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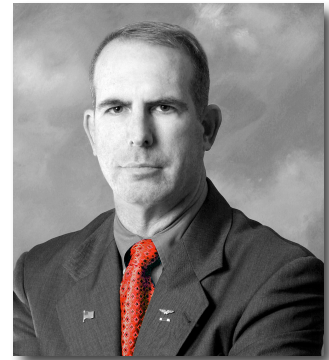
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2011-2012 Judicial Survey Results



Robert H. Featherston

Editors Comments



***“2011-12 Judicial
Survey Results”***

Fellow SACDLA Members:

As Editor for the “Defender” Magazine & as Secretary for the San Antonio Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, I am pleased to release the results of our most recent *Judicial Survey*!

We are blessed here in Bexar County to have a splendid group of well-qualified individuals to be our elected Judges.

Our *Judicial Survey* is not a popularity contest and should not be viewed in that light. Rather, it is a report to our members and the general public, generated by professionals most knowledgeable of our elected Judiciary’s professional performance. This report covers six areas of observation:

- Does the Judge work hard?
- Is the Judge Punctual?
- Does the Judge follow the Law?
- Does the Judge have a good temperament?
- Does the Judge rule impartially?
- Do you approve of the Judge’s performance?

The *Survey* is not the result of a scientific sampling process because the entire attorney population of Bexar County, as reflected from the rolls of the State Bar of Texas, were asked to participate. Additionally participating attorneys were asked to only answer questions on Judges whose Courts they practice in.

This *Survey* would not have happened but for the dedication, tenacity and adult supervision of ***Mark Stevens***, a criminal defense attorney who is never too busy to tackle the difficult tasks!

I close by stating that the *Survey* results reflect the best of our judicial system. The dedicated professionalism of our elected Judges, as viewed through the eyes of our practicing attorneys.

Warmest Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert H. Featherston". The signature is stylized and includes a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Robert H. Featherston
Editor, “Defender”

CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURTS

Judge Angus K. McGinty

144th District Court:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge work hard?	3.31	215
Is this Judge punctual?	3.26	213
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.38	217
Does this Judge have a good temperament?	3.49	218
Does this Judge rule impartially?	3.37	217
Do you approve of this Judge's performance?	3.38	219

Judge Mary D. Roman

175th District Court:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge work hard?	2.78	244
Is this Judge punctual?	2.64	243
Does this Judge follow the Law?	2.54	238
Does this Judge have a good temperament?	2.26	252
Does this Judge rule impartially?	2.31	250
Do you approve of this Judge's performance?	2.28	253

Judge Maria Teresa (Tessa) Herr

186th District Court:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge work hard?	2.95	223
Is this Judge punctual?	2.59	223
Does this Judge follow the Law?	2.91	222
Does this Judge have a good temperament?	2.61	223
Does this Judge rule impartially?	2.76	221
Do you approve of this Judge's performance?	2.68	221

Judge Raymond C. Angelini

187th District Court:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge work hard?	3.13	264
Is this Judge punctual?	2.84	262
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.30	263
Does this Judge have a good temperament?	2.93	264
Does this Judge rule impartially?	3.25	260
Do you approve of this Judge's performance?	3.22	266

Judge Sid L. Harle

226th District Court:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge work hard?	3.68	303
Is this Judge punctual?	3.65	298
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.70	302
Does this Judge have a good temperament?	3.67	303
Does this Judge rule impartially?	3.67	303
Do you approve of this Judge's performance?	3.69	302

CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURTS

Judge Philip A. Kazen, Jr.

227th District Court:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge work hard?	2.99	268
Is this Judge punctual?	2.77	267
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.13	267
Does this Judge have a good temperament?	3.03	268
Does this Judge rule impartially?	3.04	268
Do you approve of this Judge's performance?	3.05	268

Judge Melisa Skinner

290th District Court:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge work hard?	3.41	196
Is this Judge punctual?	3.33	195
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.21	196
Does this Judge have a good temperament?	2.94	197
Does this Judge rule impartially?	3.02	197
Do you approve of this Judge's performance?	3.04	197

