



EJF Newsletter — 2024

Review of Colorado Judges

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This newsletter is intended as a brief reference to help 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 2024, as presented in [Table 1](#), is based solely on how attorneys rated them.

Table 1: EJF Evaluations Based On Attorney Judgments

2024 Judicial Performance Commission Evaluation						2024 EJF Evaluation Based on Attorney Votes
Judge	Commission Finding	Attorney Votes		Prior Rating		
		Retain	Do Not Retain	Attorney % Retain		
Colorado Supreme Court						
					Prior 2014	2024
Maria E. Berkenkotter	Meets Standards	91%	9%	Not on bench		Retain
Brian D. Boatright	Meets Standards	79%	8%	66%	Do Not Retain	Marginal
Monica M. Márquez	Meets Standards	95%	5%	83%	Retain	Retain
Colorado Court of Appeals						
					Prior 2016	2024
Stephanie Dunn	Meets Standards	94%	6%	85%	Marginal	Retain
Jerry N. Jones	Meets Standards	75%	25%	74%	Do Not Retain	Very Marginal
W. Eric Kuhn	Meets Standards	88%	6%	Not on bench		Retain
Gilbert M. Román	Meets Standards	77%	15%	82%	Marginal	Very Marginal
Timothy J. Schutz	Meets Standards	78%	11%	Not on bench		Marginal
First Judicial District Judges (Gilpin, Jefferson)						
District Judges					Prior 2018	2024
Jason D. Carrithers	Meets Standards	58%	35%	Not on bench		Do Not Retain
Diego G. Hunt	Meets Standards	77%	19%	89%	Retain	Marginal

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First Judicial District County Judges (continued)						
No Gilpin County judge stood for retention in 2024.						
Jefferson County				2020		2024
Bradley Allen Burback	Meets Standards	75%	17%	88%	Retain	Marginal
Verna L. Carpenter	Meets Standards	88%	13%	64%	Do Not Retain	Retain
Keith Michael Goman	Meets Standards	80%	20%	Not on bench		Retain
Graham B. Peper	Meets Standards	91%	9%	Not on bench		Retain
Kristan Wheeler	Meets Standards	77%	18%	Not on bench		Marginal
Second Judicial District Judges (Denver County)						
District Judges				Prior 2018		2024
Mark T. Bailey	Meets Standards	87%	11%	Not on bench		Retain
Adam J. Espinosa	Meets Standards	36%	55%	Stood for retention as county court judge in 2018. Rated Marginal.		Do Not Retain
Jay S. Grant	Meets Standards	53%	41%	95%	Retain	Do Not Retain
Marie A. Moses	Meets Standards	65%	35%	Not on bench		Do Not Retain
Alex C. Myers	Meets Standards	86%	7%	Not on bench		Retain
Anita M. Schutte	Meets Standards	92%	8%	Not on bench		Retain
Stephanie Scoville	Meets Standards	79%	10%	Not on bench		Marginal
Demetria E. Trujillo	Meets Standards	95%	5%	Not on bench		Retain
Denver County Judges				Prior 2020		2024
David Blackett	Meets Standards	90%	10%	Not on bench. Was Adams County magistrate.		Retain
Kelly C. Cherry	Meets Standards	82%	9%	Not on bench. Promoted from magistrate.		Marginal
Beth Faragher	Meets Standards	100%		88%	Retain	Retain
Renee A. Goble	Meets Standards	80%	20%	Not on bench		Marginal
Isabel Pallares	Meets Standards	14%	86%	30%	Do Not Retain	Do Not Retain
Nicole M. Rodarte	Meets Standards	0%	67%	74%	Marginal	Do Not Retain
Andre L. Rudolph	Meets Standards	27%	73%	63%	Do Not Retain	Do Not Retain

