



Central Florida Association
of Criminal Defense Lawyers
2010 Judicial Poll

JUDICIAL CRITERIA

- 1) **Legal Knowledge.** Possessing a foundation in procedural and substantive law as well as an ability to expeditiously comprehend and analyze legal issues.
- 2) **Impartiality.** Showing no favoritism for or against either the state or the accused.
- 3) **Freedom from Bias.** Exhibiting no bias for or against counsel, litigants, or witnesses by reason of race, religion, gender, age, and/or national origin.
- 4) **Demeanor.** Demonstrating courtesy, patience, tolerance, and self-control.
- 5) **Diligence.** Exhibiting promptness and efficiency. This will specifically include whether the judge's procedures minimize the waste of time of counsel, accused, and witnesses.
- 6) **Overall Rating.** Overall view of the judge's legal ability, judicial ability, and fundamental fairness. Must be a whole number. *Does not need to be the average of the first five categories.*

RATING SCALE

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| 1 | – | Very Poor |
| 2 | – | Poor |
| 3 | – | Satisfactory |
| 4 | – | Good |
| 5 | – | Excellent |

Orange County – Circuit Court Judges

Legal Knowledge	Overall Average	Defense Attorneys	Prosecutors
Adams, Gail	3.21	3.45	2.00
Adams, John, Sr.	3.16	3.13	3.29
Apte, Alan S.	3.68	3.61	3.92
Arnold, C. Jeffery	3.06	3.24	2.54
Blackwell, Alice	3.93	3.96	3.80
Conrad, Richard F.	4.09	3.98	4.60
Egan, Robert	3.67	4.00	2.00
Grincewicz, Donald E.	3.86	3.91	3.67
Johnson, Anthony H.	3.17	2.93	4.00
Kirkland, Thomas R.	3.83	3.90	3.50
Komanski, Walter	3.75	3.59	4.38
Latimore, Alicia	3.22	3.38	2.55
LeBlanc, Bob	4.08	4.31	3.27
Lubet, Marc L.	4.35	4.57	3.62
McDonald, Roger	2.68	2.63	2.89
Mihok, Thomas	4.43	4.49	4.17
Perry, Belvin	4.09	3.86	5.00
Prather, Charles N.	4.00	4.00	4.00
Shea, Tim	3.33	4.00	1.45
Strickland, Stan	4.47	4.47	4.50
Thompson, Emerson R., Jr.	3.94	3.88	4.13
Turner, Thomas W.	3.69	3.65	3.83
Wallis, Rand F.	3.30	3.35	3.10
Whitehead, Reginald	4.44	4.46	4.33

Impartiality	Overall Average	Defense Attorneys	Prosecutors
Adams, Gail	3.29	3.50	2.25
Adams, John, Sr.	2.92	2.88	3.17
Apte, Alan S.	2.96	2.91	3.25
Arnold, C. Jeffery	2.98	3.08	2.60
Blackwell, Alice	3.97	3.93	4.20
Conrad, Richard F.	3.92	3.83	4.33
Egan, Robert	3.72	4.00	2.20
Grincewicz, Donald E.	3.64	3.75	3.00
Johnson, Anthony H.	2.50	2.26	3.57
Kirkland, Thomas R.	3.86	3.92	3.50
Komanski, Walter	3.68	3.52	4.43
Latimore, Alicia	3.12	3.29	2.40
LeBlanc, Bob	4.29	4.50	3.67
Lubet, Marc L.	4.16	4.31	3.58
McDonald, Roger	2.68	2.67	2.71
Mihok, Thomas	4.25	4.21	4.38
Perry, Belvin	3.83	3.55	4.89
Prather, Charles N.	3.94	3.83	4.20
Shea, Tim	3.43	4.14	1.55
Strickland, Stan	4.27	4.25	4.33
Thompson, Emerson R., Jr.	3.78	3.60	4.29
Turner, Thomas W.	3.88	3.78	4.14
Wallis, Rand F.	3.60	3.47	4.13
Whitehead, Reginald	4.70	4.71	4.67

Orange County – Circuit Court Judges (cont'd)

