



Johnson County Bar Association Judicial Review

Kansas Supreme Court 2020 Judicial Evaluation Results

Overview

- The Johnson County Bar Association emailed surveys to 4,278 lawyers with registered offices in Johnson County.
- 415 surveys were returned and this quantity was above the number needed to achieve a 95% confidence level with a 5% margin of error, which are research industry standards. Therefore, these results are considered representative of the surveyed population.
- Lawyers were asked to evaluate judges with whom they had personal experience.
- Survey data was kept confidential and managed by a third party.

Retention results for Supreme Court Justice appearing on the November 2020 ballot:

Justice Name	Yes – Should be retained	No – Should not be retained
Justice Eric Rosen	94%	6%

Full Survey Results

Comprehensive survey results for all Kansas Supreme Court justices follows.

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Justice Carol Beier – 18 responses

78% - Yes, should be retained

22% - No, should not be retained

ATTRIBUTE	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Legal Ability and Reasoning Makes reasoned decisions based upon the law and facts; Appropriately follows established legal precedent in opinions	44%	11%	17%	17%	11%
Integrity and Impartiality Behaves in a manner that is free from impropriety or the appearance of impropriety; Renders decisions without regard to possible public criticism; Acts fairly by giving all parties individual consideration; Keeps an open mind and considers all relevant issues in making decisions	50%	11%	28%	0%	11%
Communication Uses clear and logical communication during oral argument; Writes clear opinions that adequately explain the basis if the Court's decision; Submits timely decisions	50%	28%	11%	0%	11%
Professionalism and Temperament Acts in a dignified manner with patience and self-control; Treats court personnel and attorneys with courtesy	53%	29%	0%	6%	12%
OVERALL PERFORMANCE	47%	18%	18%	6%	12%

Justice Dan Biles – 18 responses

78% - Yes, should be retained

22% - No, should not be retained

ATTRIBUTE	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Legal Ability and Reasoning Makes reasoned decisions based upon the law and facts; Appropriately follows established legal precedent in opinions	44%	17%	28%	6%	6%
Integrity and Impartiality Behaves in a manner that is free from impropriety or the appearance of impropriety; Renders decisions without regard to possible public criticism; Acts fairly by giving all parties individual consideration; Keeps an open mind and considers all relevant issues in making decisions	50%	17%	22%	11%	0%
Communication Uses clear and logical communication during oral argument; Writes clear opinions that adequately explain the basis if the Court's decision; Submits timely decisions	56%	22%	22%	0%	0%
Professionalism and Temperament Acts in a dignified manner with patience and self-control; Treats court personnel and attorneys with courtesy	61%	17%	17%	6%	0%
OVERALL PERFORMANCE	56%	13%	19%	13%	0%

Chief Justice Marla Luckert – 17 responses

94% - Yes, should be retained

6% - No, should not be retained

ATTRIBUTE	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Legal Ability and Reasoning Makes reasoned decisions based upon the law and facts; Appropriately follows established legal precedent in opinions	59%	6%	29%	0%	6%
Integrity and Impartiality Behaves in a manner that is free from impropriety or the appearance of impropriety; Renders decisions without regard to possible public criticism; Acts fairly by giving all parties individual consideration; Keeps an open mind and considers all relevant issues in making decisions	53%	24%	12%	6%	6%
Communication Uses clear and logical communication during oral argument; Writes clear opinions that adequately explain the basis if the Court's decision; Submits timely decisions	53%	29%	6%	0%	12%
Professionalism and Temperament Acts in a dignified manner with patience and self-control; Treats court personnel and attorneys with courtesy	69%	25%	0%	0%	6%
OVERALL PERFORMANCE	59%	24%	12%	0%	6%

Justice Eric Rosen – 16 responses

94% - Yes, should be retained

6% - No, should not be retained

ATTRIBUTE	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Legal Ability and Reasoning Makes reasoned decisions based upon the law and facts; Appropriately follows established legal precedent in opinions	47%	13%	27%	7%	7%
Integrity and Impartiality Behaves in a manner that is free from impropriety or the appearance of impropriety; Renders decisions without regard to possible public criticism; Acts fairly by giving all parties individual consideration; Keeps an open mind and considers all relevant issues in making decisions	53%	33%	7%	0%	7%
Communication Uses clear and logical communication during oral argument; Writes clear opinions that adequately explain the basis if the Court's decision; Submits timely decisions	53%	33%	7%	0%	7%
Professionalism and Temperament Acts in a dignified manner with patience and self-control; Treats court personnel and attorneys with courtesy	53%	33%	7%	0%	7%
OVERALL PERFORMANCE	53%	33%	7%	0%	7%

Justice Caleb Stegall – 17 responses

71% - Yes, should be retained

29% - No, should not be retained

ATTRIBUTE	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Legal Ability and Reasoning Makes reasoned decisions based upon the law and facts; Appropriately follows established legal precedent in opinions	47%	12%	18%	12%	12%
Integrity and Impartiality Behaves in a manner that is free from impropriety or the appearance of impropriety; Renders decisions without regard to possible public criticism; Acts fairly by giving all parties individual consideration; Keeps an open mind and considers all relevant issues in making decisions	59%	12%	6%	12%	12%
Communication Uses clear and logical communication during oral argument; Writes clear opinions that adequately explain the basis if the Court's decision; Submits timely decisions	65%	12%	6%	6%	12%
Professionalism and Temperament Acts in a dignified manner with patience and self-control; Treats court personnel and attorneys with courtesy	71%	18%	6%	0%	6%
OVERALL PERFORMANCE	53%	6%	18%	18%	6%

Justice Evelyn Wilson – 7 responses

83% - Yes, should be retained

17% - No, should not be retained

ATTRIBUTE	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Legal Ability and Reasoning Makes reasoned decisions based upon the law and facts; Appropriately follows established legal precedent in opinions	57%	0%	29%	0%	14%
Integrity and Impartiality Behaves in a manner that is free from impropriety or the appearance of impropriety; Renders decisions without regard to possible public criticism; Acts fairly by giving all parties individual consideration; Keeps an open mind and considers all relevant issues in making decisions	57%	0%	29%	0%	14%
Communication Uses clear and logical communication during oral argument; Writes clear opinions that adequately explain the basis of the Court's decision; Submits timely decisions	57%	0%	29%	0%	14%
Professionalism and Temperament Acts in a dignified manner with patience and self-control; Treats court personnel and attorneys with courtesy	57%	0%	29%	0%	14%
OVERALL PERFORMANCE	57%	0%	29%	0%	14%