

Judicial Candidate Poll Results

2026

The following is the Cincinnati Bar Association's 2026 Hamilton County Judicial Candidate Poll. The survey was distributed to 2500 members of the Cincinnati legal community and provides valuable insights and observations about the local judicial candidates from members of the legal community that interact with them professionally.

Administrative Diligence		Communication Skills		Community Engagement		Integrity Impartiality / Objectivity		Legal Experience		Professionalism / Temperament	
Responded	%	Responded	%	Responded	%	Responded	%	Responded	%	Responded	%

Court of Appeals

Ginger S. Bock

Total Responses	170	Excellent	44	56%	43	55%	37	47%	44	56%	39	50%	47	60%
With Contact	78	Above AVG	7	9%	12	15%	9	12%	9	12%	17	22%	13	17%
% With Contact	46%	Average	14	18%	13	17%	13	17%	14	18%	10	13%	11	14%
No Contact	92	Below AVG	2	3%	4	5%	1	1%	10	13%	11	14%	7	9%
% No Contact	54%	Unknown	11	14%	6	8%	18	23%	1	1%	1	1%	0	0%

Probate Division

Elizabeth A. Tye

Total Responses	170	Excellent	13	25%	17	32%	21	40%	19	36%	16	30%	19	36%
With Contact	53	Above AVG	5	9%	7	13%	4	8%	5	9%	7	13%	7	13%
% With Contact	31%	Average	15	28%	13	25%	9	17%	9	17%	14	26%	10	19%
No Contact	117	Below AVG	10	19%	15	28%	7	13%	17	32%	14	26%	15	28%
% No Contact	69%	Unknown	10	19%	1	2%	12	23%	3	6%	2	4%	2	4%

Probate Division

Ralph Winkler

Total Responses	170	Excellent	70	67%	61	59%	64	62%	70	67%	76	73%	72	69%
With Contact	104	Above AVG	14	13%	17	16%	13	13%	13	13%	12	12%	15	14%
% With Contact	61%	Average	14	13%	19	18%	7	7%	10	10%	11	11%	8	8%
No Contact	66	Below AVG	6	6%	7	7%	8	8%	11	11%	4	4%	9	9%
% No Contact	39%	Unknown	0	0%	0	0%	12	12%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%

Juvenile Division

Kari L. Bloom

Total Responses	170	Excellent	31	36%	37	43%	42	49%	26	30%	30	35%	33	38%
With Contact	86	Above AVG	11	13%	13	15%	10	12%	13	15%	15	17%	10	12%
% With Contact	51%	Average	21	24%	15	17%	9	10%	11	13%	15	17%	12	14%
No Contact	84	Below AVG	20	23%	21	24%	17	20%	33	38%	23	27%	30	35%
% No Contact	49%	Unknown	3	3%	0	0%	8	9%	3	3%	3	3%	1	1%

Juvenile Division

Susan Luken

Total Responses	170	Excellent	23	51%	21	47%	20	44%	22	49%	21	47%	25	56%
With Contact	45	Above AVG	7	16%	9	20%	4	9%	6	13%	10	22%	6	13%
% With Contact	26%	Average	8	18%	9	20%	10	22%	7	16%	5	11%	4	9%
No Contact	125	Below AVG	4	9%	6	13%	8	18%	8	18%	8	18%	9	20%
% No Contact	74%	Unknown	3	7%	0	0%	3	7%	2	4%	1	2%	1	2%

Domestic Relations

Tiffany Evans

Total Responses	170	Excellent	32	64%	36	72%	26	52%	35	70%	33	66%	34	68%
With Contact	50	Above AVG	9	18%	10	20%	7	14%	7	14%	11	22%	9	18%
% With Contact	29%	Average	4	8%	2	4%	7	14%	3	6%	3	6%	4	8%
No Contact	120	Below AVG	1	2%	2	4%	2	4%	3	6%	2	4%	2	4%
% No Contact	71%	Unknown	4	8%	0	0%	8	16%	2	4%	1	2%	1	2%

Drug Court Division

Nicole L. Sanders

Total Responses	170	Excellent	11	25%	11	25%	19	43%	15	34%	14	32%	14	32%
With Contact	44	Above AVG	12	27%	13	30%	8	18%	9	20%	11	25%	8	18%
% With Contact	26%	Average	12	27%	9	20%	4	9%	6	14%	7	16%	5	11%
No Contact	126	Below AVG	7	16%	11	25%	8	18%	12	27%	9	20%	17	39%
% No Contact	74%	Unknown	2	5%	0	0%	5	11%	2	5%	3	7%	0	0%

