

WYOMING STATE BAR JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT, 2026  
DISTRICT COURT RESULTS

William L. Simpson

|                                                                                 | Total<br>Number of<br>Respondents | No<br>Opinion | Strongly<br>Disapprove | Somewhat<br>Disapprove | Neither<br>Approve nor<br>Disapprove | Somewhat<br>Approve | Strongly<br>Approve | Average Scores   |                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|
|                                                                                 |                                   |               |                        |                        |                                      |                     |                     | Judge<br>Simpson | District Court |
| 1. Knowledge of the law.                                                        | 63                                | 5             | 4.8%                   | 11.1%                  | 11.1%                                | 20.6%               | 52.4%               | <b>4.05</b>      | 4.12           |
| 2. Open-mindedness and impartiality in judicial matters.                        | 64                                | 4             | 10.9%                  | 10.9%                  | 12.5%                                | 20.3%               | 45.3%               | <b>3.78</b>      | 4.00           |
| 3. Attentiveness to arguments of counsel.                                       | 63                                | 5             | 6.3%                   | 11.1%                  | 9.5%                                 | 22.2%               | 50.8%               | <b>4.00</b>      | 4.22           |
| 4. Courteousness and politeness.                                                | 65                                | 3             | 3.1%                   | 3.1%                   | 6.2%                                 | 18.5%               | 69.2%               | <b>4.48</b>      | 4.29           |
| 5. How he/she addresses and answers issues squarely posed.                      | 64                                | 4             | 12.5%                  | 9.4%                   | 12.5%                                | 26.6%               | 39.1%               | <b>3.70</b>      | 4.12           |
| 6. Industriousness/promptness in performing judicial duties.                    | 65                                | 3             | 9.2%                   | 18.5%                  | 6.2%                                 | 23.1%               | 43.1%               | <b>3.72</b>      | 4.23           |
| 7. Participation in law-related professional activities.                        | 34                                | 34            | 0.0%                   | 5.9%                   | 38.2%                                | 11.8%               | 44.1%               | <b>3.94</b>      | 4.22           |
| 8. His/her integrity and ethics to carry out the duties of the judicial office. | 63                                | 5             | 6.3%                   | 6.3%                   | 7.9%                                 | 19.0%               | 60.3%               | <b>4.21</b>      | 4.41           |
| 9. Application of rules of evidence and procedures.                             | 63                                | 5             | 14.3%                  | 9.5%                   | 6.3%                                 | 22.2%               | 47.6%               | <b>3.79</b>      | 4.08           |
| 10. How well his/her decisions are reasoned and how clearly are they expressed. | 63                                | 5             | 15.9%                  | 11.1%                  | 4.8%                                 | 17.5%               | 50.8%               | <b>3.76</b>      | 4.02           |
| 11. Preparedness for court proceedings.                                         | 65                                | 3             | 3.1%                   | 13.8%                  | 9.2%                                 | 21.5%               | 52.3%               | <b>4.06</b>      | 4.41           |

**How to read this page.** The scale runs 1 = Strongly Disapprove to 5 = Strongly Approve, so average scores range from 1 to 5 and higher is better. Percentages are of the Total Number of Respondents, which excludes those answering No Opinion and those who did not answer; No Opinion is reported separately in its own column. The right-hand pair of columns compares this judicial official's average on each item with the average for all district court judicial officials, pooled across their responses.

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