Freedom From Bias	Overall Average	Defense Attorneys	Prosecutors
Adams, Gail	3.29	3.50	2.25
Adams, John, Sr.	3.21	3.26	3.00
Apte, Alan S.	3.24	3.28	3.00
Arnold, C. Jeffery	3.11	3.33	2.30
Blackwell, Alice	3.79	3.74	4.00
Conrad, Richard F.	4.09	4.00	4.50
Egan, Robert	4.14	4.19	3.67
Grincewicz, Donald E.	4.00	4.00	4.00
Johnson, Anthony H.	3.06	2.92	3.67
Kirkland, Thomas R.	3.83	3.80	4.00
Komanski, Walter	3.65	3.55	4.20
Latimore, Alicia	3.36	3.56	2.38
LeBlanc, Bob	4.34	4.41	4.08
Lubet, Marc L.	4.19	4.30	3.70
McDonald, Roger	3.20	3.18	3.33
Mihok, Thomas	4.20	4.17	4.30
Perry, Belvin	4.06	3.93	4.67
Prather, Charles N.	4.14	4.05	4.50
Shea, Tim	3.54	4.10	1.50
Strickland, Stan	4.20	4.20	4.20
Thompson, Emerson R., Jr.	4.00	4.00	4.00
Turner, Thomas W.	3.88	3.90	3.80
Wallis, Rand F.	3.40	3.40	3.40
Whitehead, Reginald	4.64	4.65	4.57

Demeanor	Overall Average	Defense Attorneys	Prosecutors
Adams, Gail	3.24	3.43	2.25
Adams, John, Sr.	3.48	3.58	3.00
Apte, Alan S.	3.17	3.19	3.10
Arnold, C. Jeffery	3.28	3.47	2.67
Blackwell, Alice	3.84	3.86	3.75
Conrad, Richard F.	3.48	3.44	3.67
Egan, Robert	4.19	4.37	3.20
Grincewicz, Donald E.	3.71	3.80	3.00
Johnson, Anthony H.	3.14	3.03	3.67
Kirkland, Thomas R.	4.08	4.18	3.50
Komanski, Walter	4.05	3.94	4.57
Latimore, Alicia	2.93	3.02	2.50
LeBlanc, Bob	4.60	4.65	4.43
Lubet, Marc L.	4.22	4.37	3.67
McDonald, Roger	3.40	3.40	3.38
Mihok, Thomas	4.21	4.16	4.38
Perry, Belvin	4.08	3.97	4.50
Prather, Charles N.	4.24	4.17	4.40
Shea, Tim	3.18	3.83	1.45
Strickland, Stan	4.47	4.48	4.40
Thompson, Emerson R., Jr.	3.86	3.87	3.83
Turner, Thomas W.	4.15	4.10	4.33
Wallis, Rand F.	3.80	3.90	3.50
Whitehead, Reginald	4.74	4.77	4.56

Orange County – Circuit Court Judges (cont'd)

Diligence	Overall Average	Defense Attorneys	Prosecutors
Adams, Gail	3.06	3.27	2.00
Adams, John, Sr.	2.77	2.86	2.43
Apte, Alan S.	3.27	3.28	3.25
Arnold, C. Jeffery	2.46	2.42	2.60
Blackwell, Alice	3.89	3.84	4.33
Conrad, Richard F.	4.14	4.03	4.71
Egan, Robert	3.96	4.14	3.00
Grincewicz, Donald E.	3.92	4.10	3.00
Johnson, Anthony H.	3.48	3.52	3.33
Kirkland, Thomas R.	3.69	3.82	3.00
Komanski, Walter	3.51	3.36	4.14
Latimore, Alicia	3.19	3.28	2.78
LeBlanc, Bob	4.14	4.18	4.00
Lubet, Marc L.	4.02	4.15	3.50
McDonald, Roger	2.81	2.72	3.29
Mihok, Thomas	4.32	4.33	4.27
Perry, Belvin	4.36	4.19	5.00
Prather, Charles N.	4.09	4.09	4.10
Shea, Tim	3.51	4.04	2.20
Strickland, Stan	4.20	4.08	4.67
Thompson, Emerson R., Jr.	3.92	3.95	3.80
Turner, Thomas W.	3.57	3.63	3.25
Wallis, Rand F.	3.64	3.54	4.00
Whitehead, Reginald	4.63	4.66	4.43

