeared before or observed retired judges. A report detailing case type responses is attached.

Retired circuit court judges served for 4,654 days over the 12-month period, October 1, 2024-September 30, 2025.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "KRH", with a horizontal line extending from the end.

Karl R. Hade

KRH:jrs
Attachments

cc: The Honorable Mark D. Obenshain
The Honorable Ryan T. McDougale
The Honorable R. Creigh Deeds
The Honorable Richard H. Stuart
The Honorable William M. Stanley, Jr.
The Honorable Jennifer B. Boysko
The Honorable Mark J. Peake
The Honorable Lamont Bagby
The Honorable Emily M. Jordan
The Honorable Lashrecse D. Aird
The Honorable Jennifer D. Carroll Foy
The Honorable Russet Perry
The Honorable Saddam Azlan Salim
The Honorable Barbara A. Favola
The Honorable Marcus B. Simon
The Honorable Vivian E. Watts
The Honorable Richard C. Sullivan, Jr.
The Honorable Karrie K. Delaney
The Honorable Michelle Lopes Maldonado
The Honorable Phil M. Hernandez
The Honorable Rae Cousins
The Honorable Atoosa R. Reaser
The Honorable Joshua E. Thomas
The Honorable Katrina Callsen
The Honorable Karen Keys-Gamarra
The Honorable Terry G. Kilgore
The Honorable James A. Leftwich
The Honorable Jason S. Ballard
The Honorable Wren M. Williams
The Honorable A.C. Cordoza
The Honorable Jonathan Arnold
The Honorable Will Davis
The Honorable Chris Obenshain
The Honorable Mark L. Earley, Jr.
Division of Legislative Automated Systems



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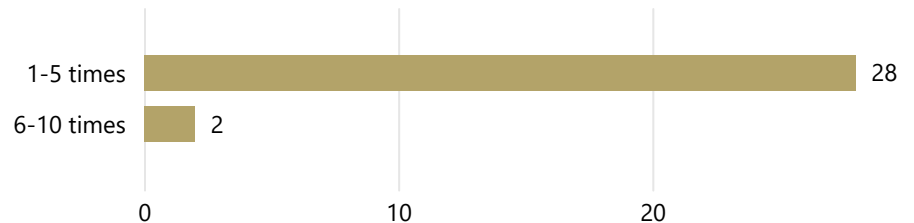
Evaluations of
The Honorable

Michelle J. Atkins

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Total Number of Respondents

Attorney respondents appearing before/observing this judge:



Rate the judge's performance:¹

● 1-Never ● 2-Rarely ● 3-Some of the Time ● 4-Frequently ● 5-Always ● N/A-Don't Know/ Not Applicable

The judge uses courtroom time efficiently:

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The judge is patient:

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The judge shows respect for all court participants:

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The judge is attentive to the proceedings:

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The judge is prompt in rendering decisions:

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The judge displays knowledge of the law:

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The judge exhibits fairness to all parties:

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The judge communicates effectively:

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The judge exhibits good faith consideration of applicable law:

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The judge's decisions are clear:

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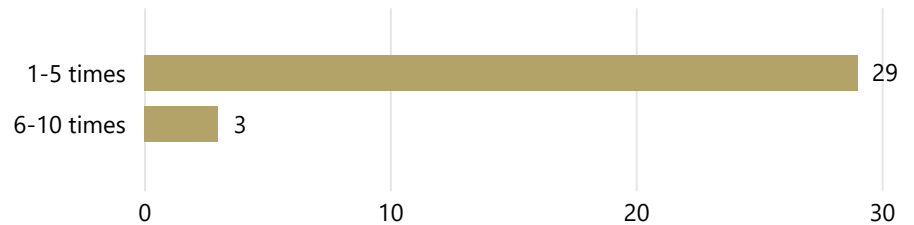
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The Honorable

William D. Broadhurst

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Total Number of Respondents

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The judge uses courtroom time efficiently:

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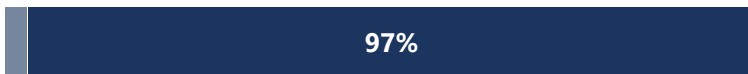
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The judge is prompt in rendering decisions:

