

JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

2010 REPORT

THE JUDICIARY
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INTRODUCTION

The Judicial Performance Program 2010 Report summarizes the results of evaluations involving 10 Circuit Court judges and six District Court judges. The attorney evaluations were conducted over the Internet. To ensure the security, anonymity, and confidentiality of the evaluation process, it was administered by eHawaii.gov, which is completely independent of the Judiciary. In addition, eight Circuit Court judges were evaluated by jurors using standard mail.

The Judicial Performance Program was created by Supreme Court Rule 19 as a method of promoting judicial competence and excellence. The members of the Judicial Performance Committee are listed in Appendix A.

Judicial Performance Program reports are issued yearly. Since the evaluation process has been and is still evolving, comparisons of individual scores should be made only within each respective report group.

JUDGES' RATINGS

Judges are rated on Legal Ability, Judicial Management Skills, Comportment, and Settlement and/or Plea Agreement Ability. All yearly reports on the Judicial Performance Program are available to the public. Scores and comments received for individual judges are available to the Judicial Selection Commission, upon its request.

Pictographs displaying frequency distributions of the judges' ratings are included in this evaluation report. Comparative rankings are provided in each area of assessment.

EVALUATION CYCLES

Appellate justices and judges and Circuit Court judges are scheduled for evaluation three times in their ten-year terms. District Family Court judges and District Court judges are scheduled for evaluation twice in their six-year terms. For purposes of this program, Circuit Court judges assigned to the Family Court of the First Circuit are considered Family Court judges but are evaluated three times during their ten-year terms.

The Family Court and District Court evaluations are phased to result in these programs being included in the evaluation process two out of every three years; that is, about one-half or approximately ten judges from each group are evaluated per cycle. Evaluations of both Family Court and District Court judges were conducted in 2009. Evaluation of District Court, but not of Family Court, judges was conducted in 2010. Evaluation of Family Court, but not of District Court, judges is scheduled for 2011.

JUDICIAL EVALUATION REVIEW PANEL

The Judicial Evaluation Review Panel assists Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald in the review and evaluation process. The Review Panel interviews the judges, and consists of nine members: Robert Alm, Momi Cazimero, Richard Guy, Douglas McNish, Willson Moore Jr., William Santos, Herbert Shimabukuro, Betty Vitousek, and Stanley Yamagata Jr. The Review Panel is organized into groups of three, with each group having one former judge, one nonpracticing attorney, and one member of the public knowledgeable in the law. Their purpose is to interview and counsel the evaluated judges and help the judges improve their performance.

CIRCUIT COURT ATTORNEY EVALUATION RESULTS

Ten Circuit Court judges received the results of their evaluations under cover of memoranda dated September 23, 2010. A link to the online questionnaire was provided to attorneys by email on July 7, 2010. The surveys were collected from July 7, 2010 until July 27, 2010.

The email to the evaluating attorneys from former Chief Justice Ronald T. Y. Moon and from the President of the Hawaii State Bar Association can be found in Appendix B. The questionnaire is attached as Appendix C. Possible ratings based on the multiple-choice format range from one to five. One indicates a Poor rating. Five stands for Excellent. Table 1 on page 4 provides the average scores by section for the 10 judges.

The mean score for the Legal Ability section was 4.0, with a standard deviation of 0.3. The standard deviation gives an indication of the amount of variation in the scores between the judges. (A small standard deviation means that scores generally were clustered about the mean; a large standard deviation means that there was less clustering of scores.) Most of the judges received marks between 3.7 and 4.3 in the Legal Ability section.

For the Judicial Management Skills section, the judges had a mean score of 4.0, and the standard deviation for this section was 0.3. In the Comportment section, the mean score was 4.0, and the standard deviation was 0.4. The mean score for the Settlement and/or Plea Agreement Ability section was 3.9, with a standard deviation of 0.3. The frequencies of the judges' ratings, by category, are printed on pages 5 to 8.

Emails were sent to active attorneys who provided the Hawaii State Bar Association with their email addresses. There were 496 responses out of 3,859 emails sent out. Some of the 496 respondents said they had not appeared before any judge in the previous two years. This ended their participation in the evaluation process. The number of questionnaires received for all 10 judges from attorneys who had appeared before them totaled 476, with between 18 and 92 questionnaires being received by each judge.

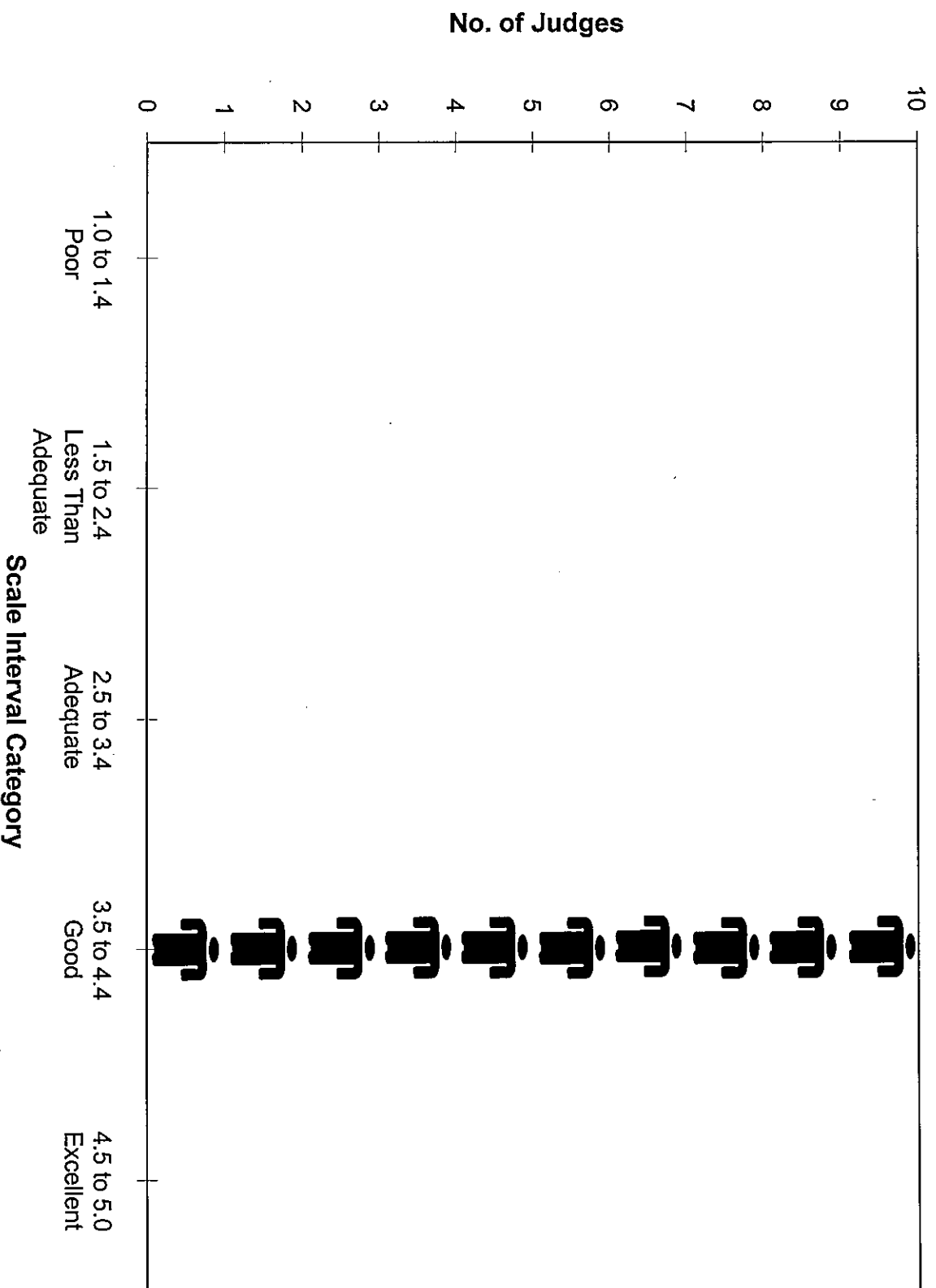
Table 1 and Graphs 1 through 4, reflecting the frequencies of judges' ratings for the Circuit Court judges, appear on pages 4 through 8 of this report.