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Adams, John, Sr.	2.97	2.94	3.14
Apte, Alan S.	3.24	3.20	3.40
Arnold, C. Jeffery	3.13	3.29	2.50
Blackwell, Alice	3.81	3.78	4.00
Conrad, Richard F.	3.98	3.85	4.50
Egan, Robert	3.94	4.21	2.40
Grincewicz, Donald E.	3.56	3.60	3.33
Johnson, Anthony H.	3.00	2.72	4.00
Kirkland, Thomas R.	3.71	3.75	3.50
Komanski, Walter	3.71	3.47	4.56
Latimore, Alicia	3.05	3.22	2.30
LeBlanc, Bob	4.31	4.49	3.71
Lubet, Marc L.	4.17	4.29	3.73
McDonald, Roger	2.90	2.93	2.71
Mihok, Thomas	4.23	4.18	4.38
Perry, Belvin	4.10	3.91	5.00
Prather, Charles N.	4.00	4.00	4.00
Shea, Tim	3.38	4.06	1.20
Strickland, Stan	4.30	4.26	4.50
Thompson, Emerson R., Jr.	3.69	3.64	3.86
Turner, Thomas W.	3.77	3.85	3.50
Wallis, Rand F.	3.44	3.44	3.44
Whitehead, Reginald	4.60	4.63	4.44

Orange County – Circuit Court Judges Comments

Adams, Gail

Judge Gail Adams is demanding and fails to listen to defense counsel. She may understand civil law but criminal law confuses her.

Gail Adams is biased toward the state and is adversarial with the defense attorneys who practice before her.

Arnold, C. Jeffery

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Judge Arnold has made inappropriate statements and commented on stereotypes relating to race, gender, and national origin of Defendants and victims.

Judge McDonald and Judge Arnold make inappropriate comments towards individuals of modest means.

Judge Arnold has very poor time management and blames the attorneys for setting too many hearing in one day when his JA sets them. It takes about 20 mins to enter a plea because more time is spent on collections court than the actual plea.

Judge Arnold is inefficient with his docket and it takes longer than needed to handle matters before him.

Judge Arnold spends too much time lecturing clients without a realistic point of view.

Blackwell, Alice

Judge Blackwell has made an excellent transition to the criminal bench. She runs VOPs in a fair and efficient manner.

Johnson, Anthony H.

Anthony Johnson is a judge who believes that the law has very little to do with his rulings. He follows, instead, his personal feelings.

Orange County – Circuit Court Judges Comments (cont'd.)

Komanski, Walter

Judge Komanski is nice, but very state friendly.

Latimore, Alicia

If there is one area where Judge Latimore could make a huge improvement, it would be in exercising more patience.

Judge Latimore is not efficient in the running of her courtroom.

LeBlanc, Bob

Judge LeBlanc: Every now and then he will have a moment where the reasons for his ruling are not quite clear or, even though legally understandable, seem to be based on a different set of facts than the ones before the court. However, he is always willing to listen to your arguments when you disagree.

Judge LeBlanc: His sentences tend to be lighter than most, but they are consistently light and not a product of bias or favoritism.

Judge LeBlanc is very impartial and balanced in his dealings with defense and state

Judge LeBlanc treats everyone in his courtroom with the utmost respect.

Judge LeBlanc: Almost always patient and willing to listen, with the rare exception being once trial starts (you'd better have all your ducks in a row).

Judge Leblanc should be cautious of his facial expressions and comments during trial because it may lead the jury to assume the judge believes or disbelieves a witness.

I've never seen Judge LeBlanc lose his temper or self control, despite circumstances that may have justified that loss.

Judge LeBlanc appears to have an infinite amount of patience.

Orange County – Circuit Court Judges Comments (cont'd.)

LeBlanc, Bob (cont'd.)

Judge LeBlanc is very prompt and gets through his entire docket. However, sometimes hearings end up significantly delayed because previous hearings are not set for sufficient time (such as sentencings that require 30 minutes but are only set for 10 minutes on the docket).

Though he sometimes rules incorrectly regarding hearsay at trial or other hearings, you won't find a more fair judge than Judge LeBlanc

Lubet, Marc L.

Judge Lubet's rulings are at times to make sure there isn't an appellate issue but not necessarily the correct ruling. Letting it all in so there won't be an appeal is not a correct ruling.

Judge Lubet will research your issue more than you will.

Judge Lubet will say what's on his mind regardless of the propriety of the situation or the comment.

Judge Lubet's courtroom opens at 9:00; seldom does he take the bench before 9:30. When he does take the bench, he ALWAYS goes with private counsel first, regardless of how long PD has been waiting or what's on the docket. Additionally, he uses the courtroom as his own parlor - regardless of how many people are waiting or for what matter, he will still have private, non work related conversations at the bench for extended periods.