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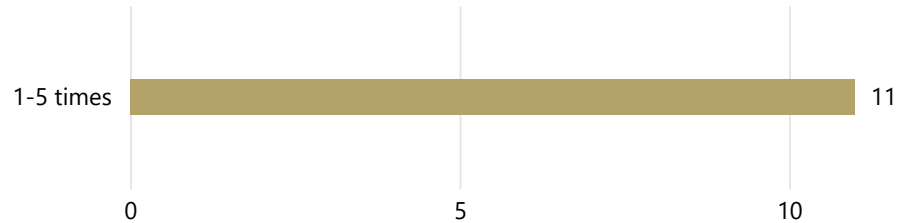
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The Honorable

John W. Brown

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Total Number of Respondents

Attorney respondents appearing before/observing this judge:



Rate the judge's performance:¹

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The judge uses courtroom time efficiently: 11



The judge is patient: 11



The judge shows respect for all court participants: 11



The judge is attentive to the proceedings: 11



The judge is prompt in rendering decisions: 11



The judge displays knowledge of the law: 11



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The judge's decisions are clear: 11



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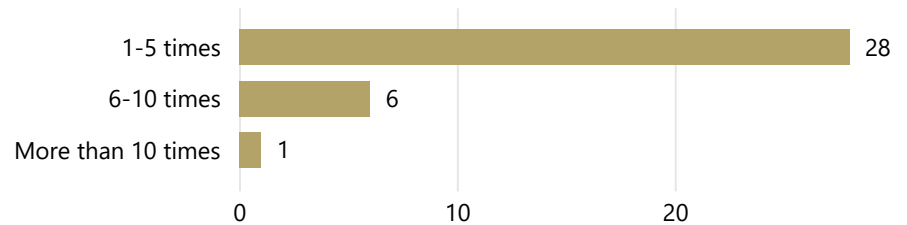
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The Honorable

Joel P. Crowe

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Total Number of Respondents

Attorney respondents appearing before/observing this judge:



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The judge uses courtroom time efficiently:

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The judge is patient:

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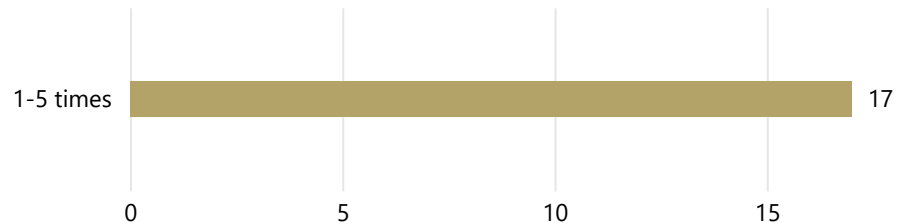
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The Honorable

Nolan B. Dawkins

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The judge is attentive to the proceedings:

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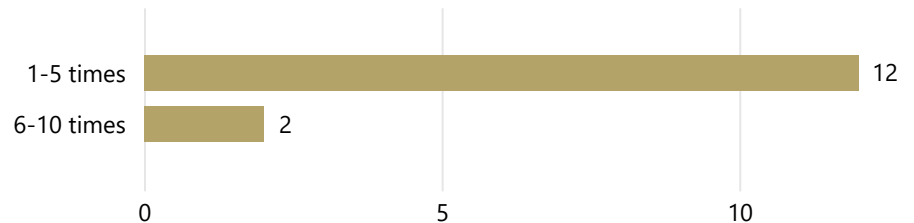
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The Honorable

Michael T. Garrett

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Total Number of Respondents

Attorney respondents appearing before/observing this judge:



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The judge is patient:

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The judge shows respect for all court participants:

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The judge is attentive to the proceedings:

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The judge is prompt in rendering decisions:

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The judge displays knowledge of the law:

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The judge exhibits fairness to all parties:

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The judge communicates effectively:

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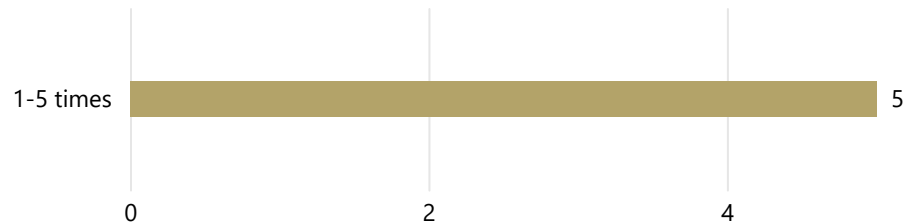
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W. Chapman Goodwin

