



### **Judicial Performance Evaluation**

#### **Rhode Island**

**Scope.** The Judicial Performance Evaluation Program was established in 1993. Trial court judges are evaluated every two years.

**Commission.** The Judicial Performance Evaluation Committee consists of eleven members appointed by the Supreme Court, including six judges, three members of the state bar, and two members of the public who are familiar with the judicial system.

**Criteria.** Criteria for evaluation include integrity, knowledge and understanding of law and procedure, communication skills, preparation, attentiveness, control over proceedings, management skills, punctuality, service to the profession and the public, and effectiveness in working with other judges.

**Data collection.** Surveys are completed by attorneys and jurors.

**Dissemination.** Individual evaluation results are confidential and are provided only to the evaluated judge, the Chief Justice, and the presiding justice. Summary evaluation results may be made public.

**Website.** N/A