Judge Lubet will do whatever it takes to get to all of his cases, but is also highly efficient. His pleas don't take long (whereas other Judges may take in excess of 20-30 minutes for one plea).

McDonald, Roger

Judge Roger McDonald lacks courtesy, patience, tolerance and self control. He also shows favoritism toward some prosecutors.

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Judge McDonald appears to have less interest in following the law and more interest in doing what he wants.

Orange County – Circuit Court Judges Comments (cont'd.)

McDonald, Roger (cont'd.)

Judge McDonald and Judge Arnold make inappropriate comments towards individuals of modest means.

Judge McDonald spends too much time lecturing clients without a realistic point of view.

Prather, Charles N.

Judge Prather is an excellent judge. He takes the time to research case law on particular issues involved in a trial so that he can make an informed and legal decision.

Charles Prather - Judge Prather has the patience of a saint and the one of the best temperaments around. I am always impressed by him and the smooth manner in which his court is run.

Shea, Tim

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Tim Shea has the worst judicial demeanor I have ever come across. I've never seen anyone in any profession worse suited for the job they possess.

Thompson, Emerson R., Jr.

Emerson Thompson - As should be expected, Judge Thompson is a phenomenal example of a learned judge and a judge that understands that his job is truly to facilitate what the parties are trying to achieve within the confines of justice.

Orange County – Circuit Court Judges Comments (cont'd.)

Wallis, Rand F.

What Judge Wallis does not know, he researches.

Judge Wallis seems to have become more State oriented since the election came up.

On some things Judge Wallis appears to go with what the State wants/does not want (e.g., tends NOT to agree to YO sanctions unless State or LEO agrees). At trial, if he sustains a defense objection, the State typically then asks to approach the bench to discuss his ruling/ present further reasons for why he should overrule the objection. It seems about 80% of the time he will reverse himself and overrule the objection.

Judge Wallis tends to show a preference for the state.

Judge Wallis has his moments of testiness, but overall he is courteous, patient, tolerant, and self-controlled. He gives everyone ample opportunity to say what they want to say as he quietly listens and takes notes.

It has been interesting to watch Judge Wallis "grow" as a judge. He will research and is willing to reverse himself when he decides he had ruled the wrong way. He is tough on some things (e.g., can NEVER get a bond on PBL or Life felonies, as he ALWAYS finds proof evident or presumption great even when the facts are "iffy"), but overall he is reasonable and fair.

Whitehead, Reginald

Judge Whitehead remains the gold standard by which other judges should be compared.

Judge Whitehead is always even keeled and shows courtesy to Defendants, victims, witnesses and attorneys.

There's really no other way to really say it, but Judge Whitehead is just cool. Cool, calm, collected, and never seems to sweat or get upset. It's a pleasure to deal with that.

Orange County – County Court Judges

Legal Knowledge	Overall Average	Defense Attorneys	Prosecutors
Adams, Martha	3.67	3.71	3.40
Allen, Faye	2.41	2.35	2.71
Ansbro, Deborah	2.31	2.58	1.55
Barlow, Kenneth	3.00	3.10	2.40
Bell, Maureen	2.85	3.00	2.29
Blechman, Deb S.	3.20	3.30	2.33
Brewer, Jerry	4.02	4.29	2.71
Cheek, Leon	3.77	3.85	3.33
Clark, Nancy	3.87	3.81	4.25
Freeman, Carolyn	4.02	4.22	2.60
Higbee, Heather	3.66	3.62	4.00
Jewett, Steve	4.42	4.59	2.75
Miller, Michael W.	3.97	4.00	3.83
Murphy, Michael	4.67	4.76	4.00
Shoemaker, Wayne	4.11	4.13	4.00

Impartiality	Overall Average	Defense Attorneys	Prosecutors
Adams, Martha	3.15	3.19	2.67
Allen, Faye	2.33	2.26	2.80
Ansbro, Deborah	2.50	2.66	2.00
Barlow, Kenneth	2.91	3.00	2.40
Bell, Maureen	2.81	2.92	2.20
Blechman, Deb S.	3.48	3.62	2.33
Brewer, Jerry	4.15	4.52	2.43
Cheek, Leon	3.44	3.50	3.00
Clark, Nancy	3.90	3.88	4.00
Freeman, Carolyn	4.22	4.33	3.00
Higbee, Heather	3.75	3.68	4.50
Jewett, Steve	4.30	4.46	2.75
Miller, Michael W.	3.74	3.70	4.00
Murphy, Michael	4.52	4.63	3.60
Shoemaker, Wayne	4.29	4.30	4.20

Orange County – County Court Judges (cont'd.)

