



EJF Newsletter — 2026

Review of Colorado Judges

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This newsletter is intended as a brief reference to help Colorado voters decide how to vote on state judges in their judicial district who have chosen to stand for retention. Basic to the rule of law is the selection of impartial, competent, well-educated, and wise judges. Conversely, there must be an effective and easy to understand way of removing those who don't make the cut. As in the past, our independent review of Colorado judges standing for retention in 2026, as presented in [Table 1](#), is based solely on how attorneys rated them. It is our position that only local attorneys have the education, experience, and spend enough time in a judge's court to objectively review their job performance.

Table 1: EJF Evaluations Based On Attorney Judgments

2026 Judicial Performance Commission Evaluation						2026 EJP Evaluation Based on Attorney Votes
Judge	Commission Finding	Attorney Votes		Prior Rating		
		Retain	Do Not Retain	Attorney % Retain		
Colorado Supreme Court						
				Prior 2016		2026
William W. Hood III	Meets Standards	86%	14%	81%	Marginal	Retain
Colorado Court of Appeals						
				Prior 2018		2026
Rebecca Rankin Freyre	Meets Standards	100%	0%	82%	Marginal	Retain
Elizabeth L. Harris	Meets Standards	100%	0%	65%	Do Not Retain	Retain
Katherine E. Lum	Meets Standards	100%	0%	Not on bench.		Retain
Pax Moultrie	Meets Standards	100%	0%	100% Denver juvenile court		Retain
Karl L. Schock	Meets Standards	100%	0%	Not on bench.		Retain
Grant Sullivan	Meets Standards	75%	25%	Not on bench.		Undetermined

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Judge	Commission Finding	Attorney Votes		Prior Rating		
		Retain	Do Not Retain	Attorney % Retain		
First Judicial District Judges (Gilpin, Jefferson)						
District Judges				Prior 2020		2026
Chantel E. Contiguglia	Meets Standards	50%	50%	86%	County judge 18 th	Do Not Retain
Ryan P. Loewer	Meets Standards	80%	15%	Not on bench		Marginal
Meegan Miloud	Meets Standards	70%	30%	Not on bench		Do Not Retain
Andrew C. Poland	Meets Standards	100%	0%	Not on bench		Retain
Christopher Rhamey	Meets Standards	67%	28%	Not on bench		Do Not Retain
Tamara S. Russell	Meets Standards	71%	29%	66%	Do Not Retain	Very Marginal
Christopher C. Zenisek	Meets Standards	73%	27%	74%	Marginal	Marginal
Jefferson County				2022		2026
Sara Garrido	Meets Standards	100%	0%	97%	Retain	Retain
Corinne Magid	Meets Standards	78%	22%	61%	Do Not Retain	Marginal
Jennifer Lynn Melton	Meets Standards	75%	25%	83%	Marginal	Marginal
Gilpin County				2022		2026
Timothy Lane	Meets Standards	Undetermined		Not on bench		Undetermined
Second Judicial District Judges (Denver County)						
District Judges				Prior 2020		2026
Michael W.V. Angel	Meets Standards	73%	18%	Not on bench,		Marginal
Christopher J. Baumann	Meets Standards	93%	7%	87%	Retain	Retain
John Eric Elliff	Meets Standards	100%	0%	83%	Marginal	Retain
Lisa Gomez	Meets Standards	100%	0%	Not on bench.		Retain
Elizabeth D. Leith	Meets Standards	88%	3%	91%	Retain	Retain
Andrew Luxen	Meets Standards	100%	0%	Not on bench.		Retain
Elizabeth Joan McCarthy	Meets Standards	100%	0%	Not on bench.		Retain
Jon J. Olafson	Meets Standards	85%	13%	Not on bench.		High marginal
Sarah Block Wallace	Meets Standards	63%	34%	Not on bench.		Do Not Retain

