



Judicial Performance Evaluation

Vermont

Scope. Judges are retained by a vote of the General Assembly. The Joint Committee on Judicial Retention reviews the candidacies of judges seeking retention and makes retention recommendations to the full legislature.

Commission. N/A

Criteria. Judges are evaluated on such factors as integrity, judicial temperament, impartiality, health, diligence, legal knowledge and ability, and administrative and communicative skills.

Data collection. The Joint Committee holds hearings for the purpose of receiving information and hearing testimony from members of the bar and the public. Judges may testify on their own behalf.

Dissemination. The Joint Committee compiles a report on each judge seeking retention, which is presented to the General Assembly for consideration. The reports are not made available to the public.

Website. N/A