Freedom From Bias	Overall Average	Defense Attorneys	Prosecutors
Adams, Martha	3.59	3.63	3.00
Allen, Faye	2.64	2.63	2.75
Ansbro, Deborah	2.57	2.86	1.50
Barlow, Kenneth	3.00	3.04	2.67
Bell, Maureen	3.29	3.43	2.60
Blechman, Deb S.	3.67	3.79	2.67
Brewer, Jerry	4.29	4.57	2.25
Cheek, Leon	3.72	3.79	3.00
Clark, Nancy	4.15	4.13	4.33
Freeman, Carolyn	4.26	4.42	2.67
Higbee, Heather	3.83	3.77	4.50
Jewett, Steve	4.40	4.48	3.33
Miller, Michael W.	3.94	3.93	4.00
Murphy, Michael	4.65	4.71	4.20
Shoemaker, Wayne	4.32	4.30	4.50

Demeanor	Overall Average	Defense Attorneys	Prosecutors
Adams, Martha	3.71	3.81	2.67
Allen, Faye	2.50	2.40	3.20
Ansbro, Deborah	2.26	2.66	1.10
Barlow, Kenneth	3.07	3.12	2.67
Bell, Maureen	2.72	2.89	1.80
Blechman, Deb S.	3.52	3.62	2.67
Brewer, Jerry	4.03	4.47	2.25
Cheek, Leon	3.69	3.80	3.00
Clark, Nancy	4.24	4.23	4.33
Freeman, Carolyn	4.27	4.41	2.67
Higbee, Heather	4.08	4.04	4.50
Jewett, Steve	4.43	4.50	3.75
Miller, Michael W.	3.83	3.90	3.50
Murphy, Michael	4.68	4.72	4.40
Shoemaker, Wayne	4.41	4.48	4.00

Orange County – County Court Judges (cont'd.)

Diligence	Overall Average	Defense Attorneys	Prosecutors
Adams, Martha	3.61	3.71	2.67
Allen, Faye	2.62	2.57	3.00
Ansbro, Deborah	2.71	3.08	1.67
Barlow, Kenneth	3.04	3.12	2.33
Bell, Maureen	3.18	3.21	3.00
Blechman, Deb S.	3.56	3.60	3.00
Brewer, Jerry	4.06	4.31	2.25
Cheek, Leon	3.42	3.50	2.67
Clark, Nancy	4.10	4.16	3.75
Freeman, Carolyn	4.24	4.43	2.33
Higbee, Heather	3.80	3.78	4.00
Jewett, Steve	4.54	4.64	3.33
Miller, Michael W.	4.09	4.07	4.20
Murphy, Michael	4.56	4.65	4.00
Shoemaker, Wayne	4.38	4.43	4.00

Overall Rating	Overall Average	Defense Attorneys	Prosecutors
Adams, Martha	3.61	3.69	3.00
Allen, Faye	2.44	2.31	3.17
Ansbro, Deborah	2.41	2.79	1.30
Barlow, Kenneth	2.78	2.89	2.20
Bell, Maureen	3.00	3.16	2.33
Blechman, Deb S.	3.21	3.31	2.33
Brewer, Jerry	4.15	4.50	2.17
Cheek, Leon	3.67	3.74	3.20
Clark, Nancy	4.03	4.07	3.75
Freeman, Carolyn	4.11	4.27	2.75
Higbee, Heather	3.78	3.71	4.33
Jewett, Steve	4.49	4.59	3.50
Miller, Michael W.	3.90	3.94	3.67
Murphy, Michael	4.67	4.72	4.43
Shoemaker, Wayne	4.19	4.23	4.00

Orange County – County Court Judges Comments

Allen, Faye

Judge Allen's rulings frequently lack any legal basis...even when presented with on point case law.

Judge Allen typically favors the state attorney's.

Judge Allen makes her bias known in court. She tends to punish defendants who lose for going to trial.

Courtesy, patience, tolerance, and self-control are all qualities lacking on Judge Allen's bench. She is a temperamental bully on the bench.

Judge Allen is condescending towards clients.

Judge Allen is inefficient in Court.