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Judge	Commission Finding	Attorney Votes		Prior Rating		
		Retain	Do Not Retain	Attorney % Retain		
Denver County Judges				Prior 2022		2026
Andrea Eddy	Meets Standards	63%	25%	100%	Retain	Do Not Retain
Olympia Z. Fay	Meets Standards	Not given		85%	Marginal	Undetermined
Kerri Lombardi	Meets Standards	Not given				Undetermined
Chelsea Malone	Meets Standards	71%	29%	100%	Retain	Low Marginal
Michelle Martinez-Thomas	Meets Standards	Not given		100%	Retain	Undetermined
Isaam L. Shamsid-Deen	Meets Standards	Not given		Not on bench		Undetermined
Judith Smith	Meets Standards	30%	60%	100%	Retain	Do Not Retain
Third Judicial District Judges (Huerfano, Las Animas)						
District Judge				2020		2026
Pierce L. Fowler	Meets Standards	40%	40%	Not on bench		Do Not Retain
Huerfano County Judge				2022		2026
Dawn Mann	Meets Standards	75%	25%	80%	Marginal	Marginal
No Las Animas county judge stood for retention in 2026.						
Fourth Judicial District Judges (El Paso, Teller)						
District Judges				Prior 2020		2026
William B. Bain	Meets Standards	85%	15%	100%	Retain	High-end Marginal
Hilary Gurney	Meets Standards	85%	15%	Not on bench		High-end Marginal
Dennis L. McGuire	Meets Standards	71%	29%	County court judge		Low-end Marginal
Amanda J. Philipps	Meets Standards	67%	17%	Magistrate		Do Not Retain
Erin Lynn Sokol	Meets Standards	100%	0%	95%	Retain	Retain
Gregory Robert Werner	Meets Standards	67%	27%	57%	Do Not Retain	Do Not Retain
El Paso County Judges				Prior 2022		2026
Samorreyan Burney	Meets Standards	63%	13%	100%	Retain	Do Not Retain
Meredith Patrick Cord	Meets Standards	100%	0%	88%	Retain	Retain
Marika Frady	Meets Standards	100%	0%	Not on bench		Retain
Ann M. Rotolo	Meets Standards	89%	0%	84%	Marginal	Retain
No Teller County judge stood for retention in 2026.						

2026 Judicial Performance Commission Evaluation							2026 EJP Evaluation Based on Attorney Votes
Judge	Commission Finding	Attorney Votes		Prior Rating			
		Retain	Do Not Retain	Attorney % Retain			
Fifth Judicial District Judges (Clear Creek, Eagle, Lake, Summit)							
District Judges					Prior 2020		2026
No district court judge stood for retention in 2026							
No Clear Creek Court judge stood for retention in 2026							
Eagle County Judge					Prior 2022		2026
Inga Haagenson Causey	Meets Standards	90%	10%	Not on bench		Retain	
No Lake County Court judge stood for retention in 2026							
No Summit County Court judge stood for retention in 2026							
Sixth Judicial District Judges (Archuleta, La Plata, San Juan)							
No District Court Judges stood retention in 2026							
No Archuleta County Court Judges stood retention in 2026							
No La Plata County Court Judges stood for retention in 2026							
No San Juan County Court Judges stood retention in 2026							
Seventh Judicial District (Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray, San Miguel)							
District Judges					Prior 2020		2026
D. Cory Jackson	Meets Standards	81%	13%	87%	Retain	Marginal	
Kellie L. Starritt	Meets Standards	91%	9%	Not on bench		Retain	
No Delta County Judge stood for retention in 2026							
No Gunnison County Judge stood for retention in 2026							
Hinsdale County Judge					Prior 2022		2026
James R. McDonald	Meets Standards	Undetermined		Undetermined		Undetermined	
No Montrose County Judge stood for retention in 2026							
No Ouray County Judge stood for retention in 2026							
No San Miguel County Judge stood for retention in 2026							

