

Equal Justice Foundation
2014 Colorado Judicial Performance Evaluations
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Judge	Judicial Performance Evaluation	Attorney Votes Percent		Election-Percent Votes To Retain	EJF Evaluation
		Retain	DO NOT Retain		
COLORADO SUPREME COURT					
Brian D. Boatright	Retain	66%	15%	69%	Do Not Retain
Monica M. Márquez	Retain	83%	8%	68%	Marginal
COLORADO COURT OF APPEALS					
Alan M. Loeb	Retain	85%	3%	69%	Marginal
Maria Theresa “Terry” Fox	Retain	69%	13%	66%	Do Not Retain
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT (Gilpin, Jefferson Counties)					
Randall C. Arp	Retain	79%	12%	67%	Marginal
Margie L. Enquist	Retain	76%	14%	67%	Marginal
Ann Gail Meinster	Retain	80%	10%	69%	Marginal
Lily Oeffler	Retain	88%	7%	70%	Retain
Tamara Russell	Retain	87%	6%	70%	Retain
Christopher C. Zenisek	Retain	84%	4%	68%	Marginal
Jefferson County Susan L. Fisch	Retain	85%	7%	70%	Marginal
Jefferson County Mark Randall	Retain	70%	14%	67%	Do Not Retain
Jefferson County Ryan J. Stuart	Retain	79%	12%	68%	Marginal
Jefferson County Thomas Vance	Retain	89%	7%	70%	Retain
Jefferson County Jean Woodford	Retain	71%	18%	67%	Do Not Retain
No county court judges standing for retention in Gilpin County.					
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT (Denver County)					
Martin F. Egelhoff	Retain	70%	18%	70%	Do Not Retain
J. Eric Elliff	Retain	93%	4%	74%	Retain
A. Bruce Jones	Retain	90%	2%	74%	Retain
John Madden	Retain	58%	33%	66%	Do Not Retain
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Robert L. McGahey, Jr.	Retain	84%	8%	73%	Marginal
Sheila Ann Rapaport	Retain	78%	6%	72%	Marginal
Elizabeth Anne Starrs	Retain	82%	7%	75%	Marginal
Michael J. Vallejos	Retain	81%	12%	74%	Marginal
Probate Elizabeth D. Leith	Retain	75%	16%	75%	Marginal
Denver County Johnny Charles Barrajas	Retain	80%	12%	74%	Marginal
Denver County James B. Breese	Retain	73%	0%	74%	Do Not Retain
Denver County Dianne L. Briscoe	No Opinion	42%	36%	58%	Do Not Retain
Denver County Brian Thomas Campbell	Retain	81%	10%	75%	Marginal
Denver County Clarisse G. Mangnail	Retain	93%	7%	76%	Retain
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT (Huerfano, Las Animas Counties)					
No district judges standing for retention					
Las Animas County Bruce A. Billings	Retain	97%	0%	71%	Retain
No county court judges standing for retention in Huerfano County.					
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (El Paso, Teller Counties)					
William Bain	Retain	89%	7%	70%	Retain
Edward S. Colt	Retain	90%	6%	70%	Retain
Jann DuBois	Retain	90%	0%	71%	Retain
Barbara L. Hughes	Retain	77%	14%	65%	Marginal
Thomas Kelly Kane	Retain	90%	6%	72%	Retain
Thomas L. Kennedy	Retain	79%	15%	70%	Do Not Retain ³
Michael P. McHenry	Retain	85%	7%	68%	Marginal
David Prince	Retain	81%	12%	71%	Marginal
Gregory R. Werner	Retain	76%	14%	68%	Marginal
El Paso County Christopher E. Acker	Retain	64%	29%	57%	Do Not Retain
El Paso County Lawrence D. Martin	Retain	87%	8%	72%	Retain
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El Paso County Douglas J. Miles	Retain	83%	11%	71%	Marginal
El Paso County Ann M. Rotolo	Retain	70%	22%	69%	Do Not Retain
El Paso County Stephen J. Sletta	Retain	77%	16%	71%	Marginal
El Paso County Jonathan L. Walker	Retain	80%	15%	69%	Marginal
El Paso County Regina Walter	Retain	63%	32%	63%	Do Not Retain
Teller County Lin Billings-Veta	Retain	89%	6%	72%	Retain
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (Clear Creek, Eagle, Lake, Summit Counties)					
Mark D. Thompson	Retain	96%	2%	77%	Retain
Frederick Walker Gannett	Retain	80%	9%	75%	Marginal
Russell H. Granger	Retain	80%	18%	75%	Marginal
No county court judges standing for retention in Clear Creek, Eagle, Lake and Summit Counties.					
SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (Archuleta, La Plata, San Juan Counties)					
Suzanne F. Carlson	Retain	79%	17%	72%	Marginal
La Plata County Martha Tinsley Minot	Retain	72%	13%	78%	Do Not Retain
No county court judges standing for retention in Archuleta and San Juan Counties.					
SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray, San Miguel Counties)					
J. Steven Patrick	Retain	88%	8%	61%	Retain
Mary E. Deganhart	Retain	86%	15%	64%	Retain
Montrose County Julie J. Huffman	Retain	50%	50%	65%	Do Not Retain
Montrose County Ben A. Morris	Retain	62%	19%	66%	Do Not Retain
Ouray County David Scott Westfall	Retain	95%	0%	82%	Retain
San Miguel County Scott T. Erickson	Retain	89%	11%	84%	Retain
No county court judges standing for retention in Delta, Gunnison and Hinsdale Counties.					
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EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (Jackson, Larimer Counties)					
Julie Kunce Field	Retain	79%	10%	71%	Marginal
Thomas R. French	Retain	87%	4%	72%	Retain
Stephen E. Howard	Retain	80%	11%	73%	Marginal
Jackson County Cindy Wilson	Retain	80%	20%	79%	Marginal
Larimer County Thomas L. Lynch	Retain	92%	4%	74%	Retain
Larimer County Peter E. Schoon, Jr.	Retain	79%	12%	73%	Marginal
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (Garfield, Pitkin, Rio Blanco Counties)					
Denise K. Lynch	Retain	79%	14%	75%	Marginal
Garfield County Paul H. Metzger	Retain	96%	1%	78%	Retain
Garfield County Jonathan B. Pototsky	Retain	94%	1%	76%	Retain
Pitkin County Erin Fernandez-Ely	Retain	91%	6%	89%	Retain
Rio Blanco County Laurie Noble	Retain	88%	0%	80%	Retain
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (Pueblo County)					
William David Alexander	Retain	84%	9%	73%	Marginal
Pueblo County Steven Bruce Fieldman	Retain	84%	5%	71%	Marginal
Pueblo County Valerie Villanueva Haynes	Do Not Retain	11%	74%	63%	Do Not Retain
Pueblo County David L. Lobato	Retain	94%	2%	72%	Retain
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (Chaffee, Custer, Fremont, Park Counties)					
David M. Thorson	Retain	100%	0%	66%	Retain
Custer County Peter F. Michaelson	Retain	89%	11%	71%	Retain
Fremont County Norman C. Cooling	Retain	68%	19%	65%	Do Not Retain
Park County Brian L. Green	Retain	84%	11%	71%	Marginal
No county court judges standing for retention in Chaffee County.					
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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande, Saguache Counties)					
Michael A. Gonzales	Retain	81%	7%	72%	Marginal
Alamosa County Daniel Austin Walzl	Retain	69%	14%	73%	Do Not Retain
Costilla County Kimberly Lynn Wood	Retain	52%	24%	74%	Do Not Retain
Rio Grande County Patrick H. Hayes, Jr.	Retain	87%	0%	79%	Retain
No county court judges standing for retention in Conejos, Mineral, and Saguache Counties.					
THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (Kit Carson, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, Yuma Counties)					
Kevin L. Hoyer	Retain	77%	10%	71%	Marginal
Douglas R. Vannoy	Retain	77%	4%	70%	Marginal
Kit Carson County Michael K. Grinnan	Retain	94%	6%	77%	Retain
Morgan County Michael J. Schingle	Retain	97%	0%	79%	Retain
Yuma County Sara M. Wagers-Johnson	Retain	50%	35%	63%	Do Not Retain
No county court judges standing for retention in Logan, Phillips, Sedgwick and Washington Counties.					
FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (Grand, Moffat, Routt Counties)					
Shelley A. Hill	Retain	89%	4%	75%	Retain
Grand County Ben W. McClelland	Do Not Retain	56%	32%	47%	Do Not Retain
Moffat County Sandra H. Gardner	Retain	93%	2%	76%	Retain
Routt County James H. Garrecht	Retain	92%	3%	86%	Retain
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (Baca, Cheyenne, Kiowa, Prowers Counties)					
No district court judges standing for retention.					
Baca County Debra M. Gunkel	Retain	91%	0%	76%	Retain
Cheyenne County Gerald Keefe	Retain	100%	0%	80%	Retain
Kiowa County Gary W. Davis	Retain	67%	33%	80%	Do Not Retain
Prowers County Larry Eugene Stutler	Retain	100%	0%	82%	Retain
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SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (Bent, Crowley, Otero Counties)					
No district court judges standing for retention.					
Crowley County Suzanne A. Grant	Retain	74%	20%	71%	Do Not Retain
Otero County Douglas R. Manley	Retain	82%	12%	76%	Marginal
No county court judges standing for retention in Bent County.					