Ansbro, Deborah

Judge Ansbro: She does not show favor towards either the state or the defense; rather, she appears to favor specific attorneys regardless of their state or defense affiliation

Judge Ansbro: She has very little patience or tolerance and often treats attorneys in her courtroom with minimal courtesy.

Judge Ansbro: She becomes overly involved in a case. There is no such thing as a negotiated plea in her courtroom and she often makes extrajudicial inquiries into a case.

Judge Ansbro: Her decisions are not based on the law.

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Judge Ansbro's demeanor seems to change at a moment's notice.

Orange County – County Court Judges Comments (cont'd.)

Ansbro, Deborah (cont'd)

Judge Ansbro has become an excellent jurist. She treats attorneys equally whether they are from the private bar, public defender's office, or state attorney's office. She deserves the award for most improved.

Brewer, Jerry

Judge Brewer had taken time to actually talk to a client about bettering her life. While it started out sounding like he was picking on her it quickly turned to him actually boasting her up and really encouraging get to change her life for the better. She has commented to me each time I see her, how much his comments meant to her.

Freeman, Carolyn

Judge Freeman addresses substantive and procedural issues without bias. She's an excellent judge.

Miller, Michael W.

Judge Miller remains impartial and fair throughout each case tried before him. His rulings are consistent with the relevant and current case law, providing a fair forum for our clients to contest the charges brought against them.

Murphy, Michael

Judge Murphy is well versed in the law and uses that knowledge to analyze legal issues quickly.

Judge Mike Murphy represents the highest ethical standards and legal knowledge; all while always being fair and impartial.

Shoemaker, Wayne

Judge Shoemaker strives to be a fair sentencer and is generally fine in trial. He's difficult to do a Motion to Suppress in front; he believes the cops way too easily.

Osceola County – Circuit Court Judges

Legal Knowledge	Overall Average	Defense Attorneys	Prosecutors
Kest, Sally M.	2.90	2.81	3.25
Morgan, John B.	4.63	4.57	4.82
Polodna, Scott	3.65	3.55	3.91

Impartiality	Overall Average	Defense Attorneys	Prosecutors
Kest, Sally M.	2.95	2.82	3.67
Morgan, John B.	4.13	3.86	4.82
Polodna, Scott	3.41	3.21	3.91

Freedom From Bias	Overall Average	Defense Attorneys	Prosecutors
Kest, Sally M.	3.30	3.18	4.00
Morgan, John B.	4.33	4.17	4.73
Polodna, Scott	3.76	3.68	4.00

Demeanor	Overall Average	Defense Attorneys	Prosecutors
Kest, Sally M.	3.20	3.00	4.33
Morgan, John B.	4.60	4.52	4.89
Polodna, Scott	3.92	3.79	4.30

Diligence	Overall Average	Defense Attorneys	Rating Average
Kest, Sally M.	3.15	3.00	4.00
Morgan, John B.	4.33	4.21	4.70
Polodna, Scott	3.41	3.32	3.64

Overall Rating	Overall Average	Defense Attorneys	Prosecutors
Kest, Sally M.	2.86	2.67	4.00
Morgan, John B.	4.41	4.30	4.73
Polodna, Scott	3.54	3.39	3.91

Osceola County – Circuit Court Judges Comments

Morgan, John B.

Judge Morgan is a great legal mind, he has the ability to find obscure case law that is directly on point that you can't find.

Judge Morgan is just a professional and seems to care for the defendants at the same time sending them away to jail.

In all honesty both Judge Morgan and Polodna could use less of these [DEMEANOR], they are both at times too kind and understanding.

Judge Morgan sets the standard and represents everything that I would aspire to become if ever elected judge. Nothing more needs to be stated.

If I am practicing in the 9th circuit, I hope it is in front of either Judge Polodna or Judge Morgan.

Polodna, Scott

Judge Polodna is great because in trial he requires attorneys to follow the rules of evidence and impeachment.

Judge Polodna works very hard to ensure that he is following the law and to teach the attorneys in the courtroom both procedural and substantive law. The time and effort he puts into following the law is above and beyond many other judges.

Judge Polodna is often accused of being pro-state but he often times gives a defendant second and third chances. You can be assured if as a defendant you have never been in trouble, you make one mistake, and are honestly trying to become a better citizen, then the Judge will bend over backwards to give you that opportunity. Defendants don't like him if they are going to continue to break the law because he will send them away.

Judge Polodna is fair to both sides and makes his decisions on a case by case basis by looking at the facts of the case and the applicable law.