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Judge	Commission Finding	Attorney Votes		Prior Rating		
		Retain	Do Not Retain	Attorney % Retain		
Eighth Judicial District Judges (Jackson, Larimer)						
No District Court Judges stood for retention in 2026						
Jackson County Judges				Prior 2022		2026
Chelsea Williams Ryan	Meets Standards	Undetermined		100%	Retain	Undetermined
Larimer County Judges				Prior 2022		2026
Katharine “Jenny” Ellison	Meets Standards	86%	14%	94%	Retain	Retain
Thomas L. Lynch	Meets Standards	50%	50%	82%	Marginal	Do Not Retain
Matthew R. Zehe	Meets Standards	50%	50%	Not on bench		Do Not Retain
Ninth Judicial District Judges (Garfield, Pitkin, Rio Blanco)						
District Judge				Prior 2020		2026
Elise Myer	Meets Standards	100%	0%	Not on bench		Retain
Garfield County Judges				Prior 2022		2026
Jonathan Bruce Pototsky	Meets Standards	100%	0%	89%	Retain	Retain
No Pitkin County Judge stood for retention in 2026						
Rio Blanco County Judge				Prior 2022		2026
Jay A. Edwards	Meets Standards	100%	0%	Not on bench		Retain
Tenth Judicial District Judges (Pueblo)						
District Judges				Prior 2020		2026
William David Alexander	Does Not Meet Standards	75%	25%	81%	Marginal	Do Not Retain
Michelle Chostner	Meets Standards	92%	8%	Not on bench		Retain
Allison P. Ernst	Meets Standards	67%	33%	80%	Marginal	Do Not Retain
Tayler M. Thomas	Meets Standards	77%	23%	Not on bench		Marginal
No Pueblo County Judges stood for retention in 2026						

2026 Judicial Performance Commission Evaluation						2026 EJP Evaluation Based on Attorney Votes
Judge	Commission Finding	Attorney Votes		Prior Rating		
		Retain	Do Not Retain	Attorney % Retain		
Eleventh Judicial District Judges (Chaffee, Custer, Fremont, Park)						
District Judge				Prior 2020		2026
Amanda Hunter	Meets Standards	89%	11%	Not on bench		Retain
Dayna L. Vise	Meets Standards	100%	0%	Not on bench		Retain
No Chaffee County Judge stood for retention in 2026						
Custer County Judges				Prior 2022		2026
Michael Patrick Halpin	Meets Standards	Undetermined		Not on bench		Undetermined
Fremont County Judge				Prior 2022		2026
Alexandra Robak	Meets Standards	67%	33%	87%	Retain	Do Not Retain
Park County Judge				Prior 2022		2026
Brian Louis Green	Meets Standards	100%	0%	87%	Retain	Retain
Twelfth Judicial District Judges (Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande, Saguache)						
District Judges				Prior 2020		2026
Amanda C. Hopkins	Meets Standards	60%	20%	89%	Retain	Do Not Retain
Michael A. Gonzales	Meets Standards	100%	0%	100%	Retain	Retain
Alamosa County Judge				Prior 2022		2026
Daniel Walzl	Meets Standards	0%	100%	69%	Do Not Retain	Do Not Retain
No Conejos County Judge stood for retention in 2026						
Costilla County Judge				Prior 2022		2026
Tamara M. Sullivan	Meets Standards	67%	33%	Not on bench		Do Not Retain
Mineral County Judge				Prior 2022		2026
Hollie Wheelwright	Meets Standards	Undetermined		Not on bench		Undermined
No Rio Grande County Judge stood for retention in 2026						
No Saguache County Judge stood for retention in 2026						