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The judge uses courtroom time efficiently:

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The judge is patient:

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The judge is attentive to the proceedings:

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The judge displays knowledge of the law:

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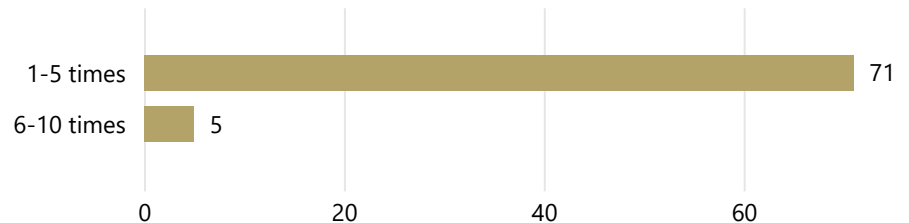
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T.J. Hauler

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The judge uses courtroom time efficiently:

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The judge is patient:

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The judge is attentive to the proceedings:

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The judge is prompt in rendering decisions:

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The judge displays knowledge of the law:

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The judge exhibits fairness to all parties:

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The judge communicates effectively:

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The judge exhibits good faith consideration of applicable law:

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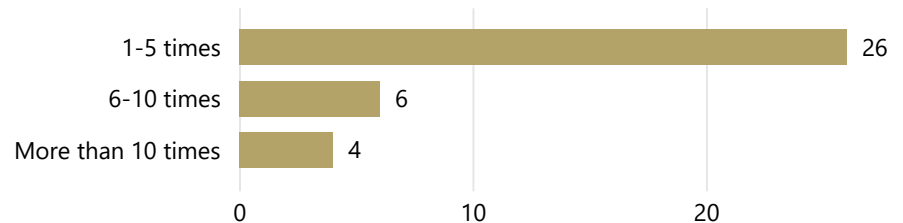
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Christopher W. Hutton

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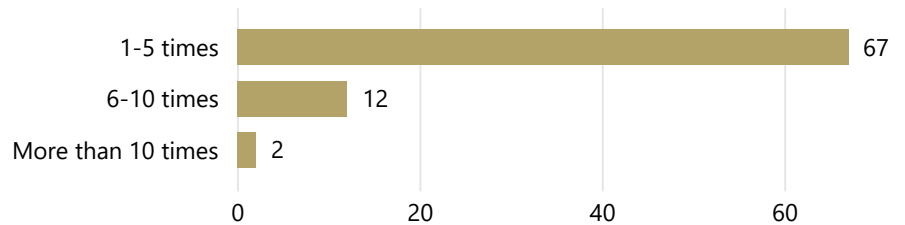
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Jeanette A. Irby

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The judge is patient:

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The judge shows respect for all court participants:

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The judge is attentive to the proceedings:

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The judge is prompt in rendering decisions:

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The judge displays knowledge of the law:

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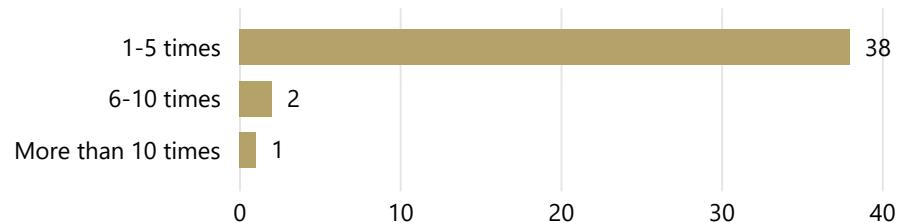
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The Honorable

Leslie L. Lilley

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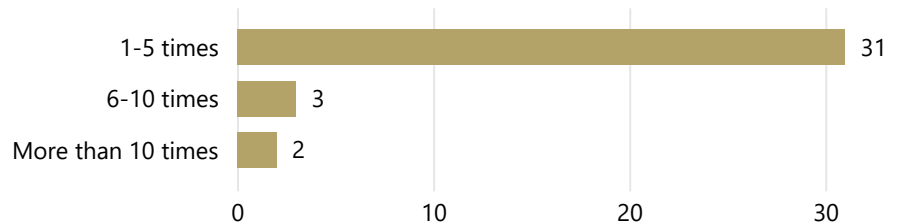
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C. Randall Lowe

