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## **Houston Bar Association Releases Results of 2017 Judicial Evaluation**

(HOUSTON – December 13, 2017) The Houston Bar Association (HBA) today released the results of its 2017 Judicial Evaluation Questionnaire. **The results are posted on the HBA Web site, [www.hba.org](http://www.hba.org).**

Every two years, the HBA asks its members to evaluate members of the judiciary that serve in Harris County, as well as the Supreme Court of Texas and the Court of Criminal Appeals. The judges are evaluated in categories that include knowledge of the law, impartiality, efficiency, courtesy, written opinions, and an overall evaluation. Each person evaluating a judge is asked to base his or her opinions on firsthand knowledge only. Judges who had not been on their current bench for at least six months as of the date the questionnaire was prepared do not appear on the Judicial Evaluation.

**The Judicial Evaluation Questionnaire is not an endorsement by the HBA of any judge.**

There were 1,145 evaluations returned, representing 13 percent of HBA membership with access to the online evaluation.

The Judicial Evaluation Questionnaire includes federal judges; magistrate judges; state and local appellate judges; civil, criminal, family, juvenile and probate judges; associate judges in the family, juvenile and probate courts; IV-D associate judges; county civil and criminal court at law judges; justices of the peace; and municipal judges

Believing that the quality of the judiciary is of crucial importance to the legal profession and the community, the Houston Bar Association has conducted judicial polls since the early 1970s.

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