TABLE 1
JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE PROGRAM - CIRCUIT COURT
EVALUATION RESULTS FOR TEN JUDGES
JULY 7, 2010 - JULY 27, 2010

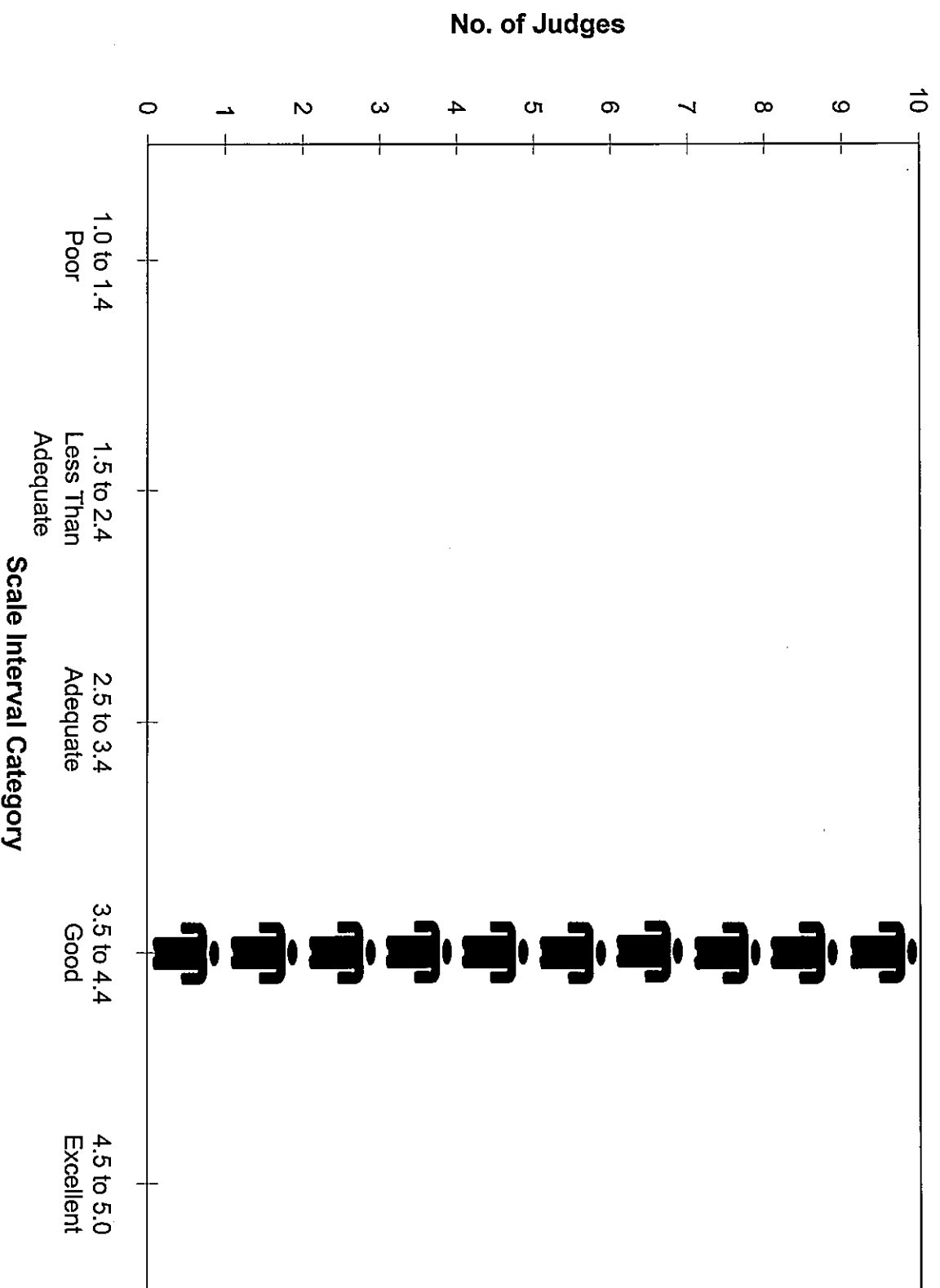
<u>QUESTIONNAIRE SECTION</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Mean Score</u>	<u>S.D.</u>
<u>LEGAL ABILITY SECTION</u>			
1. Knowledge of Relevant Substantive Law	10	4.1	0.3
2. Knowledge of Rules of Procedure	10	4.2	0.3
3. Knowledge of Rules of Evidence	10	4.2	0.3
4. Ability to Identify and Analyze Relevant Issues	10	4.1	0.3
5. Judgement in Application of Relevant Laws and Rules	10	3.9	0.3
6. Giving Reasons for Rulings when Needed	10	3.9	0.3
7. Clarity of Explanation of Rulings	10	3.9	0.3
8. Adequacy of Findings of Fact	10	3.9	0.2
9. Clarity of Judge's Decision(s) (oral/written)	10	3.9	0.2
10. Completeness of Judge's Decision(s) (oral/written)	10	3.9	0.2
11. Judge's Charge to the Jury/Juries	10	4.2	0.4
Average Score for the Legal Ability Section	10	4.0	0.3
<u>JUDICIAL MANAGEMENT SKILLS SECTION</u>			
1. Moving the Proceeding(s) in an Appropriately Expeditious Manner	10	4.0	0.3
2. Maintaining Proper Control over the Proceeding(s)	10	4.1	0.3
3. Doing the Necessary Homework on the Case(s)	10	4.0	0.3
4. Rendering Rulings and Decisions w/o Unnecessary Delay	10	4.1	0.2
5. Allowing Adequate Time for Presentation of the Case(s)	10	4.1	0.2
6. Resourcefulness and Common Sense in Resolving Problems	10	3.9	0.3
7. Skills in Effecting Compromise	10	3.8	0.4
8. Industriousness	10	4.2	0.2
Average Score for the Judicial Management Skills Section	10	4.0	0.3
<u>COMPORTMENT SECTION</u>			
1. Attentiveness	10	4.3	0.2
2. Courtesy to Participants	10	4.0	0.5
3. Compassion	10	3.9	0.4
4. Patience	10	3.9	0.5
5. Absence of Arrogance	10	3.8	0.5
6. Absence of Bias and Prejudice	10	4.1	0.2
7. Evenhanded Treatment of Litigants	10	3.9	0.3
8. Evenhanded Treatment of Attorneys	10	3.9	0.4
Average Score for the Comportment Section	10	4.0	0.4
<u>SETTLEMENT AND/OR PLEA AGREEMENT ABILITY SECTION</u>			
1. Knowing the Case(s) and/or the Law	10	4.1	0.3
2. Reasonableness of Opinions	10	4.0	0.3
3. Ability to Enhance the Settlement Process	10	3.8	0.3
4. Impartiality	10	3.9	0.3
5. Absence of Coercion or Threat	10	4.0	0.3
6. Effectiveness in Narrowing the Issues	10	4.0	0.3
7. Appropriateness of Judge's Initiatives	10	3.9	0.3
8. Facilitation in Development of Options	10	3.9	0.4
Average Score for the Settlement and/or Plea Agreement Ability Section	10	3.9	0.3

N = Number of Judges with More Than Five Responses for the Item
Legend for Mean Score: 5 = Excellent | 4 = Good | 3 = Adequate | 2 = Less Than Adequate | 1 = Poor
S.D. = Standard Deviation