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Judge	Commission Finding	Attorney Votes		Prior Rating		
		Retain	Do Not Retain	Attorney % Retain		
Second Judicial District County Judges (continued)						
Barry A. Schwartz	Meets Standards	85%	15%	68%	Do Not Retain	Retain
Fran Simonet	Meets Standards	100%	0%	92%	Retain	Retain
Theresa Spahn	Meets Standards	67%	22%	No opinion		No opinion
Third Judicial District Judges (Huerfano, Las Animas)						
No Third Judicial District judges stood for retention in 2024.						
No Huerfano County judges stood for retention in 2024.						
No Los Animas County judges stood for retention in 2024.						
Fourth Judicial District Judges (El Paso, Teller)						
District Judges				Prior 2018		2024
Eric Bentley	Meets Standards	89%	11%	86%	Retain	Retain
Linda M. Billings-Vela	Meets Standards	77%	19%	94%	Retain	Marginal
Jill M. Brady	Meets Standards	100%	0%	84%	Marginal	Retain
Samuel Albert Evig	Meets Standards	86%	7%	Not on bench. Promoted from county court in 2021.		Retain
Laura Norris Findorff	Meets Standards	64%	27%	Not on bench. As county court judge rated at 86%.		Do Not Retain
Diana K. May	Meets Standards	47%	40%	Not on bench.		Do Not Retain
William H. Moller	Meets Standards	69%	23%	Not on bench.		Do Not Retain
David L. Shakes	Meets Standards	78%	6%	79%	Marginal	Marginal
El Paso County Judges				Prior 2020		2024
Charlotte A. Ankeny	Meets Standards	83%	17%	Not on bench		Marginal
Yolanda M. Fennick	Meets Standards	44%	56%	Not on bench		Do Not Retain
Shannon Marie Gerhart	Meets Standards	88%	12%	95%	Retain	Retain
Steven Katzman	Meets Standards	44%	56%	Not on bench		Do Not Retain
Cynthia A. McKedy	Meets Standards	78%	0%	Not on bench		Marginal
Teller County Judge				Prior 2018		2022
No Teller County judge stood for retention in 2024.						

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Judge	Commission Finding	Attorney Votes		Prior Rating		
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Fifth Judicial District Judges (Clear Creek, Eagle, Lake, Summit)						
District Judges				Prior 2018		2024
Rachel J. Olguin-Fresquez	Meets Standards	84%	11%	85%	Marginal	High-end Marginal
Clear Creek County Judge				Prior 2020		2024
Cynthia J. Jones	Meets Standards	75%	25%	100%	Retain	Marginal
No Eagle County Judge stood for retention in 2024						
No Lake County Judge stood for retention in 2024						
No Summit County Judge stood for retention in 2024						
Sixth Judicial District Judges (Archuleta, La Plata, San Juan)						
District Judges				Prior 2018		2024
Kim Soon Shropshire	Meets Standards	91%	9%	Not on bench		Retain
No Archuleta County Judge stood for retention in 2024.						
No La Plata County Judge stood for retention in 2024.						
San Juan County Judge				Prior 2020		2024
Anthony D. Edwards	Meets Standards	Insufficient data		No data	Retain	Retain
Seventh Judicial District (Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray, San Miguel)						
District Judges				Prior 2018		2024
Steven Louis Schultz	Meets Standards	86%	14%	95%	Retain	Retain
Keri A. Yoder	Meets Standards	82%	6%	87%	Retain	Marginal
Delta County Judge				Prior 2020		2024
Bo A. Zeerip	Meets Standards	53%	37%	Not on bench		Do Not Retain
Gunnison County Judge				Prior 2020		2024
Ashley Burgemeister	Meets Standards	86%	14%	82%	Marginal	Retain
No Hinsdale County judge stood for retention in 2024						
Montrose County Judges				Prior 2020		2024
Kurt M. Beckenhauer	Meets Standards	92%	0%	100%	Retain	Retain
Laura Harvell	Meets Standards	88%	6%	Not on bench		Retain