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (Adams, Broomfield Counties)					
Robert Walter Kiesnowski, Jr.	Retain	84%	8%	66%	Marginal
John E. Popovich	Retain	100%	0%	67%	Retain
Ted C. Tow III (Unpopular-domestic cases)	Retain	90%	8%	64%	Retain
Mark Douglas Warner	Retain	87%	0%	67%	Retain
Francis W. Wasserman	Retain	65%	30%	64%	Do Not Retain
Craig Welling	Retain	93%	4%	66%	Retain
Adams County Brian Nathaniel Bowen	Retain	65%	15%	64%	Do Not Retain
Adams County Michael A. Cox	Retain	93%	6%	66%	Retain
Adams County Robert S. Doyle	Retain	83%	12%	65%	Marginal
Adams County Byron Lynn Howell	Retain	58%	25%	61%	Do Not Retain
Adams County Sabino E. Romano	Retain	97%	0%	66%	Retain
Adams County Dianna L. Roybal	Retain	44%	40%	61%	Do Not Retain
Broomfield County Amy E. Bockman	Retain	65%	18%	76%	Do Not Retain
EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert, Lincoln Counties)					
Michelle Ann Amico	Retain	88%	8%	65%	Retain
F. Stephen Collins	Retain	53%	30%	62%	Do Not Retain
Paul A. King	Retain	92%	0%	70%	Retain
Charles M. Pratt	Retain	88%	2%	69%	Retain
Gerald J. Rafferty	Retain	86%	4%	70%	Retain
Theresa Michelle Slade	Retain	70%	19%	63%	Do Not Retain
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*For additional information on Colorado judges see Domestic Violence Against Men at dvmen.org.
This evaluation is available online at dvmen.org/PDF/2014_CO_judicial_performance.pdf
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Elizabeth Beebe Volz	Retain	57%	22%	60%	Do Not Retain
John L. Wheeler	Retain	65%	22%	68%	Do Not Retain
Arapahoe County Dana E. Murray	Retain	95%	2%	72%	Retain
Arapahoe County Cheryl Rowles-Stokes	Retain	33%	51%	64%	Do Not Retain
Arapahoe County Robert Charles Tobias	Retain	88%	5%	71%	Retain
Arapahoe County Darren Louis Vahle	Retain	75%	15%	70%	Marginal
Douglas County Lawrence Bowling	Retain	89%	4%	71%	Retain
Douglas County Monica J. Gomez	Retain	71%	15%	65%	Do Not Retain
Douglas County Susanna Meissner-Cutler	Retain	90%	7%	71%	Retain
Elbert County Palmer L. Boyette	Retain	86%	3%	64%	Retain
Lincoln County Truston Lee Fisher	Retain	23%	61%	79%	Do Not Retain
NINETEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (Weld County)					
Timothy G. Kerns	Retain	78%	10%	68%	Marginal
Marcelo Adrian Kopcow	Retain	75%	19%	67%	Marginal
Weld County John J. Briggs	Retain	77%	15%	69%	Marginal
Weld County Michele Meyer	Retain	76%	7%	68%	Marginal
Weld County Dana Nichols	Retain	62%	22%	65%	Do Not Retain
Weld County Charles S. Unfug	Retain	72%	16%	64%	Do Not Retain
TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (Boulder County)					
Maria E. Berkenkotter	Retain	87%	9%	79%	Retain
Ingrid S. Bakke	Retain	89%	6%	79%	Retain
Patrick Butler	Retain	79%	9%	74%	Marginal
Judith L. LaBuda	Retain	68%	18%	71%	Do Not Retain
Andrew Ross Macdonald	Retain	81%	3%	77%	Marginal
Boulder County David Archuleta	Retain	89%	8%	79%	Retain
Boulder County Noel E. Blum	Retain	71%	15%	61%	Do Not Retain
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Boulder County Karolyn Moore	Do Not Retain	45%	40%	61%	Do Not Retain
Boulder County Norma A. Sierra	Retain	70%	20%	76%	Do Not Retain
TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT (Mesa County)					
David A. Bottger	Retain	86%	5%	68%	Retain
Thomas M. Deister	Retain	73%	13%	64%	Do Not Retain
Brian J. Flynn	Retain	73%	18%	69%	Do Not Retain
Mesa County Bruce R. Raaum	Retain	71%	10%	69%	Do Not Retain
TWENTY-SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT (Dolores, Montezuma Counties)					
No district court judges standing for retention.					
Montezuma County Jenilynn E. Lawrence	Retain	76%	21%	74%	Marginal
No county court judges standing for retention in Dolores County.					
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Notes:

1. List of judges standing for retention in 2014 available at <http://www.coloradojudicialperformance.gov/retentionlist.cfm?year=2014>.
2. Our basic assumption is that the best judges of a judge are the attorneys who appear before them as they have similar levels of education, pass the same bar examination, and have far more contact with a judge than most citizens.
3. Evaluation and recommendation based primarily on attorney evaluations but prior experience with a judge and recommendations of other advocacy groups are included.
4. Histories of Colorado judges, including previous evaluations, are available at <http://dvmen.org/dv-67.htm>.