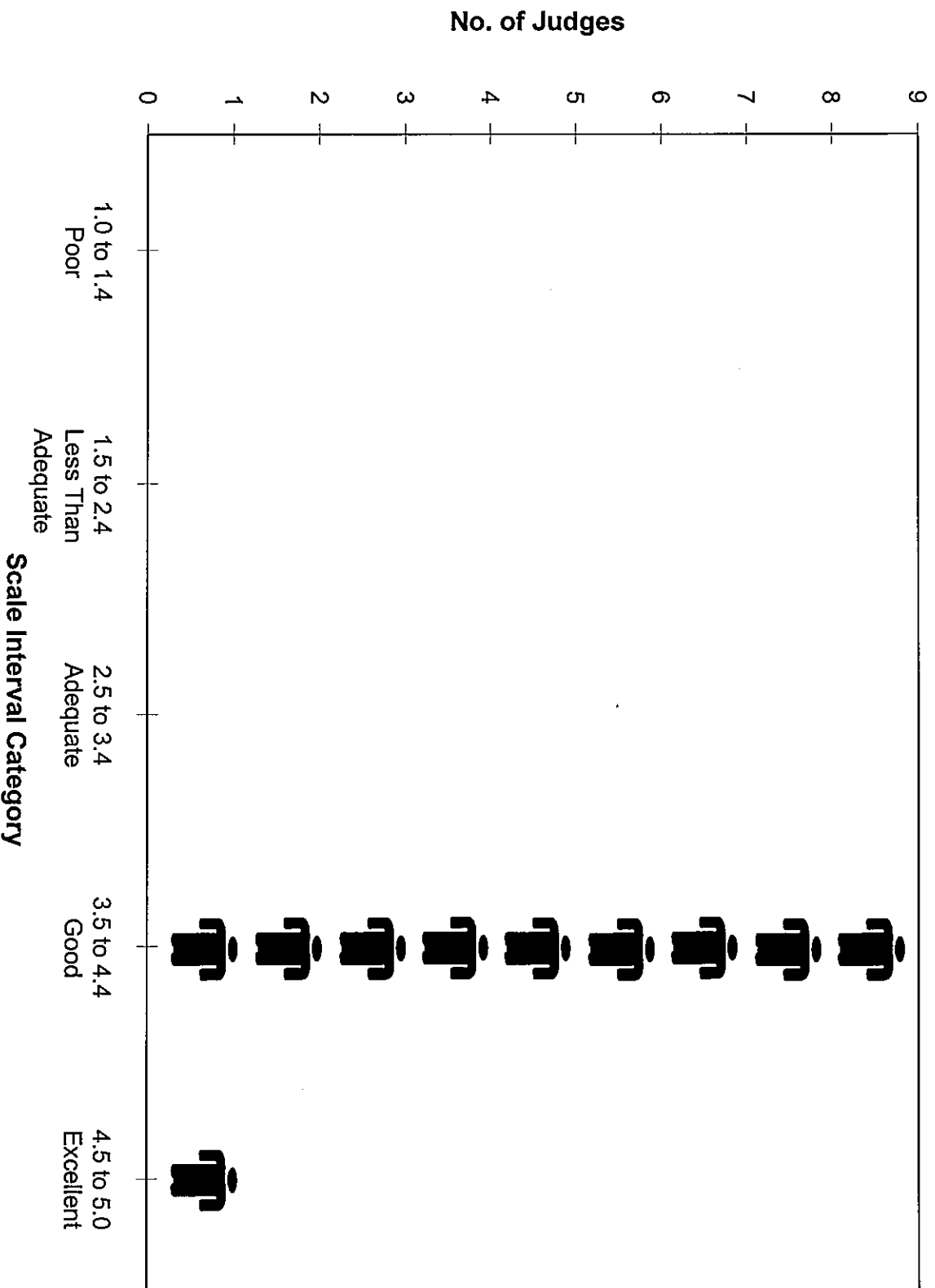
Circuit Court
Graph 1. Legal Ability Scale
Frequency Of Judges' Ratings, By Category
July 7, 2010 - July 27, 2010



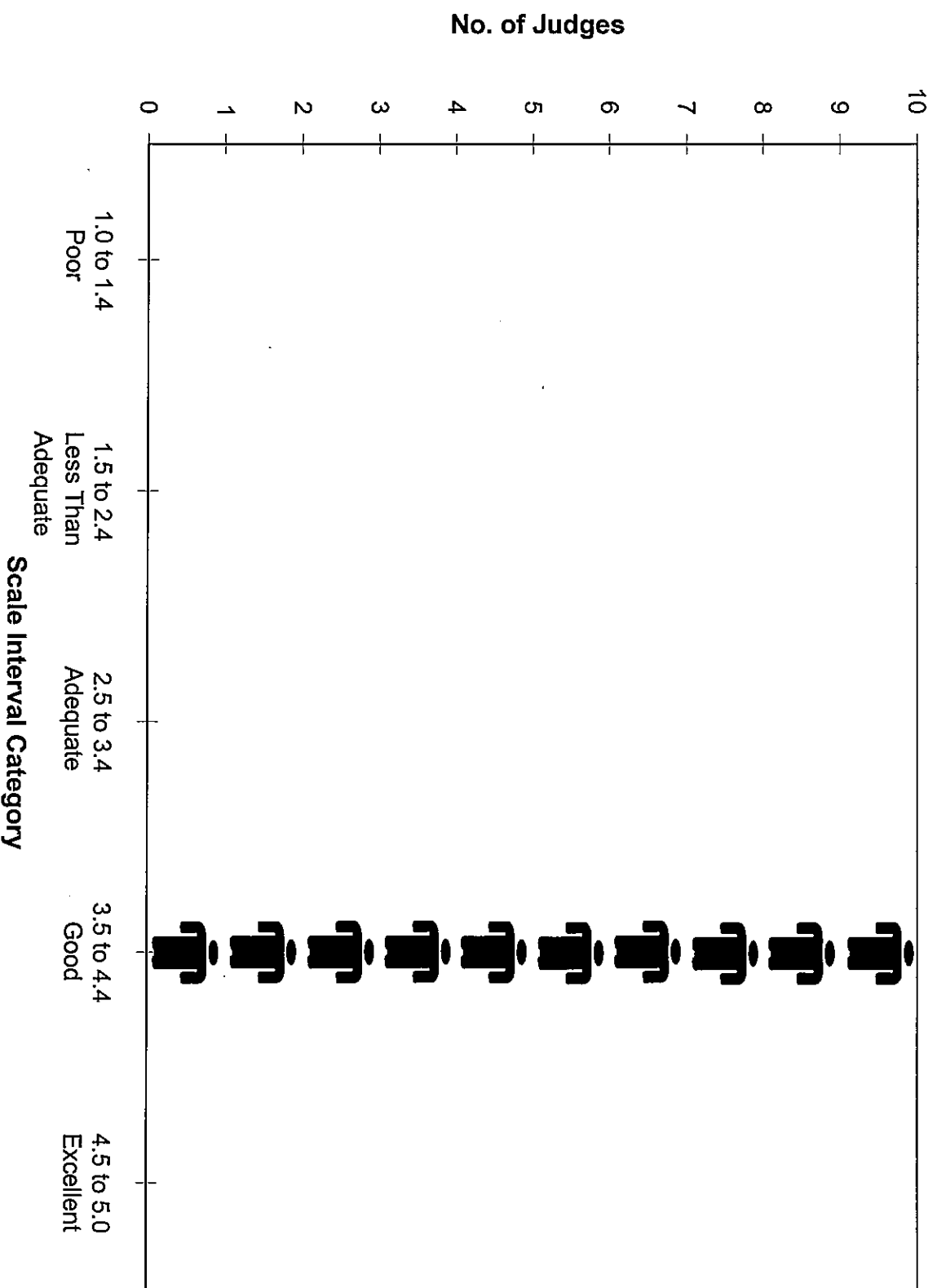
Circuit Court
Graph 2. Judicial Management Skills Scale
Frequency Of Judges' Ratings, By Category
July 7, 2010 - July 27, 2010



Circuit Court
Graph 3. Comportment Scale
Frequency Of Judges' Ratings, By Category
July 7, 2010 - July 27, 2010



Circuit Court
Graph 4. Settlement/Plea Agreement Ability Scale
Frequency Of Judges' Ratings, By Category
July 7, 2010 - July 27, 2010



DISTRICT COURT ATTORNEY EVALUATION RESULTS

Judicial evaluation results were transmitted to six District Court judges by former Chief Justice Moon under cover of memoranda dated June 2, 2010. Surveys could be completed on the Internet from April 6, 2010 until April 27, 2010. Although evaluation of 11 judges was attempted, only six judges received at least the minimum 18 responses required for profiles to be prepared.

The District Court questionnaire is printed in Appendix D. Table 2 on the next page provides the averages for the six judges.

The mean score for the Legal Ability Section was 3.9, and the standard deviation was 0.4. Most of the judges received scores between 3.5 and 4.3.

The mean score for the Judicial Management Skills section was 4.1, and the standard deviation for this section was 0.4. The mean score for the Comportment section was 4.2, and the standard deviation was 0.3. The mean score for the Settlement and/or Plea Agreement Ability section was 4.0, and the standard deviation was 0.4. The frequencies of the judges' ratings, by category, are printed on pages 11 through 14.

From the 3,881 emails sent out for the judges, 480 surveys were returned. Some of the attorneys said they had not appeared before a judge, which ended their participation in the evaluation process for that judge.

We received between 23 and 64 questionnaires for each of the six judges from attorneys who said they had appeared before the judge. The six judges had a total of 231 questionnaires returned from attorneys who had appeared before them.