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Seventh Judicial District County Judges (continued)						
Ouray County Judge				Prior 2020		2024
Lane P. Thomasson	Meets Standards	86%	14%	Not on bench		Retain
No San Miguel County Judge stood for retention in 2024						
Eighth Judicial District Judges (Jackson, Larimer)						
District Court Judges				Prior 2018		2024
Sarah B. Cure	Meets Standards	81%	10%	Not on bench		Marginal
Joseph Dean Findley	Meets Standards	96%	4%	Not on bench		Retain
No Jackson County Judges stood for retention in 2024						
Larimer County Judges				Prior 2020		2024
Kraig Ecton	Meets Standards	60%	30%	86%	Retain	Do Not Retain
Joshua Blake Lehman	Meets Standards	100%	0%	94%	Retain	Retain
Ninth Judicial District Judges (Garfield, Pitkin, Rio Blanco)						
District Judge				Prior 2018		2024
Anne K. Norrdin	Meets Standards	92%	8%	83%	Marginal	Retain
Garfield County Judges				Prior 2020		2024
Angela M. Roff	Does Not Meet Standards	28%	44%	Not on bench		Do Not Retain
Pitkin County Judge				Prior 2020		2024
Ashley Andrews	Meets Standards	83%	8%	Not on bench		Marginal
No Rio Blanco County Judges stood for retention in 2024						
Tenth Judicial District Judges (Pueblo)						
District Judges				Prior 2018		2024
Tim O'Shea	Meets Standards	100%	0%	Not on bench		Retain
Pueblo County Judges				Prior 2020		2024
Roberto Silva	Meets Standards	100%	0%	100%	Retain	Retain
Margaret Vellar	Meets Standards	75%	25%	Not on bench		Marginal

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Eleventh Judicial District Judges (Chaffee, Custer, Fremont, Park)						
District Judge				Prior 2018		2024
Kaitlin B. Turner	Meets Standards	29%	71%	Not on bench		Do Not Retain
Chaffee County Judge				Prior 2020		2024
Diana C. Bull	Meets Standards	83%	0%	Not on bench		Retain
No Custer County Judges stood for retention in 2024						
No Fremont County Judges stood for retention in 2024						
No Park County Judges stood for retention in 2024						
Twelfth Judicial District Judges (Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande, Saguache)						
District Judges				Prior 2018		2024
Kimberly D. Cortez	Meets Standards	94%	0%	100%	As county judge in 2020	Retain
No Alamosa County Judges stood for retention in 2024						
Conejos County Judge				Prior 2020		2024
Jason Todd Kelly	Meets Standards	100%	0%	Not on bench		Retain
No Costilla County Judges stood for retention in 2024						
No Mineral County Judges stood for retention in 2024						
Rio Grande County Judge				Prior 2020		2024
John W. Stenger	Meets Standards	100%	0%	Not on bench		Retain
Saguache County Judge				Prior 2020		2024
Craig K. Schuenemann	Meets Standards	75%	0%	Not on bench		Marginal
Thirteenth Judicial District Judges (Kit Carson, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, Yuma)						
District Judges				Prior 2018		2024
Justin B. Haenlein	Meets Standards	94%	6%	Not on bench		Retain
Robert James	Meets Standards	100%	0%	Not on bench		Retain
Carl S. McGuire III	Meets Standards	73%	18%	94%	Retain	Marginal

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		Retain	Do Not Retain	Attorney % Retain		
Thirteenth Judicial District County Judges (continued)						
No Kit Carson County Judge stood for retention in 2024						
Logan County Judge				Prior 2020		2024
Ray Ann Brammer	Meets Standards	85%	15%	83%	Retain	Retain
No Morgan County Judge stood for retention in 2024						
Phillips County Judge				Prior 2020		2024
Kimbra Killin	Meets Standards	Insufficient data		Insufficient data		Undetermined
Sedgwick County Judge				Prior 2020		2024
Myka Marie Landry	Meets Standards	Insufficient data		Not on bench		Undetermined
No Washington County Judge stood for retention in 2024						
Yuma County Judge				Prior 2020		2024
Kristei Ray Jones	Meets Standards	Insufficient data		67%	Do Not Retain	Undetermined
Fourteenth Judicial District Judges (Grand, Moffat, Routt)						
No Fourteenth Judicial District Judge stood for retention in 2024						
No Grand County Judge stood for retention in 2024						
No Moffat County Judge stood for retention in 2024						
Routt County Judge				Prior 2020		2024
Erin M. Rowe Wilson	Meets Standards	63%	26%	Not on bench		Do Not Retain
Fifteenth Judicial District Judges (Baca, Cheyenne, Kiowa, Prowers)						
District Court Judge				Prior 2018		2024
Michael J. Davidson	Meets Standards	100%	0%	86%	Retain	Retain
Baca County Judge				Prior 2020		2024
Lyudmyla Lishchuk	Meets Standards	Insufficient data		Not on bench		Undetermined
Cheyenne County Judge				Prior 2020		2024
Deni Estelle Eiring	Meets Standards	100%	0%	Not on bench		Retain
No Kiowa County Judges stood for retention in 2024						
No Prowers County Judges stood for retention in 2024						