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Judge	Commission Finding	Attorney Votes		Prior Rating		
		Retain	Do Not Retain	Attorney % Retain		
Thirteenth Judicial District Judges (Kit Carson, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, Yuma)						
District Judges				Prior 2020		2026
Dina M. Christiansen	Does Not Meet Standards*	93%	7%	Not on bench		Do Not Retain
No Kit Carson County Judge stood for retention in 2026						
No Logan County Judge stood for retention in 2026						
No Morgan County Judge stood for retention in 2026						
No Phillips County Judge stood for retention in 2026						
No Sedgwick County Judge stood for retention in 2026						
Washington County				Prior 2020		2026
Kelly S. Hansen	Meets Standards	Undetermined		4 yes	Retain	Undetermined
No Yuma County Judge stood for retention in 2026						
* While 93% of attorneys voted to Retain and only 7% dissented, the local judicial commission ruled that Judge Christiansen Does Not Meet Performance Standards . On appeal a state commission ruled that she did meet standards. However, the EJF sides with the local commission.						
Fourteenth Judicial District Judges (Grand, Moffat, Routt)						
District Court Judge				Prior 2020		2026
Brittany Schneider	Meets standards	100%	0%	100%	Retain	Retain
Grand County Judge				Prior 2022		2026
Nicholas Catanzarite	Meets standards	50%	0%	68%	Do Not Retain	Do Not Retain
Moffat County Judge				Prior 2022		2026
James Hesson	Meets standards	100%	0%	Not on bench		Retain
No Routt County Judge stood for retention in 2026						

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Judge	Commission Finding	Attorney Votes		Prior Rating			
		Retain	Do Not Retain	Attorney % Retain			
Fifteenth Judicial District Judges (Baca, Cheyenne, Kiowa, Prowers)							
District Court Judge					Prior 2020		2026
Tarryn L. Johnson	Meets standards	100%	0%	Not on bench		Retain	
No Baca County Judge stood for retention in 2026							
No Cheyenne County Judge stood for retention in 2026							
No Kiowa County Judge stood for retention in 2026							
Prowers County Judge							
Curtis Lane Porter	Meets standards	86%	0%	86%	Retain	Retain	
Sixteenth Judicial District Judges (Bent, Crowley, Otero)							
No District Judge stood for retention in 2026							
No Bent County Judge stood for retention in 2026							
Crowley County Judges					Prior 2022		2026
Jeremy P. Boyce	Does Not Meet Standards	Undetermined		Not on bench		Do Not Retain	
Otero County Judge					Prior 2022		2026
William Culver	Meets standards	100%	0%	Not on bench		Retain	
Seventeenth Judicial District Judges (Adams, Broomfield)							
District Judges					Prior 2020		2026
Caryn A. Datz	Meets standards	75%	25%	85%	High-end Marginal	Marginal	
Sean Patrick Finn	Meets standards	86%	14%	88%	Retain	Retain	
Priscilla Loew	Meets standards	100%	0%	77%	Marginal	Retain	
Jeffrey Dean Ruff	Meets standards	69%	23%	Not on bench		Do Not Retain	
Kelley R. Southerland	Meets standards	100%	0%	Not on bench		Retain	
Adams County Judges					Prior 2022		2026
Lara M. Jimenez	Meets standards	Undetermined		Not on bench		Undetermined	
MaryAnn “Mariana” Vielma	Meets standards	Undetermined		95%	Retain	Undetermined	
No Broomfield County Judge stood for retention in 2026							