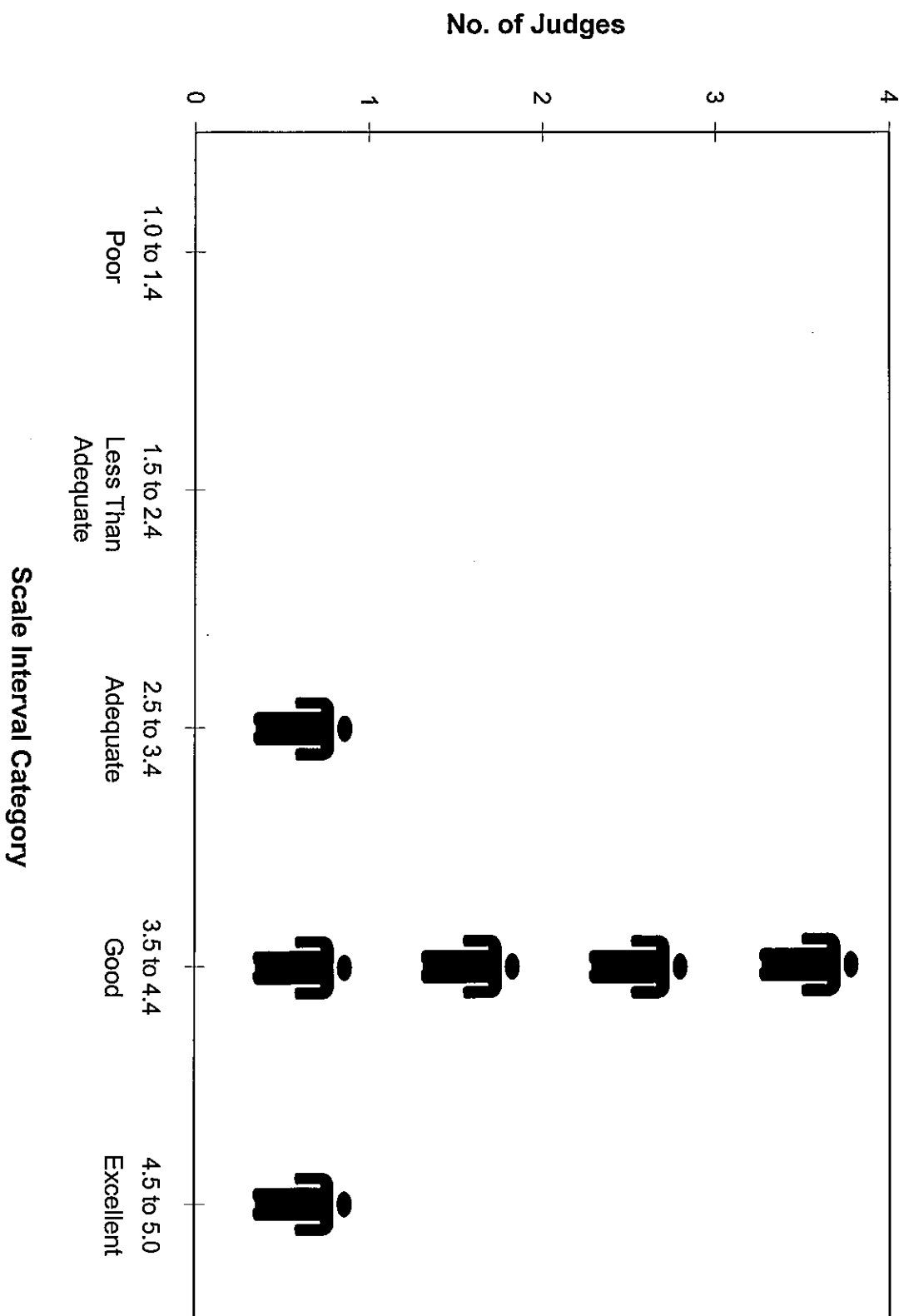
Table 2 and Graphs 5 through 8, reflecting the frequencies of judges' ratings for the District Court judges profiled in this report, appear on pages 10 through 14.

TABLE 2
JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE PROGRAM - DISTRICT COURT
EVALUATION RESULTS FOR SIX JUDGES
APRIL 6, 2010 - APRIL 27, 2010

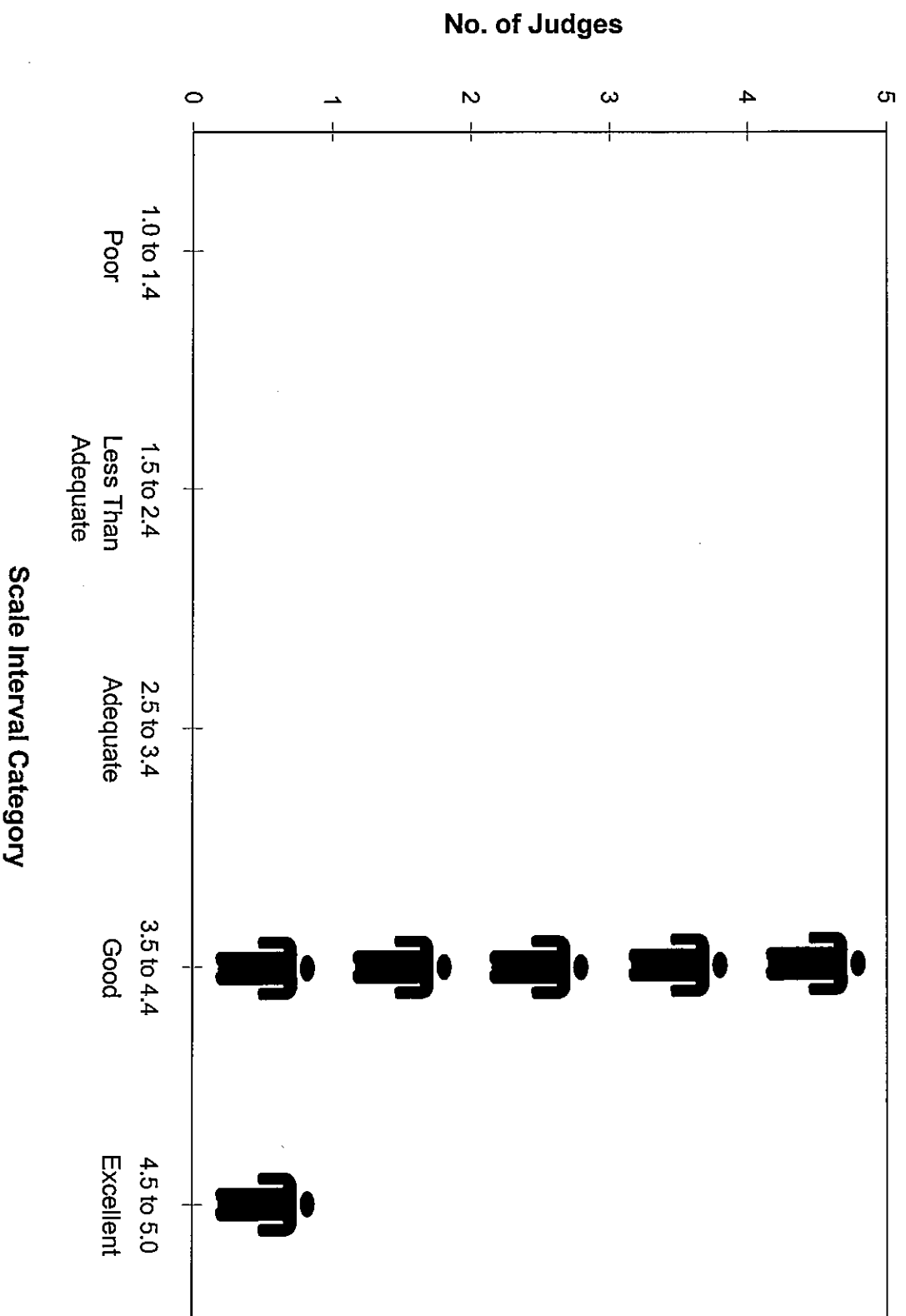
<u>QUESTIONNAIRE SECTION</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Mean Score</u>	<u>S.D.</u>
<u>LEGAL ABILITY SECTION</u>			
1. Knowledge of Relevant Substantive Law	6	4.0	0.5
2. Knowledge of Rules of Procedure	6	4.0	0.4
3. Knowledge of Rules of Evidence	6	3.9	0.5
4. Ability to Identify and Analyze Relevant Issues	6	4.0	0.4
5. Judgement in Application of Relevant Laws and Rules	6	3.9	0.5
6. Giving Reasons for Rulings when Needed	6	3.8	0.4
7. Clarity of Explanation of Rulings	6	3.9	0.4
8. Adequacy of Findings of Fact	6	3.8	0.5
9. Clarity of Judge's Decision(s) (oral/written)	6	3.9	0.4
10. Completeness of Judge's Decision(s) (oral/written)	6	3.9	0.3
Average Score for the Legal Ability Section	6	3.9	0.4
<u>JUDICIAL MANAGEMENT SKILLS SECTION</u>			
1. Moving the Proceeding(s) in an Appropriately Expeditious Manner	6	4.2	0.4
2. Maintaining Proper Control over the Proceeding(s)	6	4.2	0.4
3. Doing the Necessary Homework on the Case(s)	6	3.9	0.4
4. Rendering Rulings and Decisions w/o Unnecessary Delay	6	4.2	0.4
5. Allowing Adequate Time for Presentation of the Case(s)	6	4.2	0.3
6. Resourcefulness and Common Sense in Resolving Problems	6	4.0	0.4
7. Skills in Effecting Compromise	6	4.0	0.4
8. Industriousness	6	4.1	0.3
Average Score for the Judicial Management Skills Section	6	4.1	0.4
<u>COMPORTMENT SECTION</u>			
1. Attentiveness	6	4.4	0.3
2. Courtesy to Participants	6	4.3	0.2
3. Compassion	6	4.1	0.3
4. Patience	6	4.1	0.3
5. Absence of Arrogance	6	4.2	0.3
6. Absence of Bias and Prejudice	6	4.3	0.4
7. Evenhanded Treatment of Litigants	6	4.2	0.4
8. Evenhanded Treatment of Attorneys	6	4.2	0.3
Average Score for the Comportment Section	6	4.2	0.3
<u>SETTLEMENT AND/OR PLEA AGREEMENT ABILITY SECTION</u>			
1. Knowing the Case(s) and/or the Law	6	3.9	0.5
2. Reasonableness of Opinions	6	3.9	0.5
3. Ability to Enhance the Settlement Process	6	4.0	0.5
4. Impartiality	6	4.1	0.4
5. Absence of Coercion or Threat	6	4.3	0.3
6. Effectiveness in Narrowing the Issues	6	3.9	0.5
7. Appropriateness of Judge's Initiatives	6	4.0	0.5
8. Facilitation in Development of Options	6	4.0	0.5
Average Score for the Settlement and/or Plea Agreement Ability Section	6	4.0	0.4