General Division

Roger Bouchard

Total Responses	170	Excellent	8	18%	10	22%	7	16%	12	27%	11	24%	12	27%
With Contact	45	Above AVG	8	18%	9	20%	4	9%	7	16%	12	27%	4	9%
% With Contact	26%	Average	3	7%	12	27%	7	16%	9	20%	12	27%	7	16%
No Contact	125	Below AVG	16	36%	11	24%	16	36%	14	31%	10	22%	17	38%
% No Contact	74%	Unknown	10	22%	3	7%	11	24%	3	7%	0	0%	5	11%

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General Division

Jennifer Branch

Total Responses	170	Excellent	48	44%	55	51%	41	38%	59	55%	63	58%	57	53%
With Contact	108	Above AVG	24	22%	22	20%	10	9%	12	11%	21	19%	12	11%
% With Contact	64%	Average	13	12%	18	17%	16	15%	18	17%	14	13%	19	18%
No Contact	62	Below AVG	21	19%	12	11%	14	13%	19	18%	9	8%	20	19%
% No Contact	36%	Unknown	2	2%	1	1%	27	25%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%

General Division

Katie Casch

Total Responses	170	Excellent	33	41%	30	38%	27	34%	30	38%	26	33%	33	41%
With Contact	80	Above AVG	12	15%	15	19%	4	5%	16	20%	14	18%	15	19%
% With Contact	47%	Average	22	28%	27	34%	5	6%	13	16%	23	29%	18	23%
No Contact	90	Below AVG	10	13%	7	9%	13	16%	18	23%	16	20%	13	16%
% No Contact	53%	Unknown	3	4%	1	1%	31	39%	3	4%	1	1%	1	1%

General Division

Wende C. Cross

Total Responses	170	Excellent	43	47%	40	44%	35	38%	36	40%	42	46%	34	37%
With Contact	91	Above AVG	13	14%	15	16%	9	10%	21	23%	15	16%	18	20%
% With Contact	54%	Average	15	16%	22	24%	12	13%	12	13%	21	23%	15	16%
No Contact	79	Below AVG	17	19%	13	14%	9	10%	20	22%	11	12%	22	24%
% No Contact	46%	Unknown	3	3%	1	1%	26	29%	2	2%	2	2%	2	2%

General Division

Leah Dinkelacker

Total Responses	170	Excellent	46	56%	46	56%	37	45%	48	59%	39	48%	49	60%
With Contact	82	Above AVG	18	22%	19	23%	6	7%	12	15%	16	20%	17	21%
% With Contact	48%	Average	11	13%	13	16%	9	11%	15	18%	19	23%	10	12%
No Contact	88	Below AVG	2	2%	3	4%	5	6%	5	6%	5	6%	4	5%
% No Contact	52%	Unknown	5	6%	1	1%	25	30%	2	2%	3	4%	2	2%

General Division

Robert A. Goering

Total Responses	170	Excellent	64	65%	57	58%	41	42%	67	68%	63	64%	67	68%
With Contact	98	Above AVG	20	20%	23	23%	13	13%	19	19%	17	17%	19	19%
% With Contact	58%	Average	9	9%	11	11%	8	8%	5	5%	11	11%	6	6%
No Contact	72	Below AVG	2	2%	4	4%	5	5%	5	5%	3	3%	4	4%
% No Contact	42%	Unknown	3	3%	3	3%	31	32%	2	2%	4	4%	2	2%

General Division

Alison Hatheway

Total Responses	170	Excellent	30	42%	27	38%	21	29%	27	38%	23	32%	32	44%
With Contact	72	Above AVG	14	19%	15	21%	8	11%	20	28%	18	25%	10	14%
% With Contact	42%	Average	15	21%	15	21%	8	11%	8	11%	15	21%	18	25%
No Contact	98	Below AVG	13	18%	14	19%	7	10%	17	24%	15	21%	11	15%
% No Contact	58%	Unknown	0	0%	1	1%	28	39%	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%

General Division

Sarah Henry

Total Responses	170	Excellent	19	44%	22	51%	20	47%	22	51%	18	42%	23	53%
With Contact	43	Above AVG	5	12%	6	14%	2	5%	6	14%	9	21%	6	14%
% With Contact	25%	Average	5	12%	8	19%	5	12%	4	9%	4	9%	5	12%
No Contact	127	Below AVG	6	14%	6	14%	6	14%	7	16%	10	23%	8	19%
% No Contact	75%	Unknown	8	19%	1	2%	10	23%	4	9%	2	5%	1	2%

General Division

Christian A. Jenkins

Total Responses	170	Excellent	48	47%	53	51%	36	35%	53	51%	67	65%	55	53%
With Contact	103	Above AVG	30	29%	29	28%	14	14%	20	19%	20	19%	22	21%
% With Contact	61%	Average	17	17%	14	14%	14	14%	21	20%	10	10%	13	13%
No Contact	67	Below AVG	7	7%	6	6%	5	5%	9	9%	4	4%	13	13%
% No Contact	39%	Unknown	1	1%	1	1%	34	33%	0	0%	2	2%	0	0%