Judge Ron Rangel

379th District Court:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge work hard?	3.54	225
Is this Judge punctual?	3.54	223
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.52	225
Does this Judge have a good temperament?	3.71	228
Does this Judge rule impartially?	3.58	224
Do you approve of this Judge's performance?	3.60	229

Judge Juanita A. Vasquez-Gardner

399th District Court:

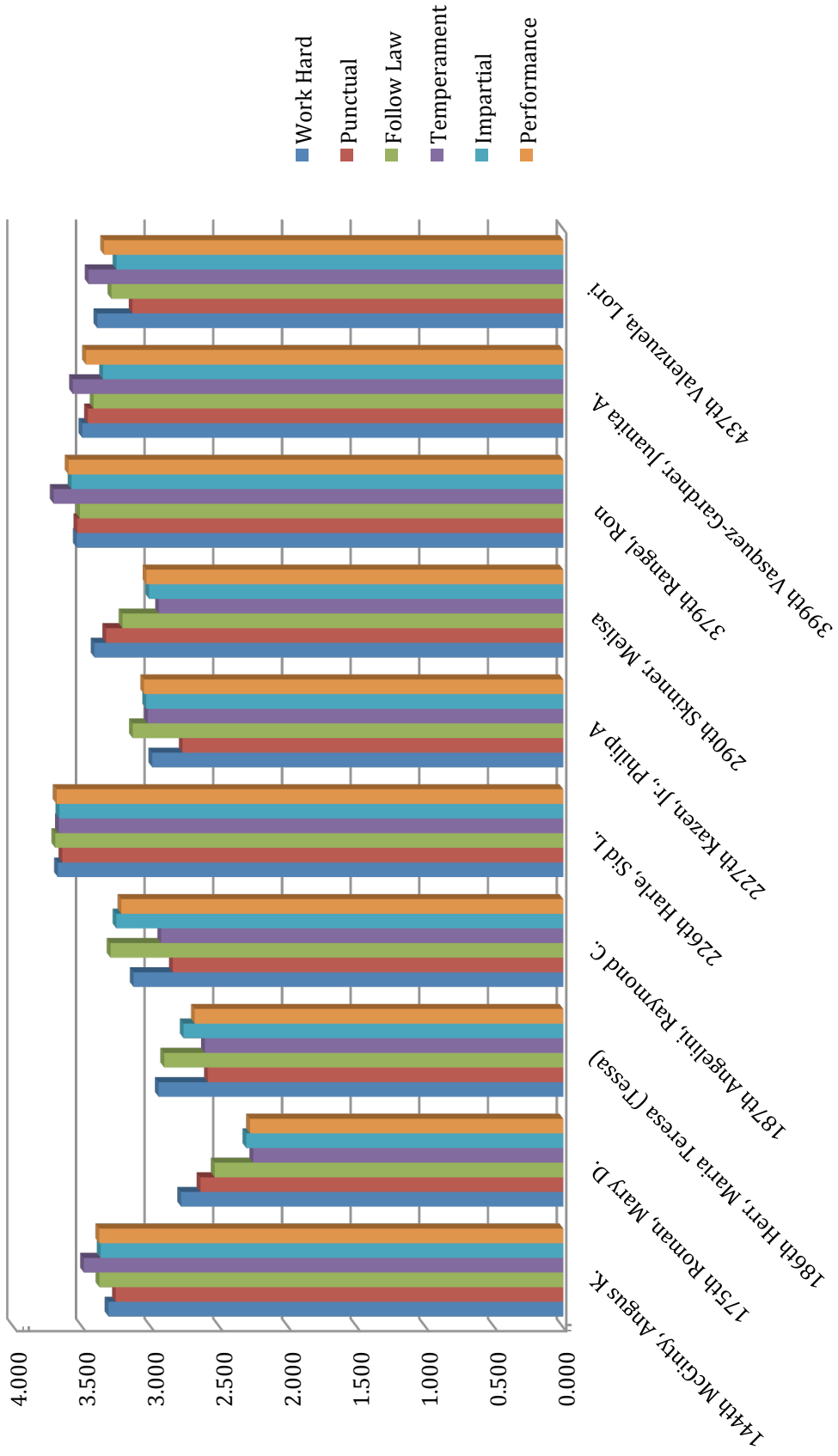
	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge work hard?	3.50	223
Is this Judge punctual?	3.46	221
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.42	224
Does this Judge have a good temperament?	3.57	226
Does this Judge rule impartially?	3.35	222
Do you approve of this Judge's performance?	3.48	221

Judge Lori Valenzuela

437th District Court:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge work hard?	3.39	206
Is this Judge punctual?	3.14	205
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.29	203
Does this Judge have a good temperament?	3.46	208
Does this Judge rule impartially?	3.25	205
Do you approve of this Judge's performance?	3.34	204

CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURTS



CIVIL DISTRICT COURTS

Judge David A. Berchelmann Jr.