In all honesty both Judge Morgan and Polodna could use less of these [DEMEANOR], they are both at times too kind and understanding.

If I am practicing in the 9th circuit, I hope it is in front of either Judge Polodna or Judge Morgan.

Osceola County – County Court Judges

Legal Knowledge	Overall Average	Defense Attorneys	Prosecutors
Draper, Carol E.	2.97	2.94	3.17
Epperson, Jr., Hal C.	2.89	2.59	4.00
Jancewicz, Stefania	3.33	3.37	3.17

Impartiality	Overall Average	Defense Attorneys	Prosecutors
Draper, Carol E.	2.43	2.32	3.00
Epperson, Jr., Hal C.	2.43	2.03	3.88
Jancewicz, Stefania	3.31	3.37	3.00

Freedom From Bias	Overall Average	Defense Attorneys	Prosecutors
Draper, Carol E.	2.48	2.35	3.17
Epperson, Jr., Hal C.	2.78	2.52	3.75
Jancewicz, Stefania	3.53	3.53	3.50

Demeanor	Overall Average	Defense Attorneys	Prosecutors
Draper, Carol E.	1.93	1.85	2.33
Epperson, Jr., Hal C.	2.95	2.69	3.88
Jancewicz, Stefania	3.94	3.97	3.83

Diligence	Overall Average	Defense Attorneys	Prosecutors
Draper, Carol E.	3.13	3.00	3.83
Epperson, Jr., Hal C.	3.00	2.77	3.88
Jancewicz, Stefania	3.61	3.63	3.50

Overall Rating	Overall Average	Defense Attorneys	Prosecutors
Draper, Carol E.	2.48	2.32	3.33
Epperson, Jr., Hal C.	2.82	2.50	4.00
Jancewicz, Stefania	3.39	3.40	3.33

Osceola County – County Court Judges Comments

Draper, Carol E.

Judge Draper does not believe in case law, it is all about her own special sense of what is right or wrong.

Epperson, Jr., Hal C.

Judge Epperson's lack of legal knowledge and routine misapplication of the most basic of legal principles is equal parts shocking and saddening.

Judge Epperson is great in that if you have case law that supports your position, then you can feel confident he will rule in your favor.

Judge Epperson will fairly consider any legal argument as well as take the time to research case law to ensure he is making the right decision.

In his courtroom, Epperson has always remained the prosecutor from the bench. No changes, no presumption of innocence, to the point, where he IGNORES the rules of evidence and procedure.

Jancewicz, Stefania

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Judge Jancewicz is too close to certain attorneys such as Ernie Mullins and Steven Tinsley which effects her decisions.

Seminole County – Circuit Court Judges

Legal Knowledge	Overall Average	Defense Attorneys	Prosecutors
Alva, Marlene M.	4.09	4.24	3.60
Eaton, O.H. Jr.	4.56	4.64	4.25
Galluzzo, John D.	4.25	4.00	4.60
Lester, Kenneth R., Jr.	4.67	4.70	4.60
McIntosh, Donna	3.58	3.38	4.00
Nelson, Debra	3.52	3.13	4.50

Impartiality	Overall Average	Defense Attorneys	Prosecutors
Alva, Marlene M.	4.00	4.19	3.40
Eaton, O.H. Jr.	4.18	4.31	3.75
Galluzzo, John D.	4.33	4.14	4.60
Lester, Kenneth R., Jr.	4.43	4.33	4.60
McIntosh, Donna	3.81	3.40	4.50
Nelson, Debra	3.63	3.15	4.67

Freedom From Bias	Overall Average	Defense Attorneys	Prosecutors
Alva, Marlene M.	4.05	4.25	3.40
Eaton, O.H. Jr.	4.24	4.46	3.50
Galluzzo, John D.	4.42	4.29	4.60
Lester, Kenneth R., Jr.	4.46	4.44	4.50
McIntosh, Donna	4.00	3.60	4.57
Nelson, Debra	3.63	3.21	4.80

Diligence	Overall Average	Defense Attorneys	Prosecutors
Alva, Marlene M.	3.95	4.24	3.00
Eaton, O.H. Jr.	4.33	4.43	4.00
Galluzzo, John D.	4.33	4.14	4.60
Lester, Kenneth R., Jr.	4.36	4.33	4.40
McIntosh, Donna	4.17	4.00	4.50
Nelson, Debra	4.14	3.80	5.00