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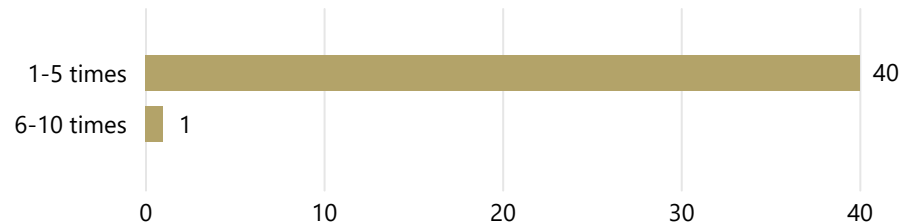
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William T. Newman, Jr.

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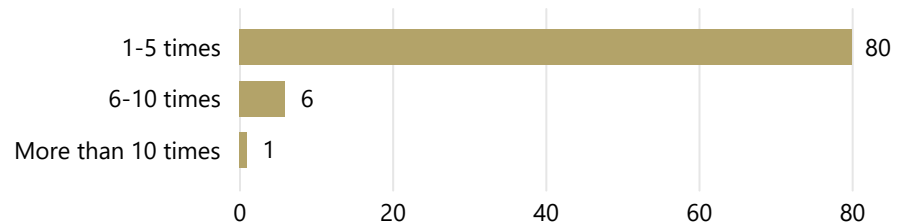
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H. Thomas Padrick, Jr.

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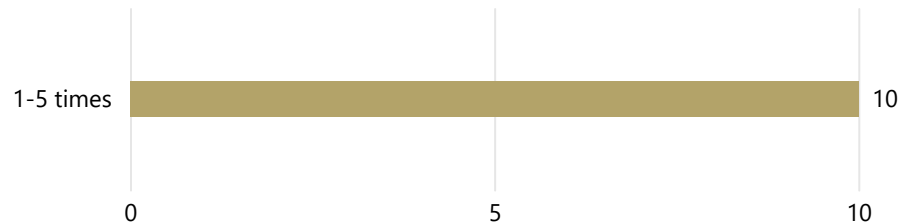
Evaluations of
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Charles L. Ricketts, III

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The judge's decisions are clear:

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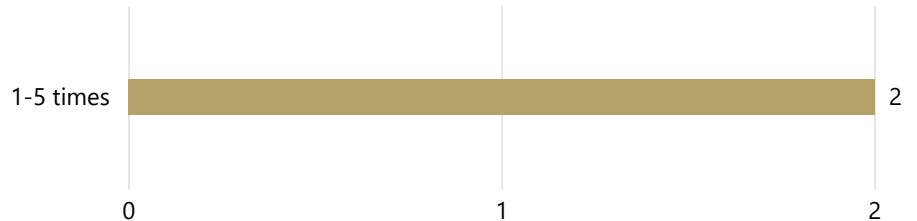
Evaluations of
The Honorable

Gregory L. Rupe

2

Total Number of Respondents

Attorney respondents appearing before/observing this judge:



Rate the judge's performance:¹

● 1-Never ● 2-Rarely ● 3-Some of the Time ● 4-Frequently ● 5-Always ● N/A-Don't Know/ Not Applicable

The judge uses courtroom time efficiently:

2



The judge is patient:

2



The judge shows respect for all court participants:

2



The judge is attentive to the proceedings:

2



The judge is prompt in rendering decisions:

2



The judge displays knowledge of the law:

2



The judge exhibits fairness to all parties:

2



The judge communicates effectively:

2



The judge exhibits good faith consideration of applicable law:

2



The judge's decisions are clear:

2



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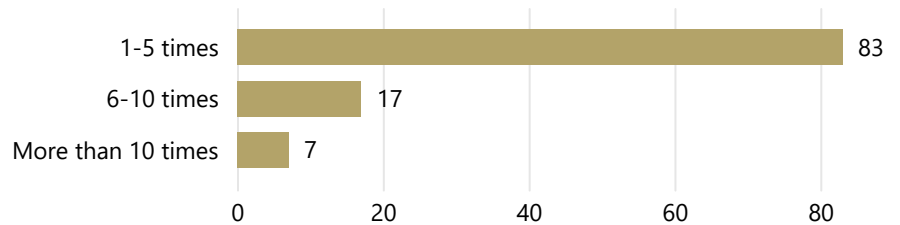
Evaluations of
The Honorable