N = Number of Judges with More Than Five Responses for the Item
Legend for Mean Score: 5 = Excellent | 4 = Good | 3 = Adequate | 2 = Less Than Adequate | 1 = Poor
S.D. = Standard Deviation

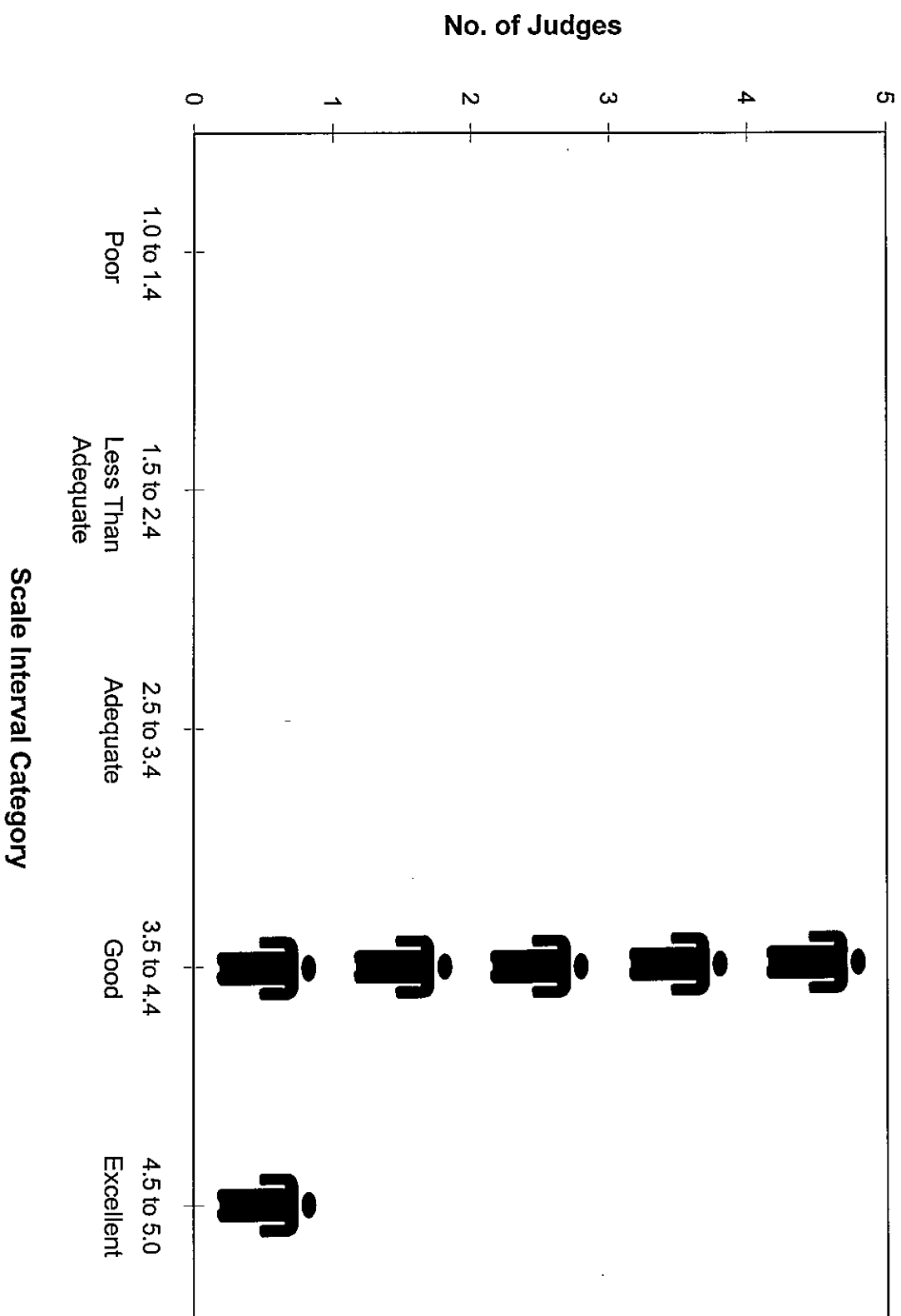
District Court
Graph 5. Legal Ability Scale
Frequency Of Judges' Ratings, By Category
April 6, 2010 - April 27, 2010



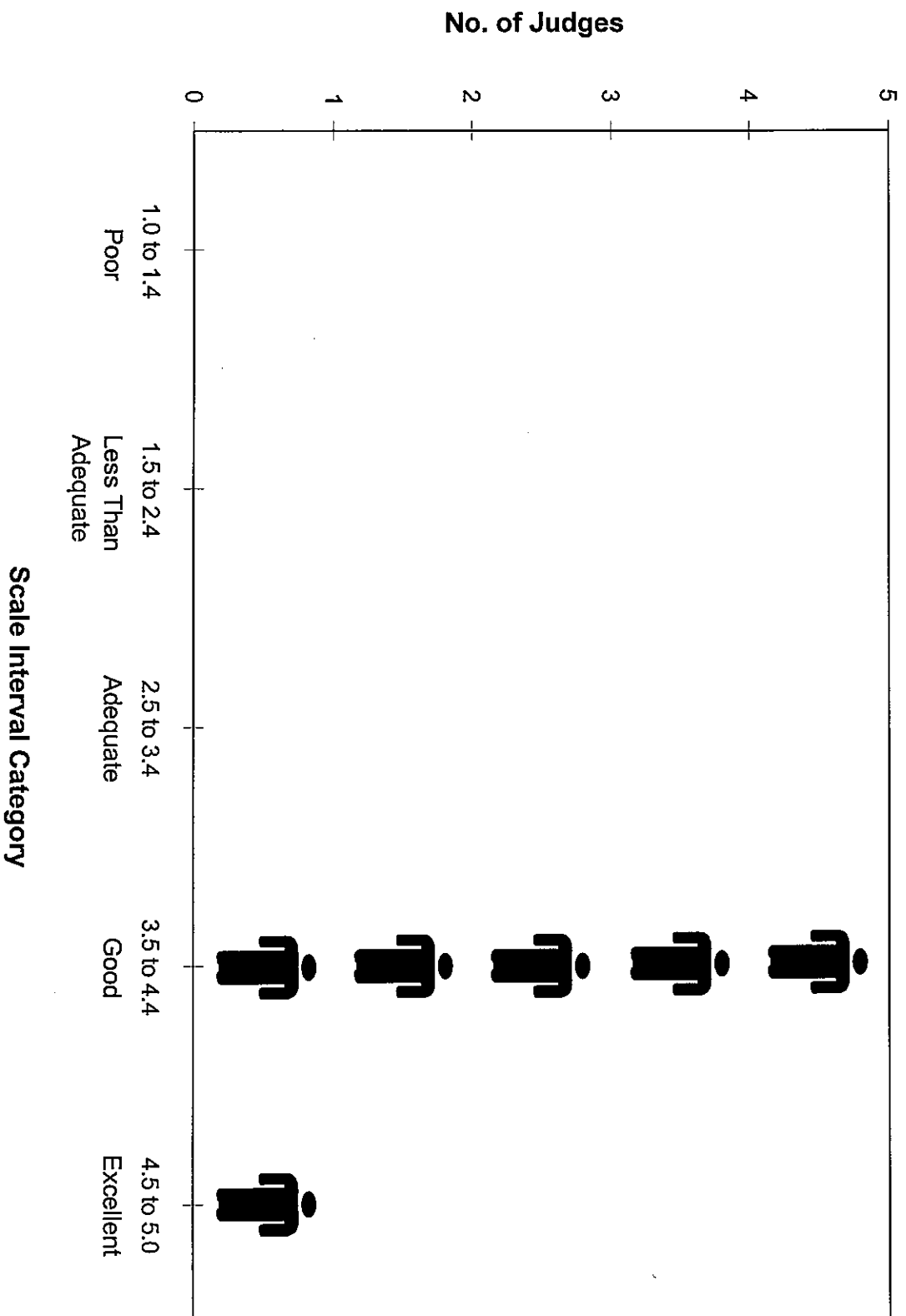
District Court
Graph 6. Judicial Management Skills Scale
Frequency Of Judges' Ratings, By Category
April 6, 2010 - April 27, 2010



