

Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation 2017 Statewide Demographic Report

Government Code section 12011.5, subdivision (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 of 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. All information contained in this 2017 Statewide Demographic Report (2017 Report) was drawn from the applications of the 159 candidates for judicial appointment reviewed by the JNE Commission in 2017.

Prior to this report, annual JNE Reports included data for some candidates whose names were submitted to JNE in the previous calendar year, but whose qualifications for judicial office had not been reviewed by JNE until the following calendar year. The 2017 Report, consistent with statutory intent, has been modified to include data only for those candidates whose qualifications for judicial office were *reviewed* in the 2017 calendar year. This change has created a one-time overlap in data between 2016 and 2017. Specifically, demographic data for candidates whose names were submitted in December 2016, but whose qualifications were not reviewed until the February 2017 JNE Commission meeting, are included in both the 2016 and 2017 Reports. Future reports will include demographic data only for those candidates whose reviews fall within the relevant calendar year.

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GENDER

Rating	Exceptionally Well Qualified		Well Qualified		Qualified		Not Qualified		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	15	48.4%	28	50.9%	28	45.2%	8	72.7%	79	49.7%
Female	16	51.7%	27	49.1%	34	54.8%	3	27.3%	80	50.3%
Unknown	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Total	31	19.5%	55	34.6%	62	39.0%	11	6.9%	159	100%

ETHNICITY / RACE

Ethnicity / Race	Exceptionally Well Qualified		Well Qualified		Qualified		Not Qualified		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Asian	2	6.5%	5	9.1%	5	8.1%	2	18.2%	14	8.8%
Black or African American	5	16.1%	5	9.1%	4	6.5%	0	0%	14	8.8%
Hispanic or Latino	4	12.9%	10	18.2%	11	17.7%	0	0%	25	15.7%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
White	20	64.5%	33	60%	39	62.9%	8	72.7%	100	62.9%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Some Other Race	0	0%	0	0%	1	1.6%	0	0%	1	.6%
More Than One Race	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Unknown	0	0%	2	3.6%	2	3.2%	1	9.0%	5	3.1%
Total	31	19.5%	55	34.6%	62	39%	11	6.9%	159	100%

AREAS OF LEGAL PRACTICE AND EMPLOYMENT

Areas of Legal Practice and Employment	Exceptionally Well Qualified		Well Qualified		Qualified		Not Qualified		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Administrative	8	7.1%	18	8.7%	19	8.4%	6	12%	51	8.6%
Civil Law	17	15.2%	30	14.6%	33	14.6%	8	16%	88	14.8%
Legislative	2	1.8%	5	2.4%	5	2.2%	1	2%	13	2.2%
House/Staff Counsel	2	1.8%	11	5.3%	7	3.1%	3	6%	23	3.9%
Juvenile/Family/Probate	16	14.3%	27	13.1%	31	13.7%	5	10%	79	13.3%
Criminal	23	20.5%	32	15.5%	37	16.4%	7	14%	99	16.7%
Litigation (Trial/Appellate)	25	22.3%	44	21.4%	50	22.1%	11	22%	130	21.9%
Corporate/Transactional	6	5.4%	17	8.3%	17	7.5%	2	4%	42	7.1%
Other Legal Practice	13	11.6%	22	10.7%	27	12%	7	14%	69	11.6%
Total	112	18.8%	206	34.7%	226	38%	50	8.4%	594	100%

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.

FEMALE CANDIDATES — SEXUAL ORIENTATION / GENDER IDENTITY

Sexual Orientation / Gender Identity	Exceptionally Well Qualified		Well Qualified		Qualified		Not Qualified		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Heterosexual	14	87.5%	23	85.2%	30	88.2%	2	66.7%	69	86.3%
Lesbian	2	12.5%	0	0%	1	2.9%	0	0%	3	3.8%
Bisexual	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Transgender	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Decline to Respond	0	0%	4	14.8%	3	8.8%	1	33.3%	8	10%
Total	16	20%	27	33.8%	34	42.5%	3	3.8%	80	100%

MALE CANDIDATES — SEXUAL ORIENTATION / GENDER IDENTITY

Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity	Exceptionally Well Qualified		Well Qualified		Qualified		Not Qualified		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Heterosexual	14	93.3%	25	89.3%	28	100%	7	87.5%	74	93.7%
Gay	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Bisexual	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Transgender	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Decline to Respond	1	6.7%	3	10.7%	0	0%	1	12.5%	5	6%
Total	15	19%	28	35.4%	28	35.4%	8	10.1%	79	100%

VETERAN STATUS

Veteran Status	Exceptionally Well Qualified		Well Qualified		Qualified		Not Qualified		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Veteran	2	6.5%	2	3.6%	3	4.8%	3	27.3%	10	6.3%
Non-veteran	25	80.6%	42	76.3%	53	85.5%	5	45.5%	125	78.6%
Decline to respond	4	12.9%	11	20%	6	9.7%	3	27.3%	24	15.1%
Total	31	19.5%	55	34.6%	62	39%	11	6.9%	159	100%

DISABILITY STATUS

Disability Status	Exceptionally Well Qualified		Well Qualified		Qualified		Not Qualified		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Disability	0	0%	1	1.8%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%
No Disability	27	87%	43	78.1%	56	90.3%	8	72.7%	134	84.3%
Decline to respond	4	13%	11	20%	6	9.7%	3	27.3%	24	15.1%
Total	31	19.4%	55	34.6%	62	39%	11	6.9%	159	100%