



### **Judicial Performance Evaluation**

#### **Massachusetts**

**Scope.** Since 2001, trial judges have been evaluated at least once every three years for the purpose of self-improvement.

**Commission.** N/A

**Criteria.** Criteria include patience and attentiveness, preparedness, temperament, clarity of written and oral decisions, administrative capacity, control over the courtroom, legal knowledge, and fairness and impartiality.

**Data collection.** Surveys are sent to attorneys who appeared before the judge in the previous two years, all court employees, and jurors. Attorney surveys are almost exclusively administered electronically.

**Dissemination.** Results are for self-improvement only and are not publicly disseminated.

**Website.** N/A