

Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation 2023 Statewide Demographics Report

Report in Compliance with Government Code Section 12011.5 (n)(B)

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Government Code section 12011.5 (n)(B) requires that on or before March 1, the Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation (JNE) collect and release aggregate, statewide data on the following: (1) demographics provided by the judicial candidates reviewed relative to ethnicity, race, disability, veteran status, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, and areas of legal practice and employment; and (2) a summary of JNE Commission recommendations by the same categories.

Consistent with statutory intent, the 2023 Statewide Demographics Report includes data only for the 185 candidates whose qualifications for judicial office were reviewed in the 2023 calendar year.

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Ethnicity/Race

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	Qualified		Well Qualified		Qualified		Not Qualified		Total	
<u>-</u>	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Asian	11	20.0	16	22.2	2	6.7	3	10.7	32	17.3
Black or African American	8	14.5	6	8.3	2	6.7	2	7.1	18	9.7
Hispanic or Latino	7	12.7	5	6.9	11	36.7	5	17.9	28	15.1
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	-	1	1.4	0	-	0	-	1	0.5
White	27	49.1	36	50.0	13	43.3	16	57.1	92	49.7
Some Other Race	0	-	1	1.4	0	-	0	-	1	0.5
Unknown	2	3.6	7	9.7	2	6.7	2	7.1	13	7.0
Total	55	100	72	100	30	100	28	100	185	100

Disability Status

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	Qualifi	Qualified		Well Qualified		Qualified		Not Qualified		Total	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	
Disability	2	3.6	3	4.2	0	-	2	7.1	7	3.8	
No Disability	53	96.4	69	95.8	30	100.0	26	92.9	178	96.2	
Total	55	100.0	72	100.0	30	100.0	28	100.0	185	100.0	

Veteran Status

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	Qualif	Qualified		Well Qualified		Qualified		Not Qualified		Total	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	
Veteran	2	3.6	2	2.8	1	3.3	2	7.1	7	3.8	
Non-Veteran	53	96.4	70	97.2	29	96.7	26	92.9	178	96.2	
Total	55	100.0	72	100.0	30	100.0	28	100.0	185	100.0	

Gender/Gender Identity

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	Qualified		Well Qua	Well Qualified		Qualified		Not Qualified		nl .
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Male	23	41.8	29	40.3	9	30.0	16	57.1	77	41.6
Female	32	58.2	43	59.7	21	70.0	12	42.9	108	58.4
Total	55	100.0	72	100.0	30	100.0	28	100.0	185	100.0

Sexual Orientation

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	Qualif	Qualified		Well Qualified		Qualified		Not Qualified		al		
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%		
Heterosexual	47	85.5	63	87.5	30	100.0	27	96.4	167	90.3		
Bisexual	1	1.8	1	1.4	0	-	0	-	2	1.1		
Lesbian	4	7.3	4	5.6	0	-	0	-	8	4.3		
Gay	2	3.6	4	5.6	0	-	1	3.6	7	3.8		
Unknown	1	1.8	0	-	0	-	0	-	1	0.5		
Total	55	100.0	72	100.0	30	100.0	28	100.0	185	100.0		

Areas of Legal Practice and Employment

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	Qualif	Qualified		Well Qualified		Qualified		Not Qualified		Total	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	
Administrative	25	8.5	25	7.1	10	7.9	12	9.2	79	9.1	
Civil Law	51	17.3	56	16.0	21	16.7	24	18.3	143	16.5	
Legislative	16	5.4	28	8.0	3	2.4	5	3.8	50	5.8	
House/Staff Counsel	12	4.1	19	5.4	4	3.2	5	3.8	41	4.7	
Juvenile/Family/Probate	38	12.9	54	15.4	23	18.3	22	16.8	131	15.1	
Criminal	53	18.0	57	16.3	28	22.2	28	21.4	162	18.6	
Litigation (Trial/Appellate)	59	20.0	57	16.3	21	16.7	21	16.0	140	16.1	
Corporate/Transactional	17	5.8	26	7.4	8	6.3	3	2.3	56	6.4	
Other Legal Practice	24	8.1	28	8.0	8	6.3	11	8.4	67	7.7	
Total	295	100.0	350	100.0	126	100.0	131	100.0	869	100.0	

Note: The totals exceed the number of applicants because candidates are allowed to mark multiple areas of legal practice and employment on the Judicial Appointment Application. A candidate's rating is reflected in each legal practice and employment area marked.