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Responded	%	Responded	%	Responded	%	Responded	%	Responded	%	Responded	%

General Division

Donte Johnson

Total Responses	170	Excellent	31	49%	35	56%	29	46%	34	54%	27	43%	34	54%
With Contact	63	Above AVG	14	22%	9	14%	9	14%	9	14%	18	29%	13	21%
% With Contact	37%	Average	11	17%	13	21%	4	6%	12	19%	7	11%	9	14%
No Contact	107	Below AVG	7	11%	5	8%	6	10%	8	13%	10	16%	7	11%
% No Contact	63%	Unknown	0	0%	1	2%	15	24%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%

General Division

Manisha Kotian

Total Responses	170	Excellent	12	40%	15	50%	12	40%	13	43%	15	50%	13	43%
With Contact	30	Above AVG	7	23%	4	13%	5	17%	8	27%	7	23%	7	23%
% With Contact	18%	Average	4	13%	6	20%	5	17%	4	13%	1	3%	3	10%
No Contact	140	Below AVG	4	13%	5	17%	6	20%	5	17%	7	23%	4	13%
% No Contact	82%	Unknown	3	10%	0	0%	2	7%	0	0%	0	0%	3	10%

General Division

Dennis Charles Mahoney

Total Responses	170	Excellent	9	23%	16	41%	6	15%	18	46%	23	59%	19	49%
With Contact	39	Above AVG	9	23%	8	21%	6	15%	4	10%	5	13%	4	10%
% With Contact	23%	Average	3	8%	8	21%	6	15%	7	18%	7	18%	4	10%
No Contact	131	Below AVG	8	21%	7	18%	3	8%	6	15%	4	10%	7	18%
% No Contact	77%	Unknown	10	26%	0	0%	18	46%	4	10%	0	0%	5	13%

General Division

Latoya S. Maley

Total Responses	170	Excellent	10	30%	13	39%	10	30%	9	27%	8	24%	11	33%
With Contact	33	Above AVG	4	12%	2	6%	3	9%	9	27%	7	21%	4	12%
% With Contact	19%	Average	6	18%	8	24%	4	12%	4	12%	6	18%	5	15%
No Contact	137	Below AVG	10	30%	9	27%	7	21%	10	30%	11	33%	12	36%
% No Contact	81%	Unknown	3	9%	1	3%	9	27%	1	3%	1	3%	1	3%

General Division

Chris McDowell

Total Responses	170	Excellent	36	50%	37	51%	29	40%	35	49%	39	54%	31	43%
With Contact	72	Above AVG	16	22%	11	15%	10	14%	9	13%	13	18%	16	22%
% With Contact	42%	Average	11	15%	17	24%	6	8%	12	17%	14	19%	10	14%
No Contact	98	Below AVG	5	7%	6	8%	5	7%	11	15%	3	4%	14	19%
% No Contact	58%	Unknown	4	6%	1	1%	22	31%	5	7%	3	4%	1	1%

General Division

Betsy Sundermann

Total Responses	170	Excellent	17	24%	20	29%	15	21%	22	31%	20	29%	21	30%
With Contact	70	Above AVG	12	17%	11	16%	9	13%	9	13%	9	13%	8	11%
% With Contact	41%	Average	12	17%	18	26%	11	16%	14	20%	13	19%	12	17%
No Contact	100	Below AVG	28	40%	21	30%	17	24%	25	36%	27	39%	29	41%
% No Contact	59%	Unknown	1	1%	0	0%	18	26%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%

General Division

Alan C. Triggs

Total Responses	170	Excellent	33	34%	36	37%	38	39%	34	35%	38	39%	34	35%
With Contact	97	Above AVG	26	27%	19	20%	11	11%	23	24%	24	25%	18	19%
% With Contact	57%	Average	18	19%	26	27%	8	8%	19	20%	20	21%	15	15%
No Contact	73	Below AVG	17	18%	16	16%	8	8%	21	22%	11	11%	30	31%
% No Contact	43%	Unknown	3	3%	0	0%	32	33%	0	0%	4	4%	0	0%

General Division

Chris Wagner

Total Responses	170	Excellent	33	38%	37	43%	30	35%	39	45%	39	45%	36	42%
With Contact	86	Above AVG	20	23%	18	21%	11	13%	17	20%	24	28%	14	16%
% With Contact	51%	Average	21	24%	21	24%	10	12%	15	17%	12	14%	17	20%
No Contact	84	Below AVG	10	12%	8	9%	10	12%	14	16%	9	10%	17	20%
% No Contact	49%	Unknown	2	2%	2	2%	25	29%	1	1%	2	2%	2	2%

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