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		Retain	Do Not Retain	Attorney % Retain		
Eighteenth Judicial District Judges (Arapahoe)						
District Court Judges				Prior 2020		2026
Michelle Ann Amico	Meets standards	100%	0%	95%	Retain	Retain
LaQunya L. Baker-McKay	Meets standards	100%	0%	Not on bench		Retain
Jacob A. Edson	Meets standards	86%	0%	Not on bench		Low-end Retain
Thomas W. Henderson	Meets standards	90%	10%	Not on bench		Retain
Michelle Jones	Meets standards	81%	19%	Not on bench		Marginal
David N. Karpel	Meets standards	80%	10%	Not on bench		Marginal
Natalie G. Stricklin	Meets standards	86%	0%	Not on bench		Low-end Retain
Darren L. Vahle	Meets standards	80%	20%	86%	Retain	Marginal
Christine A. Washburn	Meets standards	79%	7%	Not on bench		Marginal;
Arapahoe County Judges				Prior 2022		2026
Christina Marie Apostoli	Meets standards	85%	15%	Not on bench		High-end Marginal
Colleen Clark	Meets standards	55%	45%	83%	Marginal	Do Not Retain
Cheryl Rowles-Stokes	Meets standards	47%	53%	81%	Marginal	Do Not Retain
Nineteenth Judicial District Judges (Weld)						
District Judges				Prior 2020		2026
Audrey A. Galloway	Meets standards	71%	29%	Not on bench		Low-end Marginal
Timothy Gerard Kerns	Meets standards	100%	0%	95%	Retain	Retain
Weld County Judges				Prior 2022		2026
John J. Briggs	Meets standards	86%	14%	89%	Retain	Low-end Retain
Michele Lynn Meyer	Meets standards	75%	0%	95%	Retain	Marginal
Dana Nichols	Meets standards	78%	22%	90%	Retain	Marginal

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		Retain	Do Not Retain	Attorney % Retain		
Twentieth Judicial District Judges (Boulder)						
District Judges				Prior 2020		2026
Michael Kotlarczyk	Meets standards	100%	0%	Not on bench		Retain
J. Chris Larson	Meets standards	93%	3%	Not on bench		Retain
Nancy Woodruff Salomone	Meets standards	85%	15%	88%	Retain	High-end Marginal
Boulder County Judges				Prior 2022		2026
Elizabeth H. M. Brodsky	Meets standards			88%	Retain	
Monica Haenselman	Meets standards	82%	18%	Not on bench		Marginal
Zachary Ilya Malkinson	Meets standards	75%	25%			Marginal
Twenty-First Judicial District Judges (Mesa)						
District Court Judges				Prior 2020		2026
Jeremy Chaffin	Meets standards	100%	0%	Not on bench		Retain
Craig Peter Henderson	Meets standards	100%	0%	81%	Marginal	Retain
Gretchen B. Larson	Meets standards	100%	0%	91%	Retain	Retain
JenniLynn E. Lawrence	Meets standards*	36%	55%	71%	Low Marginal	Do Not Retain
* Commission was evenly split, 4 vs 4, as to whether Judge Lawrence met performance standards.						
Mesa County Judges				Prior 2020		2026
Joseph Burrill	Meets standards	71%	0%	Not on bench		Low-end Marginal
Bruce R. Raaum	Meets standards	83%	0%	95%	Retain	Marginal
Twenty-Second Judicial District Judges (Dolores, Montezuma)						
District Court Judge				Prior 2020		2026
William Young Furse	Meets standards	67%	25%	Not on bench		Do Not Retain
No Dolores County Judge stood for retention in 2026						
No Montezuma County Judge stood for retention in 2026						

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Judge	Commission Finding	Attorney Votes		Prior Rating		
		Retain	Do Not Retain	Attorney % Retain		
Twenty-Third Judicial District Judges (Douglas, Elbert, and Lincoln)						
District Court Judge				Prior 2020		2026
Andrew Baum	Meets standards	75%	25%	62%	Do Not Retain	Marginal
Victoria E. Klingensmith	Meets standards	25%	75%	Not on bench		Do Not Retain
Theresa Slade	Meets standards	82%	18%	88%	Retain	Marginal
Daniel W. Warhola	Meets standards	82%	18%	Not on bench		Marginal
Douglas County				Prior 2022		2026
Lawrence Bowling	Meets standards	92%	8%	96%	Retain	Retain
Kolony L. Fields	Meets standards	89%	11%	95%	Retain	Retain
No Elbert County judge stood for retention in 2026						
No Lincoln County judge stood for retention in 2026						

Notes

Criteria

Prior to 2017 [Colorado judicial review commissions](#) reported their evaluation of a judge with the recommendation to **Retain** or **Do Not Retain**. Today the commissions report only as **Meets Standards** or **Does Not Meet Standards**. Inasmuch as all but three of the judges evaluated in 2026 are said to **Meet Standards**, as in the past, we have found that approach useless for someone trying to determine if a given judge should be kept on the bench, or made to step down.