District Court
Graph 7. Comportment Scale
Frequency Of Judges' Ratings, By Category
April 6, 2010 - April 27, 2010



District Court
Graph 8. Settlement/Plea Agreement Ability Scale
Frequency Of Judges' Ratings, By Category
April 6, 2010 - April 27, 2010



CIRCUIT COURT JUROR EVALUATION RESULTS

Juror evaluation results were transmitted to eight Circuit Court judges by former Chief Justice Moon under cover of memoranda dated April 21, 2010. Surveys were distributed by standard mail on January 4, 2010 and were collected until February 3, 2010. Table 3 on the next page provides the averages for the eight judges.

The mean score for Overall Performance was 4.8, with a standard deviation of 0.1. Most of the judges received scores between 4.7 and 4.9 for Overall Performance. For each of the other ten evaluation categories, the mean scores were 4.7 or 4.8, and the standard deviation was 0.1. The frequencies of judges' ratings, by category, are printed on pages 17 and 18. The juror evaluation questionnaire is included as Appendix E.

Jurors were selected from the pools of jurors who had been chosen or sworn, including alternates. Even if a juror had not sat through an entire trial because of settlement or other reasons, it was felt that the juror would have had sufficient contact with the judge to be able to fill out the evaluation. Between 41 and 150 jurors were selected for each judge.

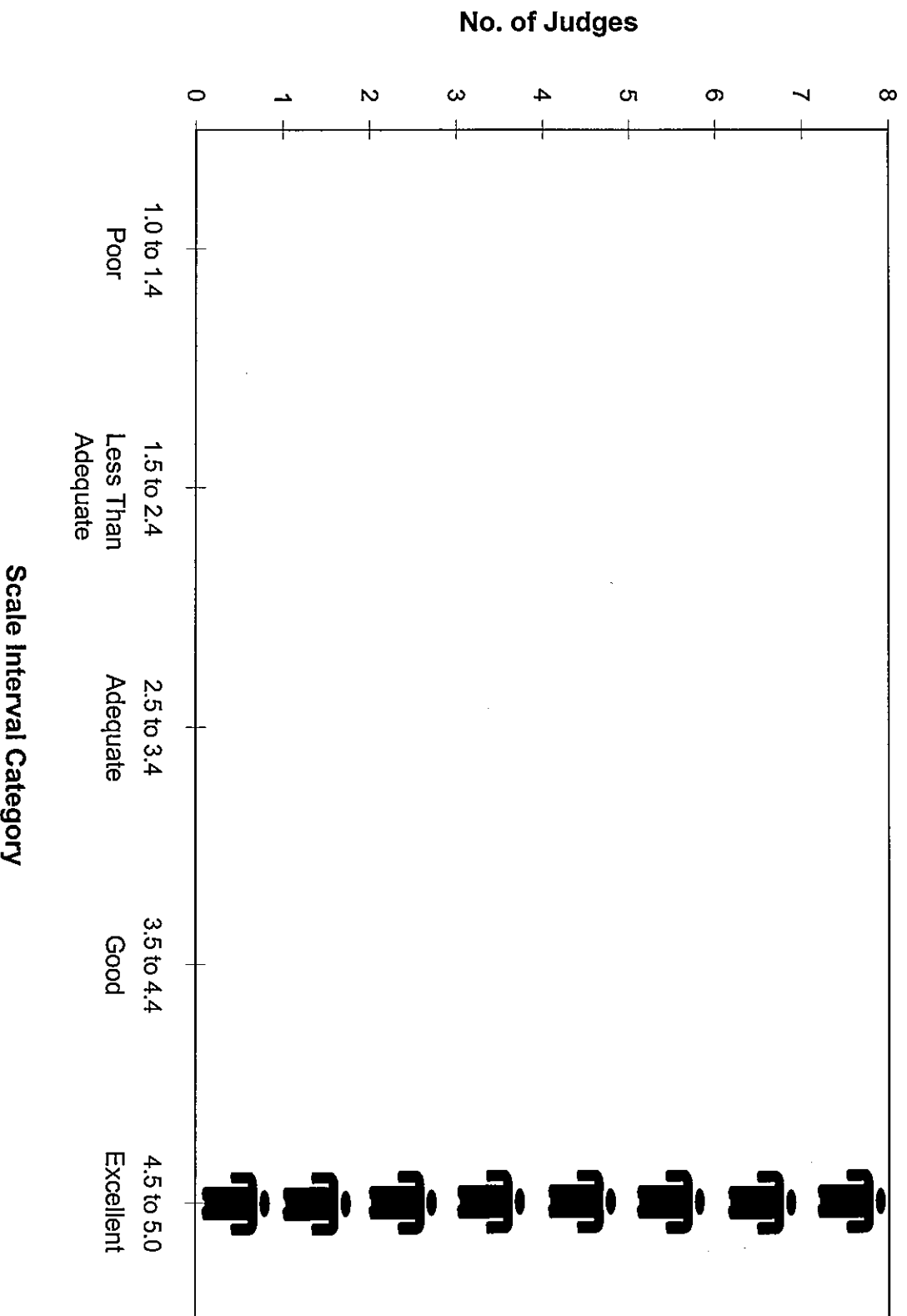
The number of survey forms distributed for the eight judges was 822. Of this total, 442 questionnaires were returned. Between 26 and 85 questionnaires were received per judge.

Table 3 and Graphs 9 and 10, reflecting the frequencies of judges' ratings for the juror evaluation results profiled in this report, appear on pages 16 through 18.

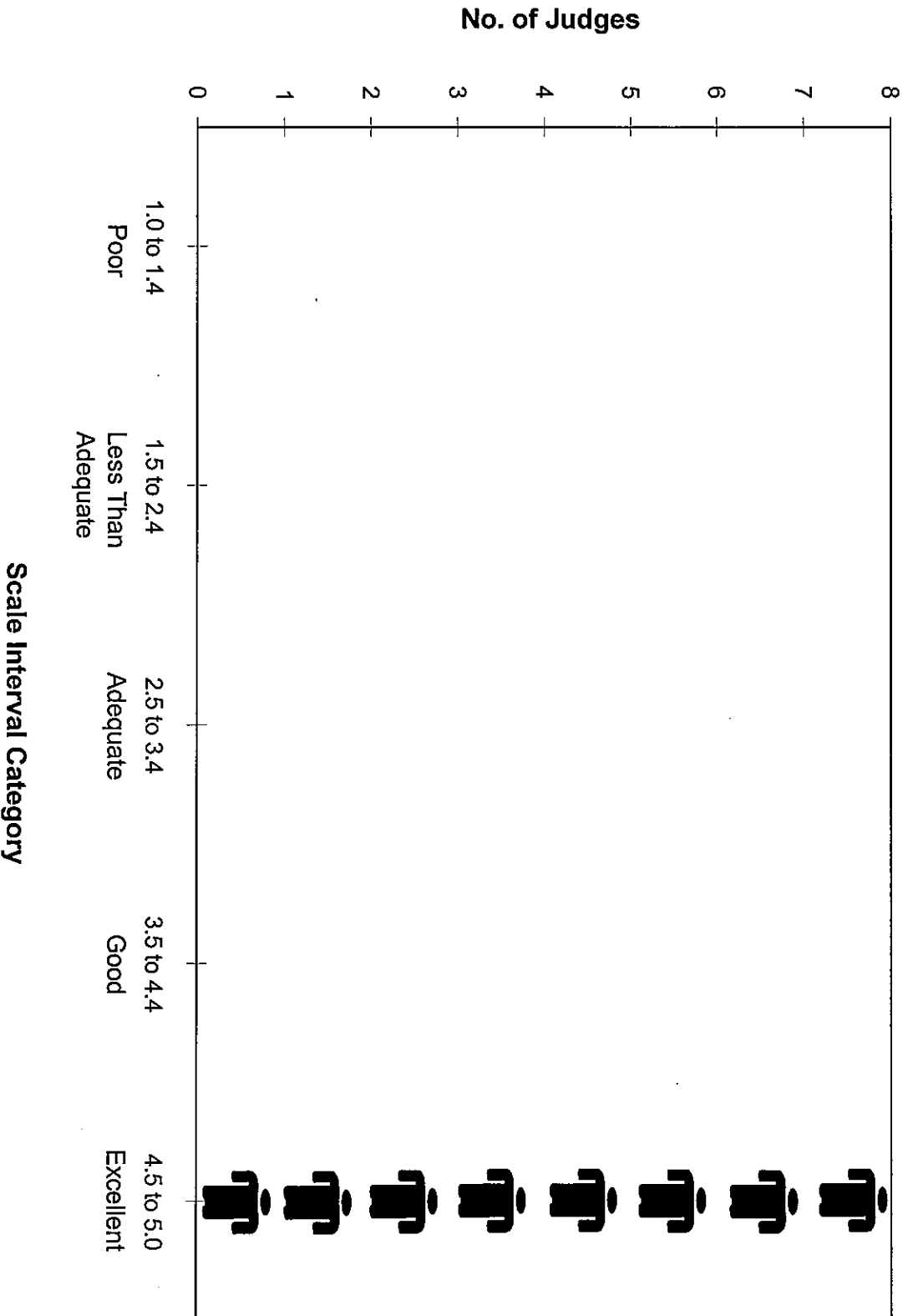
TABLE 3
JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE PROGRAM - JUROR EVALUATION
EVALUATION RESULTS FOR EIGHT JUDGES
JANUARY 4, 2010 - FEBRUARY 3, 2010