Demeanor	Overall Average	Defense Attorneys	Prosecutors
Alva, Marlene M.	3.85	4.13	3.00
Eaton, O.H. Jr.	4.28	4.29	4.25
Galluzzo, John D.	4.50	4.43	4.60
Lester, Kenneth R., Jr.	4.57	4.56	4.60
McIntosh, Donna	4.06	3.75	4.67

Nelson, Debra	3.67	3.33	4.50
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Overall Rating	Overall Average	Defense Attorneys	Prosecutors
Alva, Marlene M.	4.09	4.24	3.60
Eaton, O.H. Jr.	4.39	4.50	4.00
Galluzzo, John D.	4.50	4.29	4.80
Lester, Kenneth R., Jr.	4.64	4.44	5.00
McIntosh, Donna	3.83	3.58	4.33
Nelson, Debra	3.81	3.33	5.00

Seminole County – Circuit Court Judges Comments

Galluzzo, John D.

Judges Galluzzo and Lester both go to great lengths to insure that those who come before them, who are often children and parents who never have been in a courtroom, are fully aware of their rights and those rights are protected and exercised knowingly and appropriately.

Lester, Kenneth R., Jr.

Judges Galluzzo and Lester both go to great lengths to insure that those who come before them, who are often children and parents who never have been in a courtroom, are fully aware of their rights and those rights are protected and exercised knowingly and appropriately.

Seminole County – County Court Judges

Legal Knowledge	Overall Average	Defense Attorneys	Prosecutors
Bravo, Carmine M.	2.44	2.25	2.83
Collins, Jerri L.	3.40	2.89	4.17
Eriksson, Ralph E.	3.17	3.00	3.50
Herr, Mark E.	3.00	3.75	1.50
Woodard, III, John L.	4.33	4.36	4.29

Impartiality	Overall Average	Defense Attorneys	Prosecutors
Bravo, Carmine M.	2.72	2.33	3.50
Collins, Jerri L.	3.00	2.11	4.33
Eriksson, Ralph E.	2.50	2.00	3.50
Herr, Mark E.	3.00	3.67	1.67
Woodard, III, John L.	4.41	4.45	4.33

Freedom From Bias	Overall Average	Defense Attorneys	Prosecutors
Bravo, Carmine M.	2.58	2.38	3.00
Collins, Jerri L.	3.33	2.67	4.33
Eriksson, Ralph E.	2.75	2.25	3.75
Herr, Mark E.	3.39	3.83	2.50
Woodard, III, John L.	4.44	4.45	4.43

Demeanor	Overall Average	Defense Attorneys	Prosecutors
Bravo, Carmine M.	3.22	3.17	3.33
Collins, Jerri L.	3.50	2.80	4.67
Eriksson, Ralph E.	2.08	1.63	3.00
Herr, Mark E.	3.28	3.92	2.00
Woodard, III, John L.	4.56	4.64	4.43

Diligence	Overall Average	Defense Attorneys	Prosecutors
Bravo, Carmine M.	2.67	2.58	2.83
Collins, Jerri L.	3.53	2.89	4.50
Eriksson, Ralph E.	2.83	2.63	3.25
Herr, Mark E.	3.28	3.92	2.00
Woodard, III, John L.	4.22	4.64	3.57

Overall Rating	Overall Average	Defense Attorneys	Prosecutors
Bravo, Carmine M.	2.67	2.33	3.33
Collins, Jerri L.	3.25	2.50	4.50
Eriksson, Ralph E.	2.33	1.94	3.13
Herr, Mark E.	3.06	3.67	1.83
Woodard, III, John L.	4.61	4.64	4.57

Seminole County – County Court Judges Comments

Collins, Jerri L.

Judge Collins is an excellent Judge as is Judge Eriksson, I will be sorry to see him go.

Eriksson, Ralph E.

Judge Eriksson, despite a reputation in the legal community for being difficult, is generally courteous to both the accused and the state. Judge Eriksson makes decisions in keeping with the law despite the often inflammatory circumstances that attorneys, including at times myself, attempt to use when they are in our favor.

Judge Collins is an excellent Judge as is Judge Eriksson, I will be sorry to see him go.

Herr, Mark E.

Judge Herr does not have appropriate level of legal knowledge for his position, he often argues his opinion as to what the law and procedures should be and avoids considering relevant statutes, case law and rules.

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Judge Herr appears to sentence women more harshly than men even when the surrounding circumstances are similar, especially in the case of drug charges.

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