Charles S. Sharp

120

Total Number of Respondents

Attorney respondents appearing before/observing this judge:



Rate the judge's performance:¹

● 1-Never ● 2-Rarely ● 3-Some of the Time ● 4-Frequently ● 5-Always ● N/A-Don't Know/ Not Applicable

The judge uses courtroom time efficiently:

120



The judge is patient:

120



The judge shows respect for all court participants:

120



The judge is attentive to the proceedings:

120



The judge is prompt in rendering decisions:

120



The judge displays knowledge of the law:

107



The judge exhibits fairness to all parties:

120



The judge communicates effectively:

120



The judge exhibits good faith consideration of applicable law:

107



The judge's decisions are clear:

120



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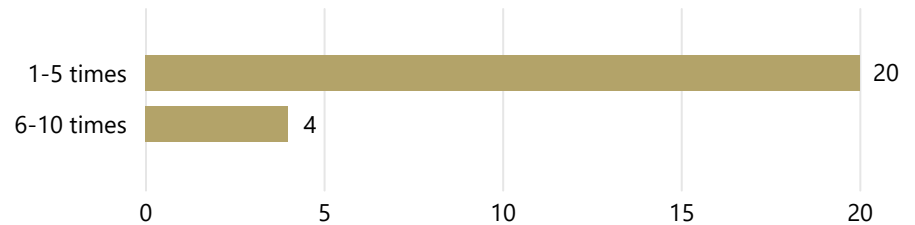
Evaluations of
The Honorable

W. Allan Sharrett

29

Total Number of Respondents

Attorney respondents appearing before/observing this judge:



Rate the judge's performance:¹

● 1-Never ● 2-Rarely ● 3-Some of the Time ● 4-Frequently ● 5-Always ● N/A-Don't Know/ Not Applicable

The judge uses courtroom time efficiently:

28



The judge is patient:

29



The judge shows respect for all court participants:

29



The judge is attentive to the proceedings:

29



The judge is prompt in rendering decisions:

29



The judge displays knowledge of the law:

24



The judge exhibits fairness to all parties:

29



The judge communicates effectively:

29



The judge exhibits good faith consideration of applicable law:

24



The judge's decisions are clear:

29



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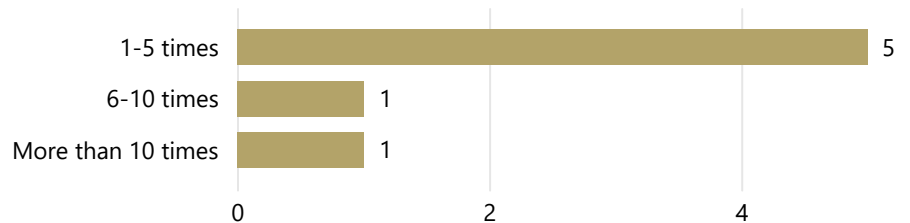
Evaluations of
The Honorable

Susan L. Whitlock

7

Total Number of Respondents

Attorney respondents appearing before/observing this judge:



Rate the judge's performance:¹

● 1-Never ● 2-Rarely ● 3-Some of the Time ● 4-Frequently ● 5-Always ● N/A-Don't Know/ Not Applicable

The judge uses courtroom time efficiently:

7

100%

The judge is patient:

7

14%

86%

The judge shows respect for all court participants:

7

100%

The judge is attentive to the proceedings:

7

100%

The judge is prompt in rendering decisions:

7

100%

The judge displays knowledge of the law:

7

100%

The judge exhibits fairness to all parties:

7

100%

The judge communicates effectively:

7

100%

The judge exhibits good faith consideration of applicable law:

7

100%

The judge's decisions are clear:

7

100%

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2025 Number and Types of Cases Attorneys Appeared Before of Observed Retired Circuit Court Judges

The data below show the number of case types referred to retired circuit court judges and breaks the total down by case type. Data include responses from attorneys who completed an evaluation for retired circuit court judges subject to review in 2026 by the House and Senate Courts of Justice Committees, and those who appeared before or observed retired circuit court judges who are not subject to review in 2026.

1,527

Total Case Types

119

Contract

529

Criminal

270

Domestic Relations

158

Tort

451

Other Civil

