

Colorado Office of Judicial Performance Evaluation



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2022 JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION STATISTICAL REPORT
Pursuant to §13-5.5-114(1), C.R.S. (2017)

Of the 164 judicial officers eligible to stand for retention in 2022, 140 were evaluated by State and District Commissions. One hundred and thirty-five (135) judicial officers declared their intent to stand for retention and appeared on the ballot in 2022. (See Table A for a breakdown by judge type.) Commissions evaluated five additional judges not standing for retention.

State and District Commissions determined 135 (100%) judicial officers met performance standards.

Table A			
Justices and Judges Standing for Retention in 2022			
Judge Type	Regular	Provisional*	Total
Supreme Court	0	0	0
Court of Appeals	1	7	8
District Court	30	36	66
County Court	35	26	61
Grand Total	66	69	135

*Judges are first appointed by the Governor to serve a provisional term of office of at least two years before appearing on the ballot for retention. If retained, they next appear on the ballot after having served a regular term of office.

RETENTION ELECTION RESULTS

In 2022, Colorado voters retained 134 (99.3%) judicial officers of the 135 judges where Commissions found the judges to meet performance standards.

Dating back to the first retention election with commission input held in 1990, 1,798 judicial officers have stood for retention in 17 election cycles.

Colorado voters elected to retain 1,781 of the 1,798 (99.9%) judicial officers standing for retention since 1990. As shown in Table B, Colorado voters retained 99.7% of the judges receiving “Retain” recommendations, 63.6% of those receiving “Do Not Retain” recommendations, and retained all judicial officers where commissions offered no opinion. Since 2018, Colorado voters retained 99.7% of the judges receiving “Meets Performance” and .03 % of the judges receiving a "Does Not Meet Performance" recommendation from commissions.

Table B					
Commission Recommendations and Election Results: 1990 - 2022					
Commission Recommendation	Total # of Recommendations	Election Results			
		Total Retained	Retained %	Total Not Retained	Not Retained %
Retain	1396	1,620	99.7%	4	0.2%
Do Not Retain	22	14	63.6%	8	36.4%
No Opinion	13	13	100.0%	0	0.0%
Subtotals '90 to '16	1,431	1,647	99.2%	12	0.8%
Meets Performance	363	362	99.7%	1	0.01%
Does Not Meet	4	1	0.3%	3	0.75%
Subtotals '18 to 22	367	134	99.4%	4	0.74%
TOTALS	1,798	1,781	99.9%	16	0.9%