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Houston Bar Association Releases Results of the 2023 Judicial Evaluation Questionnaire

The HBA conducts the poll in odd-numbered years to obtain its members’ opinions on judge’s performance.

(HOUSTON – December 13, 2023) The Houston Bar Association (HBA) today released the results of its 2023 Judicial Evaluation Questionnaire. The results are posted on the HBA web site.

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 Houston Bar Association has conducted judicial polls since the early 1970s.

The Judicial Evaluation Questionnaire does not represent an HBA endorsement or opinion of any judge.

The 2023 Judicial Evaluation Questionnaire includes federal judges; immigration 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 full-time municipal judges. The HBA Judicial Polls Committee added three new categories this year: Associate Judges, Criminal District Courts; Criminal Magistrates; and TAX Masters.

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