



Johnson County Bar Association Judicial Review

Kansas Court of Appeals 2022 Judicial Evaluation Results

Overview

- The Johnson County Bar Association emailed surveys to 3,818 lawyers with registered offices in Johnson County. Five hundred four (504) surveys were returned for a response rate of 13%.
- Lawyers were asked to evaluate judges with whom they had personal experience. Therefore, the number of total responses for individual judges vary.
- Survey data was kept confidential and managed by a third party.

Retention results for judges appearing on the November 2022 ballot:

Judge's Name	Yes, should be retained	No, should not be retained	Total responses
Hon. Amy Fellows Cline	67%	33%	6
Hon. Henry Green	92%	8%	12
Hon. Stephen Hill	88%	12%	17
Hon. Jacy Hurst	100%	0%	6
Hon. Leslie Ann Isherwood	100%	0%	6
Hon. Thomas Malone	71%	29%	7
Hon. Kim Schroeder	90%	10%	10

Full Survey Results

Comprehensive survey results for all Kansas Court of Appeals judges follow.

Hon. Karen Arnold-Burger – 20 Responses

100% Yes, should be retained

	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	80%	20%	0%	0%	0%
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	84%	16%	0%	0%	0%
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	85%	10%	5%	0%	0%
Professionalism and Temperament: Acts in a dignified manner with patience and self-control; treats court personnel and attorneys with courtesy	80%	15%	5%	0%	0%
OVERALL PERFORMANCE	79%	21%	0%	0%	0%

Hon. G. Gordon Atcheson – 19 Responses

89% Yes, should be retained

11% No, should not be retained

	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	53%	26%	11%	0%	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	74%	21%	0%	0%	5%
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	63%	26%	5%	0%	5%
Professionalism and Temperament: Acts in a dignified manner with patience and self-control; treats court personnel and attorneys with courtesy	68%	16%	11%	0%	5%
OVERALL PERFORMANCE	56%	28%	6%	0%	11%

Hon. David Bruns – 17 Responses

88% Yes, should be retained

12% No, should not be retained

	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%	29%	12%	0%	0%
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	65%	35%	0%	0%	0%
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	63%	38%	0%	0%	0%
Professionalism and Temperament: Acts in a dignified manner with patience and self-control; treats court personnel and attorneys with courtesy	71%	29%	0%	0%	0%
OVERALL PERFORMANCE	63%	31%	6%	0%	0%

Hon. Amy Fellows Cline – 6 Responses

67% Yes, should be retained

33% No, should not be retained

	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	50%	17%	17%	17%	0%
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%	33%	0%	0%
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	50%	17%	0%	17%	17%
Professionalism and Temperament: Acts in a dignified manner with patience and self-control; treats court personnel and attorneys with courtesy	50%	17%	33%	0%	0%
OVERALL PERFORMANCE	50%	17%	17%	17%	0%

Hon. Kathryn Gardner – 11 Responses

83% Yes, should be retained

17% No, should not be retained

	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	75%	8%	0%	8%	8%
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	83%	8%	0%	8%	0%
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	75%	8%	17%	0%	0%
Professionalism and Temperament: Acts in a dignified manner with patience and self-control; treats court personnel and attorneys with courtesy	83%	8%	8%	0%	0%
OVERALL PERFORMANCE	75%	8%	8%	0%	8%

Hon. Henry Green – 12 Responses

92% Yes, should be retained

8% No, should not be retained

	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	58%	17%	8%	17%	0%
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	67%	17%	8%	8%	0%
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	50%	42%	0%	8%	0%
Professionalism and Temperament: Acts in a dignified manner with patience and self-control; treats court personnel and attorneys with courtesy	58%	33%	8%	0%	0%
OVERALL PERFORMANCE	64%	18%	9%	9%	0%

Hon. Stephen Hill – 17 Responses

88% Yes, should be retained

12% No, should not be retained

	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	53%	29%	12%	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	59%	18%	18%	0%	6%
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	47%	35%	12%	0%	6%
Professionalism and Temperament: Acts in a dignified manner with patience and self-control; treats court personnel and attorneys with courtesy	59%	18%	18%	0%	6%
OVERALL PERFORMANCE	56%	25%	13%	0%	6%

Hon. Jacy Hurst – 6 Responses

100% Yes, should be retained

	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	17%	67%	17%	0%	0%
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	33%	67%	0%	0%	0%
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	33%	50%	17%	0%	0%
Professionalism and Temperament: Acts in a dignified manner with patience and self-control; treats court personnel and attorneys with courtesy	67%	33%	0%	0%	0%
OVERALL PERFORMANCE	33%	50%	17%	0%	0%

Hon. Lesley Ann Isherwood – 6 Responses

100% Yes, should be retained

	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	33%	50%	17%	0%	0%
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	33%	67%	0%	0%	0%
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	33%	67%	0%	0%	0%
Professionalism and Temperament: Acts in a dignified manner with patience and self-control; treats court personnel and attorneys with courtesy	33%	67%	0%	0%	0%
OVERALL PERFORMANCE	40%	60%	0%	0%	0%

Hon. Thomas Malone – 7 Responses

71% Yes, should be retained

29% No, should not be retained

	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	71%	0%	0%	0%	29%
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	71%	0%	0%	14%	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%	14%	0%	14%	14%
Professionalism and Temperament: Acts in a dignified manner with patience and self-control; treats court personnel and attorneys with courtesy	57%	14%	14%	0%	14%
OVERALL PERFORMANCE	71%	0%	0%	14%	14%

Hon. Anthony Powell – 12 Responses

75% Yes, should be retained

25% No, should not be retained

	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	42%	17%	0%	25%	17%
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	42%	17%	17%	8%	17%
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	42%	25%	8%	0%	25%
Professionalism and Temperament: Acts in a dignified manner with patience and self-control; treats court personnel and attorneys with courtesy	42%	33%	8%	0%	17%
OVERALL PERFORMANCE	42%	17%	17%	8%	17%

Hon. Kim Schroeder – 10 Responses

90% Yes, should be retained

10% No, should not be retained

	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	50%	20%	20%	0%	10%
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	60%	20%	20%	0%	0%
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	60%	30%	10%	0%	0%
Professionalism and Temperament: Acts in a dignified manner with patience and self-control; treats court personnel and attorneys with courtesy	60%	40%	0%	0%	0%
OVERALL PERFORMANCE	56%	33%	0%	0%	11%

Hon. Sarah Warner – 9 Responses

100% Yes, should be retained

	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	56%	22%	22%	0%	0%
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	56%	33%	11%	0%	0%
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	56%	33%	11%	0%	0%
Professionalism and Temperament: Acts in a dignified manner with patience and self-control; treats court personnel and attorneys with courtesy	67%	22%	11%	0%	0%
OVERALL PERFORMANCE	63%	38%	0%	0%	0%