Because when we began this project in 2012 the commissions were reporting **Retain/Do Not Retain**. We have found it more informative to continue using that measure, with the addition of an intermediate **Marginal** finding for our report based solely on attorney votes. The chosen percentages to Retain or not stated below are based solely on fourteen years of reviewing how attorneys rate state judges and are thus somewhat arbitrary.

- **Retain** >85% of attorneys voted to retain;
- **Marginal** 71-85% of attorneys voted to retain;
- **Do Not Retain** <=70% of attorneys voted to retain. Note that this level was lowered from 75% to 70% in 2020 suggesting judicial standards are not improving.

Retention intervals

To help weed out bad judges all Colorado state judges must stand for retention by the voters at fixed intervals in even years. Reports on each judge are prepared by [judicial performance commissions](#) in each of the 23 judicial districts. But, being political, these commissions, tend to whitewash the judges and nearly every judge is found to meet the “standards.”

All state judges first stand for retention in even years approximately two years after their appointment or a promotion to a higher bench. After that they stand for retention based on the court they sit in at the following intervals so long as they remain on that bench:

- **Supreme Court justices** — every 10 years;
- **Court of Appeals judges** — every 8 years;
- **District court judges** — every 6 years;
- **County court judges** — every 4 years.

In 2026 there were 137 state judges eligible to stand for retention in Colorado and 132 were evaluated by State and District Judicial Commissions. In addition, the judicial performance commission posts a [statistical report](#) wherein they state that 126 (95%) of the 132 judges evaluated for retention in 2026 met performance standards but 6 (5%) did not meet their standards.

Of the 137 eligible judges only 123 are actually standing for retention in 2026 and are tabulated here. The remaining 14 judges terms will expire January 12, 2027, if they have not stepped down or retired sooner.

Note that magistrates serve at the pleasure of the chief judge of the judicial district and are not considered state judges. Thus, they are not evaluated here but are included on our [website](#). However, federal, municipal, and administrative judges are *not* included in any of our tabulations.

Judicial review of performance over time

The official [judicial performance commission evaluations](#) for state judges date back to 1990. They have been posting percentages of attorney votes for and against a judge since 2000

Seeking a better method of evaluating judges, and inasmuch as the judicial performance commissions seek input from the attorneys, who presumably best know the judges, in 2012 we began compiling our own tabulation of good and bad judges based solely on the attorney votes reported to the separate commissions. In essence the attorneys perform as a jury of the judge's peers. That provides a simple to understand, brief, and consistent statement of the judge's performance, and what the attorneys who know the judge best think of them.

As in the past, the EJP 2026 judicial performance review based on attorney votes is shown in [Table 1](#). By the criteria stated above, 27 (22%) of the 123 judges standing for retention this year should **not be retained** and **voted off the bench**. By the same criteria, the performance of 31 (25%) more judges is found to be marginal at best, and there was insufficient data to evaluate 13 (10.5%) judges. In [Table 1](#) we show 3 judges who did not meet commission performance standards but are, nonetheless, standing for retention. Of course, 14 state judges who might otherwise qualify are either retiring, or not bothering to stand, and are not tabulated in [Table 1](#).

Conversely, in 2026 attorneys rated **33 (27%; shown in bold)** of the state judges standing for retention as outstanding.