	<u>N</u>	<u>Mean Score</u>	<u>S.D.</u>
Please indicate your assessment of this judge's Overall Performance.	8	4.8	0.1
Please indicate your assessment of this judge's performance as to all parties with respect to the following:			
1. Patience	8	4.7	0.1
2. Dignity	8	4.8	0.1
3. Courtesy	8	4.8	0.1
4. Attentiveness	8	4.7	0.1
5. Fairness	8	4.7	0.1
6. Absence of arrogance	8	4.7	0.1
7. Absence of bias	8	4.8	0.1
8. Absence of prejudice	8	4.8	0.1
9. Clear communication of court procedures	8	4.8	0.1
10. Efficient use of court time	8	4.7	0.1
Average Score for Items 1 through 10	8	4.7	0.1
N = Number of Judges with More Than Five Responses for the Item Legend for Mean Score: 5 = Excellent 4 = Good 3 = Adequate 2 = Less Than Adequate 1 = Poor S.D. = Standard Deviation			

Juror Evaluation
Graph 9. Overall Performance
Frequency Of Judges' Ratings, By Category
January 4, 2010 - February 3, 2010



Juror Evaluation
Graph 10. Average For Items 1 Through 10
Frequency Of Judges' Ratings, By Category
January 4, 2010 - February 3, 2010



APPENDIX A

MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

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APPENDIX B

EMAIL FROM THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE BAR

To:

From: Michael.A.Oki@courts.state.hi.us

Sent: July 7, 2010

Subject: Joint Email From Chief Justice Moon and HSBA President Jones Re Judicial Evaluations

Dear Attorney:

This is a joint email from Chief Justice Ronald T. Y. Moon and HSBA President Hugh R. Jones. The Judiciary is conducting an online evaluation of ten Circuit Court judges. The Judiciary and HSBA encourage all members to participate in the evaluation process. This evaluation differs from HSBA's judicial evaluation survey, but both programs are designed to give you the opportunity to provide valuable feedback concerning individual judges. Judges are receptive to receiving comments and suggestions, which often help them to improve their judicial skills and techniques.

Please click on the following link, [[link to questionnaire](#)], to complete the questionnaire. Because this link is unique to your email address, please do not forward this message. If at any time you wish to stop and later return to the questionnaire, please click on the same link. The questionnaire will remain accessible to you until July 27, 2010. To ensure security and confidentiality, the evaluation process is being administered by eHawaii.gov, which is independent from the Judiciary and HSBA.

The evaluation is designed to obtain the assessments of attorneys who have actually appeared before the judge. Please be sure that your evaluation is based solely on your experience, and not on hearsay. If you did not have cases before a judge, you may click on that option after you select the judge's name. Also, if you do not wish to receive any judicial evaluation questionnaires, please click on [[link to opt out](#)], and you will automatically be removed from this mailing list.

Thank you in advance for your participation. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Oki at 539-4870.

Sincerely,

*Ronald T. Y. Moon
Chief Justice
Supreme Court of Hawai'i*

*Hugh R. Jones
President
Hawaii State Bar Association*

APPENDIX C
CIRCUIT COURT QUESTIONNAIRE

Judicial Circuit Court Questionnaire - July 2010

Please answer all multiple choice questions. There will be a place for general comments at the end of the survey.

*** 1. Have you appeared before this judge during the period from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010? (If you answer No, please skip questions 2 and 3, and proceed by clicking on Continue).**

☐ Yes

☐ No

2. How many times have you appeared before this judge during the referenced period?

☐ 1-2

☐ 3-5

☐ 6-10

☐ More than 10

3. For what types of matters have you appeared before this Judge during the referenced period ? (Please select all that apply.)

☐ Jury trial(s)

☐ Nonjury trial(s)

☐ Contested motion(s) with significant legal issues

☐ Settlement or pretrial plea agreement conference(s)

☐ Evidentiary hearing(s)

☐ Sentencing(s)

☐ Other substantive matter(s) (describe)

☐
☐

Judicial Circuit Court Questionnaire - July 2010

This section deals with legal competence, learning, and understanding. It also deals with the judicial application of knowledge in the conduct of court proceedings.

1. Knowledge of relevant substantive law

☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Adequate
 ☐ Less than Adequate
 ☐ Poor
 ☐ Not Applicable

2. Knowledge of rules of procedure

☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Adequate
 ☐ Less than Adequate
 ☐ Poor
 ☐ Not Applicable

3. Knowledge of rules of evidence

☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Adequate
 ☐ Less than Adequate
 ☐ Poor
 ☐ Not Applicable

4. Ability to identify and analyze relevant issues

☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Adequate
 ☐ Less than Adequate
 ☐ Poor
 ☐ Not Applicable

5. Judgment in application of relevant laws and rules

☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Adequate
 ☐ Less than Adequate
 ☐ Poor
 ☐ Not Applicable

6. Giving reasons for rulings when needed

☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Adequate
 ☐ Less than Adequate
 ☐ Poor
 ☐ Not Applicable

7. Clarity of explanation of rulings

☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Adequate
 ☐ Less than Adequate
 ☐ Poor
 ☐ Not Applicable

8. Adequacy of findings of fact

☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Adequate
 ☐ Less than Adequate
 ☐ Poor
 ☐ Not Applicable

9. Clarity of judge's decision(s) (oral/written)

☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Adequate
 ☐ Less than Adequate
 ☐ Poor
 ☐ Not Applicable

Judicial Circuit Court Questionnaire - July 2010

10. Completeness of judge's decision(s) (oral/written)

- ☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Adequate ☐ Less than Adequate ☐ Poor ☐ Not Applicable

11. Judge's charge to the jury/juries

- ☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Adequate ☐ Less than adequate ☐ Poor ☐ Not applicable

Judicial Circuit Court Questionnaire - July 2010

This section deals with judicial ability and skill in the organization, management, and handling of court proceedings.

1. Moving the proceeding(s) in an appropriately expeditious manner

☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Adequate ☐ Less than Adequate ☐ Poor ☐ Not Applicable

2. Maintaining proper control over the proceeding(s)

☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Adequate ☐ Less than Adequate ☐ Poor ☐ Not Applicable

3. Doing the necessary homework on the case(s)

☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Adequate ☐ Less than Adequate ☐ Poor ☐ Not Applicable

4. Rendering rulings and decisions without unnecessary delay

☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Adequate ☐ Less than Adequate ☐ Poor ☐ Not Applicable

5. Allowing adequate time for presentation of the case(s) or motion(s) in light of existing time constraints

☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Adequate ☐ Less than Adequate ☐ Poor ☐ Not Applicable

6. Resourcefulness and common sense in resolving problems arising from the proceeding(s)

☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Adequate ☐ Less than Adequate ☐ Poor ☐ Not Applicable

7. Skills in effecting compromise

☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Adequate ☐ Less than Adequate ☐ Poor ☐ Not Applicable

8. Industriousness

☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Adequate ☐ Less than Adequate ☐ Poor ☐ Not Applicable

Judicial Circuit Court Questionnaire - July 2010

This section deals with various aspects of judicial personality and behaviour in the court proceedings, such as temperament, attitude, and manner.