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Sixteenth Judicial District Judges (Bent, Crowley, Otero)						
District Judge				Prior 2018		2024
Samuel Scott Vigil	Meets Standards	100%	0%	100%	Retain as county judge	Retain
Bent County Judge				Prior 2020		2024
Lance P. Clark	Meets Standards	Insufficient data		Not on bench		Undetermined
No Crowley County Judges stood for retention in 2024						
No Otero County Judges stood for retention in 2024						
Seventeenth Judicial District Judges (Adams, Broomfield)						
District Judges				Prior 2018		2024
Sharon Diane Holbrook	Meets Standards	82%	16%	100%	Retain	Marginal
Brett Martin	Meets Standards	90%	10%	Not on bench		Retain
Teri L. Vasquez	Meets Standards	91%	8%	Not on bench		Retain
Adams County Judges				Prior 2020		2024
Courtney L. Dinnel	Meets Standards	80%	7%	Not on bench		Marginal
Martin J. Flaum II	Meets Standards	69%	8%	92%	Retain	Do Not Retain
Marques A. Ivey	Meets Standards	77%	23%	Not on bench		Marginal
Madoche Jean	Meets Standards	86%	0%	Not on bench		Retain
Leroy D. Kirby	Meets Standards	90%	5%	89%	Retain	Retain
Joshua T. Nowak	Meets Standards	92%	8%	Not on bench		Retain
Broomfield County Judge				Prior 2020		2024
Amanda W. DeWick	Meets Standards	94%	6%	Not on bench		Retain
Eighteenth Judicial District Judges (Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert, Lincoln)						
District Court Judges				Prior 2018		2024
Benjamin Figa	Meets Standards	81%	11%	Not on bench		Marginal
Ben L. Leutwyler III	Meets Standards	80%	7%	92%	Retain	Marginal
Robert R. Lung Bonnie	Meets Standards	84%	11%	88%	Retain	High-end Marginal
Heather McLean	Meets Standards	85%	10%	85%	High-end Marginal	High-end Marginal

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		Retain	Do Not Retain	Attorney % Retain		
Eighteenth Judicial District Judges (continued)						
Don Jesse Toussaint	Meets Standards	71%	21%	Not on bench		Marginal
Shay K. Whitaker	Meets Standards	93%	7%	85%	High-end Marginal	Retain
Joseph R. Whitfield Jr.	Meets Standards	54%	38%	Not on bench		Do Not Retain
Arapahoe County Judges				Prior 2020		2024
Melina Hernandez	Meets Standards	72%	20%	Not on bench		Marginal
Joshua Jay Williford	Meets Standards	93%	7%	90%	Retain	Retain
Douglas County Judges				Prior 2020		2024
Kelly Erin Waidler	Meets Standards	84%	12%	Not on bench		High-end Marginal
No Elbert County Judges stood for retention in 2024						
No Lincoln County Judges stood for retention in 2024						
Nineteenth Judicial District Judges (Weld)						
District Judges				Prior 2018		2024
Anita J. Crowther	Meets Standards	79%	16%	Not on bench		Marginal
Allison J. Esser	Meets Standards	88%	0%	Not on bench		Retain
Todd L. Taylor	Meets Standards	86%	12%	87%	Retain	Retain
No Weld County Judges stood for retention in 2024						
Twentieth Judicial District Judges (Boulder)						
District Judges				Prior 2018		2024
J. Keith Collins	Meets Standards	95%	5%	Not on bench		Retain
Robert R. Gunning	Meets Standards	97%	0%	Not on bench		Retain
Dea Marie Lindsey	Meets Standards	76%	19%	Not on bench		Marginal
Thomas Francis Mulvahill	Meets Standards	77%	15%	76%	Marginal	Marginal
Boulder County Judges				Prior 2020		2024
Jonathon P. Martin	Meets Standards	80%	13%	81%	Marginal	Marginal