Our objective with these reports is to support the many outstanding judges who serve Colorado citizens while helping voters decide to eliminate those who are unfit for the position

they hold. Again, the basic assumption we've made is that the prosecutors, defense, and civil litigation attorneys know the judges in their judicial district best. They are the ones who deal with the judges on a daily basis and have the education and experience necessary to judge the judges. As a result, the [Equal Justice Foundation](#) evaluation is based entirely on how these attorneys voted on a particular judge; a simple and easily understood metric that is reasonably consistent across the state. In essence, attorneys are a jury of the judge's peers.

As shown in [Table 2](#), for over a decade the Equal Justice Foundation has been independently tracking judicial performance, and postulates that the total number of bad judges is considerably more than the [judicial discipline commissions](#) indicate. [Table 2](#) summarizes the retention recommendations of the Colorado Judicial Performance Evaluations (CO JPE) versus those of the Equal Justice Foundation (EJF) based solely on how attorneys vote for a judge for the eight retention cycles, 2012 to 2026, we've reviewed to date.

Table 2: Colorado judicial performance evaluation statistics based on stated criteria

Year	Total Number Judges Eligible For Retention	Number Who Actually Stood For Retention	Judicial Performance Statistics by Year				
			Retain or Meets Performance Standard		Do Not Retain or Does Not Meet Performance Standard		Marginal
			CO JPE	EJF	CO JPE	EJF	EJF
2012	90	89 (98.8%)	88	60	1	16	14
2014	146	144 (98.6)%	142	55	2	44	47
2016	108	108 (100%)	106	42	2	32	34
2018	128	128 (100%)	126	59	2	25	42
2020	118	105 (89%)	103	57	2	18	28
2022	164	135 (82.3%)	135	79	0	26	30
2024	130	116 (89.2%)	115	56	1	19	36 5 not rated
2026	137	123 (89.8%)	120	50	3	27	31 13 not rated

There are many reasons a judge may not have the qualifications required, and of course sex always rears its lovely head. But copulating with the prosecutor in the judge's chambers, or trying to make a date from the bench with the cutie standing before the bar does seem to exceed the limits of propriety.

On the EJF web site in the [Colorado Judges — Citizen's Review](#) chapter we have documented all of those behaviors, and more, by one or more judges. Further, politics, religion, and ideology have no place in a fair and impartial courtroom, and a judge's ruling must not be based on emotions and feelings.

However, the final decision is in the hands of the voters and we hope this document is a useful tool for helping them decide which jurists they want to keep on the bench and, more importantly, helping to remove those who have not met the high standards so essential for justice.

If you would like to go sit in a judge's courtroom and form your own opinion we have [courtwatcher forms](#) available that should be of some assistance to you in that endeavor. We link appropriately completed courtwatcher forms to the judge's name on our [web site](#).

If you live in another state perhaps our method may be of some use in establishing a similar method of evaluating judges. Additional copies of our reports [can be found online](#) and reviews and much of the history of all Colorado judges [can be found here](#).

Links

Not everyone will be viewing this review online but may want to find where we are obtaining the data on judges from. Thus, here are the HTML links:

- Colorado Judicial Performance <https://judicialperformance.colorado.gov/>
- Colorado Commission on Judicial Discipline <https://ccjd.colorado.gov/>
- Colorado Judges — Citizens Review <http://www.dvmen.org/dv-66.htm>
- Equal Justice Foundation <http://www.ejfi.org/>
- Contribute to the Equal Justice Foundation <http://www.ejfi.org/join2.htm>

Support for the Equal Justice Foundation

We would be amiss if we did not conclude with a plea for support for our work. The [Equal Justice Foundation](#) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) public charity and contributions are tax deductible. It should be obvious that there are many costs to doing research like this on a continuing basis. However, **the Foundation has no paid employees** so all of your support goes into helping with the research and dissemination of same. We note with pride that during 2026 the research and stories on our web sites was accessed by more than 2,000 unique visitors a day by people in every state and at least 180 other countries. Our work is also commonly reposted on other sites all around the world as well.

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