1. Attentiveness

☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Adequate
 ☐ Less than Adequate
 ☐ Poor
 ☐ Not Applicable

2. Courtesy to participants

☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Adequate
 ☐ Less than Adequate
 ☐ Poor
 ☐ Not Applicable

3. Compassion

☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Adequate
 ☐ Less than Adequate
 ☐ Poor
 ☐ Not Applicable

4. Patience

☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Adequate
 ☐ Less than Adequate
 ☐ Poor
 ☐ Not Applicable

5. Absence of arrogance

☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Adequate
 ☐ Less than Adequate
 ☐ Poor
 ☐ Not Applicable

6. Absence of bias and prejudice based on race, sex, ethnicity, religion, social class, or other factor

☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Adequate
 ☐ Less than Adequate
 ☐ Poor
 ☐ Not Applicable

7. Evenhanded treatment of litigants

☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Adequate
 ☐ Less than Adequate
 ☐ Poor
 ☐ Not Applicable

8. Evenhanded treatment of attorneys

☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Adequate
 ☐ Less than Adequate
 ☐ Poor
 ☐ Not Applicable

Judicial Circuit Court Questionnaire - July 2010

This section assumes you have participated in one or more settlement/plea agreement conferences with this judge. This section deals with the settlement/plea agreement process including settlement conferences pursuant to rule 12.1, circuit court rules, and pretrial conferences involving rule 11, rules of penal procedure.

1. Knowing the case(s) and/or the law well enough to address key issues

☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Adequate ☐ Less than Adequate ☐ Poor ☐ Not Applicable

2. Reasonableness of opinions on how key issues might be resolved at trial

☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Adequate ☐ Less than Adequate ☐ Poor ☐ Not Applicable

3. Ability to enhance the settlement process by creating consensus or to facilitate the plea agreement process

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- ☐ 28 or more
- ☐ Refuse to answer

2. Which of the following describes your practice of law ?

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- ☐ Government
- ☐ Refuse to answer
- ☐ Other (please specify)

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APPENDIX D
DISTRICT COURT QUESTIONNAIRE

Judicial District Court Questionnaire - April 2010

Please answer all multiple choice questions. There will be a place for general comments at the end of the survey.

*** 1. Have you appeared before this judge during the period from April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2010? (If you answer No, please skip questions 2 and 3, and proceed by clicking on Continue).**

☐ Yes

☐ No

2. How many times have you appeared before this judge during the period from April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2010?

☐ 1-2

☐ 3-5

☐ 6-10

☐ More than 10

3. For what types of matters have you appeared before this Judge during the referenced period ? (Please select all that apply.)

☐ Nonjury trial(s)

☐ Contested motion(s) with significant legal issues

☐ Settlement or pretrial plea agreement conference(s)

☐ Evidentiary hearing(s)

☐ Sentencing(s)

☐ Other substantive matter(s) (describe)

Judicial District Court Questionnaire - April 2010

This section deals with legal competence, learning, and understanding. It also deals with the judicial application of knowledge in the conduct of court proceedings.

1. Knowledge of relevant substantive law

☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Adequate
 ☐ Less than Adequate
 ☐ Poor
 ☐ Not Applicable

2. Knowledge of rules of procedure

☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Adequate
 ☐ Less than Adequate
 ☐ Poor
 ☐ Not Applicable

3. Knowledge of rules of evidence

☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Adequate
 ☐ Less than Adequate
 ☐ Poor
 ☐ Not Applicable

4. Ability to identify and analyze relevant issues

☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Adequate
 ☐ Less than Adequate
 ☐ Poor
 ☐ Not Applicable

5. Judgment in application of relevant laws and rules

☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Adequate
 ☐ Less than Adequate
 ☐ Poor
 ☐ Not Applicable

6. Giving reasons for rulings when needed

☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Adequate
 ☐ Less than Adequate
 ☐ Poor
 ☐ Not Applicable

7. Clarity of explanation of rulings

☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Adequate
 ☐ Less than Adequate
 ☐ Poor
 ☐ Not Applicable

8. Adequacy of findings of fact

☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Adequate
 ☐ Less than Adequate
 ☐ Poor
 ☐ Not Applicable

9. Clarity of judge's decision(s) (oral/written)

☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Adequate
 ☐ Less than Adequate
 ☐ Poor
 ☐ Not Applicable

Judicial District Court Questionnaire - April 2010

10. Completeness of judge's decision(s) (oral/written)

- ☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Adequate ☐ Less than Adequate ☐ Poor ☐ Not Applicable

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This section deals with judicial ability and skill in the organization, management, and handling of court proceedings.

1. Moving the proceeding(s) in an appropriately expeditious manner

☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Adequate
 ☐ Less than Adequate
 ☐ Poor
 ☐ Not Applicable

2. Maintaining proper control over the proceeding(s)

☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Adequate
 ☐ Less than Adequate
 ☐ Poor
 ☐ Not Applicable

3. Doing the necessary homework on the case(s)

☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Adequate
 ☐ Less than Adequate
 ☐ Poor
 ☐ Not Applicable

4. Rendering rulings and decisions without unnecessary delay

☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Adequate
 ☐ Less than Adequate
 ☐ Poor
 ☐ Not Applicable

5. Allowing adequate time for presentation of the case(s) or motion(s) in light of existing time constraints

☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Adequate
 ☐ Less than Adequate
 ☐ Poor
 ☐ Not Applicable

6. Resourcefulness and common sense in resolving problems arising from the proceeding(s)

☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Adequate
 ☐ Less than Adequate
 ☐ Poor
 ☐ Not Applicable

7. Skills in effecting compromise

☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Adequate
 ☐ Less than Adequate
 ☐ Poor
 ☐ Not Applicable

8. Industriousness

☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Adequate
 ☐ Less than Adequate
 ☐ Poor
 ☐ Not Applicable

Judicial District Court Questionnaire - April 2010

This section deals with various aspects of judicial personality and behaviour in the court proceedings, such as temperament, attitude, and manner.

1. Attentiveness

☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Adequate
 ☐ Less than Adequate
 ☐ Poor
 ☐ Not Applicable

2. Courtesy to participants

☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Adequate
 ☐ Less than Adequate
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 ☐ Not Applicable

3. Compassion

☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Adequate
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4. Patience

☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
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 ☐ Less than Adequate
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5. Absence of arrogance

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6. Absence of bias and prejudice based on race, sex, ethnicity, religion, social class, or other factor

☐ Excellent
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7. Evenhanded treatment of litigants

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8. Evenhanded treatment of attorneys

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This section assumes you have participated in one or more settlement/plea agreement conferences with this judge. This section deals with the settlement/plea agreement process including settlement conferences pursuant to rule 12.1, district court rules, and pretrial conferences involving rule 11, rules of penal procedure.

1. Knowing the case(s) and/or the law well enough to address key issues

- ☐ Excellent
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Adequate
 ☐ Less than Adequate
 ☐ Poor
 ☐ Not Applicable

2. Reasonableness of opinions on how key issues might be resolved at trial

- ☐ Excellent
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Please confirm that you have completed questionnaires for judges you have appeared before and you are ready to submit your responses.

Thank you for taking the time to provide feedback. Your opinion is very important.

If you have any questions about this questionnaire, please call the Policy and Planning Department at 539-4870. Mahalo!

1. Please let us know what you think of the online survey process.

APPENDIX E
JUROR EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE

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Judicial Performance Program - Circuit Court Juror Evaluation of Judge _____

Please complete the following evaluation based on your personal knowledge and experience with the above-named judge. If you wish to offer additional comments about the judge's performance, please elaborate in the comments section below.

		Excellent	Good	Adequate	Less Than Adequate	Poor
	Please indicate your assessment of this judge's Overall Performance					

Please indicate your assessment of this judge's performance as to all parties with respect to the following:

		Excellent	Good	Adequate	Less Than Adequate	Poor
1	Patience					
2	Dignity					
3	Courtesy					
4	Attentiveness					
5	Fairness					
6	Absence of arrogance					
7	Absence of bias					
8	Absence of prejudice					
9	Clear communication of court procedures					
10	Efficient use of court time					

Please check the type of trial in which you served on a jury in this judge's courtroom (please check one only): ☐ Civil Trial ☐ Criminal Trial

Comments: _____

