

Hon. Benjamin S. Kirven	Eligible	Answered	No Opinion	Rating
<b>A. Case Management</b>				
Promptly issues a decision on a case after trial/hearing.	38	36	2	Above Adequate
Maintains appropriate control over proceedings.	38	37	1	Above Adequate
Promptly rules on pre-trial motions.	38	29	9	Above Adequate
Sets Reasonable schedules for cases.	38	30	8	Above Adequate
<b>B. Demeanor</b>				
Gives proceedings a sense of dignity.	38	38	0	Above Adequate
Treats parties with respect.	38	37	1	Above Adequate
Treats attorneys with respect.	38	38	0	Above Adequate
Conducts his/her courtroom in a neutral manner.	38	38	0	Above Adequate
Is attentive to arguments of counsel.	38	37	1	Above Adequate
Has a sense of compassion and human understanding for those who appear before him/her.	38	32	6	Above Adequate
Makes sure all participants understand the proceedings.	38	33	5	Above Adequate
Uses language that everyone can understand.	38	34	4	Above Adequate
<b>C. Diligence</b>				
Uses good judgment in application of relevant law and rules.	38	35	3	Above Adequate
Is willing to handle cases on the docket efficiently even when they are complicated and time consuming.	38	25	13	Above Adequate
Does the necessary "homework" and is prepared for cases.	38	34	4	Above Adequate
Begins court on time.	38	36	2	Above Adequate
Manages court proceedings so that there is little wasted time.	38	35	3	Above Adequate
<b>D. Application and Knowledge of Law</b>				
Is able to identify and analyze relevant facts.	38	32	6	Above Adequate
Bases decisions on evidence and arguments.	38	34	4	Above Adequate
Issues consistent sentences when the circumstances are similar.	38	18	20	Above Adequate
Is fair and impartial to both sides of the case.	38	35	3	Above Adequate
Consistently applies laws and rules.	38	27	11	Above Adequate
E. Gives reasons for rulings.	38	33	5	Above Adequate
Is willing to make decisions without regard to possible outside pressure.	38	28	10	Above Adequate
Written or oral decisions are reasoned and clearly expressed.	38	31	7	Above Adequate
Squarely addresses and answers issues presented.	38	32	6	Above Adequate
<b>F. Retention</b>				
Should the Hon. Benjamin S. Kirven be retained?	Eligible	Yes	No	No Opinion
	38	35	3	0