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		Retain	Do Not Retain	Attorney % Retain		
Twenty-First Judicial District Judges (Mesa)						
No District Court Judges stood for retention in 2024						
Mesa County Judge				Prior 2020		2024
Michael Joseph Grattan III	Meets Standards	92%	8%	82%	Marginal	Retain
Twenty-Second Judicial District Judges (Dolores, Montezuma)						
District Court Judge				Prior 2018		2024
Todd Jay Plewe	Meets Standards	90%	10%	88%	Retain	Retain
No Dolores County Judges stood for retention in 2024						
No Montezuma County Judges stood for retention in 2024						

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Criteria

Prior to 2017 the judicial 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 one of the judges evaluated in 2024 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.

Inasmuch as 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.

- **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 2018 suggesting judicial standards are not improving.

Retention intervals

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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 22 judicial districts. But, being political, these commissions, 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 2024 there were 130 state judges eligible to stand for retention in Colorado but only 120 were evaluated by the commissions. Of these 120 only 116 are actually standing for retention and are tabulated here. The remaining 14 judges terms will expire January 5, 2025, 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

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The official [judicial performance commission evaluations](#) for state judges dates back to 1990. They have been posting percentages of attorney votes for and against a judge since 2000, and the EJF has been producing a biennial review based on the state evaluations since 2012 using the attorney votes.

As in the past, the EJF 2024 judicial performance review based on attorney votes is shown in [Table 1](#). By this measure 19 (16.3%) of the 116 judges standing for retention this year should **not be retained** and **voted off the bench**. By the same criteria, the performance of 36 (31.0%) more judges is found to be marginal at best, and there was insufficient data to evaluate 5 (4.3%) judges. Of course, 14 (10.8%) of state judges who would otherwise qualify are either retiring or not bothering to stand and are not tabulated here.

Conversely, in 2024 attorneys rated **18 (15.5%; [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. 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.

The commissions collect more data than just attorney votes but seldom rule against judges. In 2024, of 116 judges actually standing for retention, the political appointees of the various commissions ruled that **all** of the state's judges met acceptable performance standards except one. Commissions where essentially everyone meets the standards, effectively have no standards at all.

But it is of note that even then 14 judges didn't want to be bothered and stepped down or retired.

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 commissions indicate. 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.

[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 six retention cycles, 2012 to 2022, we've reviewed to date.

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

Year	Total Number Judges Eligible For Retention	Percent 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	97.8%	88 (97.8%)	60 (66.7%)	1 (1.1%)	16 (17.8%)	14 (15.6%)
2014	146	97.3%	142 (97.3%)	55 (37.7%)	2 (1.4%)	44 (30.1%)	47 (32.2%)
2016	108	98.1%	106 (98.1%)	42 (38.9%)	2 (1.9%)	32 (29.6%)	34 (31.5%)
2018	128	98.4%	126 (98.4%)	59 (46.1%)	2 (1.8%)	25 (19.5%)	42 (32.8%)
2020	118	87.3%	103 (87.3%)	57 (48.3%)	2 (1.7%)	18 (15.3%)	28 (23.7%)
2022	164	82.3%	135 (82.3%)	79 (48.2%)	0 (0%)	26 (15.9%)	30 (18.3%)
2024	130	89.2%	115 (89.5%)	56 (43.1%)	1 (0.8%)	19 (15.6%)	36 (27.7%)
					5 were not rated		

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 particularly, 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 2024 report [can be found online](#) and reviews and much of the history of all Colorado judges [can be found here](#).

Support for the Equal Justice Foundation

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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 2019 the research and stories on our web sites was accessed by an average 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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