37th District Court:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge work hard?	3.26	437
Is this Judge punctual?	3.25	435
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.39	437
Does this Judge have a good temperament?	3.28	441
Does this Judge rule impartially?	3.36	436
Do you approve of this Judge's performance?	3.36	435

Judge Barbara Nellerhoe

45th District Court:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge work hard?	3.40	424
Is this Judge punctual?	3.40	423
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.19	424
Does this Judge have a good temperament?	3.44	428
Does this Judge rule impartially?	3.23	425
Do you approve of this Judge's performance?	3.28	428

Judge Toni Arteaga

57th District Court:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge work hard?	2.88	357
Is this Judge punctual?	2.77	356
Does this Judge follow the Law?	2.39	363
Does this Judge have a good temperament?	2.47	369
Does this Judge rule impartially?	2.43	362
Do you approve of this Judge's performance?	2.39	370

Judge Renée McElhaney

73rd District Court:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge work hard?	3.51	381
Is this Judge punctual?	3.52	381
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.30	381
Does this Judge have a good temperament?	3.26	383
Does this Judge rule impartially?	3.24	381
Do you approve of this Judge's performance?	3.24	384

Judge John D. Gabriel

131st District Court:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge work hard?	3.26	403
Is this Judge punctual?	3.35	401
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.20	404
Does this Judge have a good temperament?	3.47	403
Does this Judge rule impartially?	3.24	401
Do you approve of this Judge's performance?	3.28	406

CIVIL DISTRICT COURTS

Judge Janet Littlejohn

150th District Court:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge work hard?	3.16	416
Is this Judge punctual?	3.21	419
Does this Judge follow the Law?	2.91	415
Does this Judge have a good temperament?	2.61	422
Does this Judge rule impartially?	2.85	417
Do you approve of this Judge's performance?	2.83	421

Judge Martha Tanner

166th District Court:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge work hard?	3.40	396
Is this Judge punctual?	3.39	395
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.30	398
Does this Judge have a good temperament?	3.49	398
Does this Judge rule impartially?	3.31	396
Do you approve of this Judge's performance?	3.36	396

Judge Cathleen M. Stryker

224th District Court:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge work hard?	3.56	270
Is this Judge punctual?	3.57	269
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.49	269
Does this Judge have a good temperament?	3.53	270
Does this Judge rule impartially?	3.49	267
Do you approve of this Judge's performance?	3.50	270

Judge Peter Sakai

225th District Court:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge work hard?	3.34	397
Is this Judge punctual?	3.31	397
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.30	402
Does this Judge have a good temperament?	3.37	403
Does this Judge rule impartially?	3.32	399
Do you approve of this Judge's performance?	3.33	399

Judge Richard Price

285th District Court:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge work hard?	3.60	344
Is this Judge punctual?	3.64	342
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.54	343
Does this Judge have a good temperament?	3.70	345
Does this Judge rule impartially?	3.58	340
Do you approve of this Judge's performance?	3.59	345

CIVIL DISTRICT COURTS

Judge Solomon Casseb III

288th District Court:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge work hard?	3.61	402
Is this Judge punctual?	3.62	400
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.52	401
Does this Judge have a good temperament?	3.64	403
Does this Judge rule impartially?	3.50	399
Do you approve of this Judge's performance?	3.59	402

Judge Karen Pozza

407th District Court:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge work hard?	3.24	409
Is this Judge punctual?	3.28	407
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.10	411
Does this Judge have a good temperament?	2.75	418
Does this Judge rule impartially?	3.00	412
Do you approve of this Judge's performance?	3.00	415

Judge Larry Noll

408th District Court:

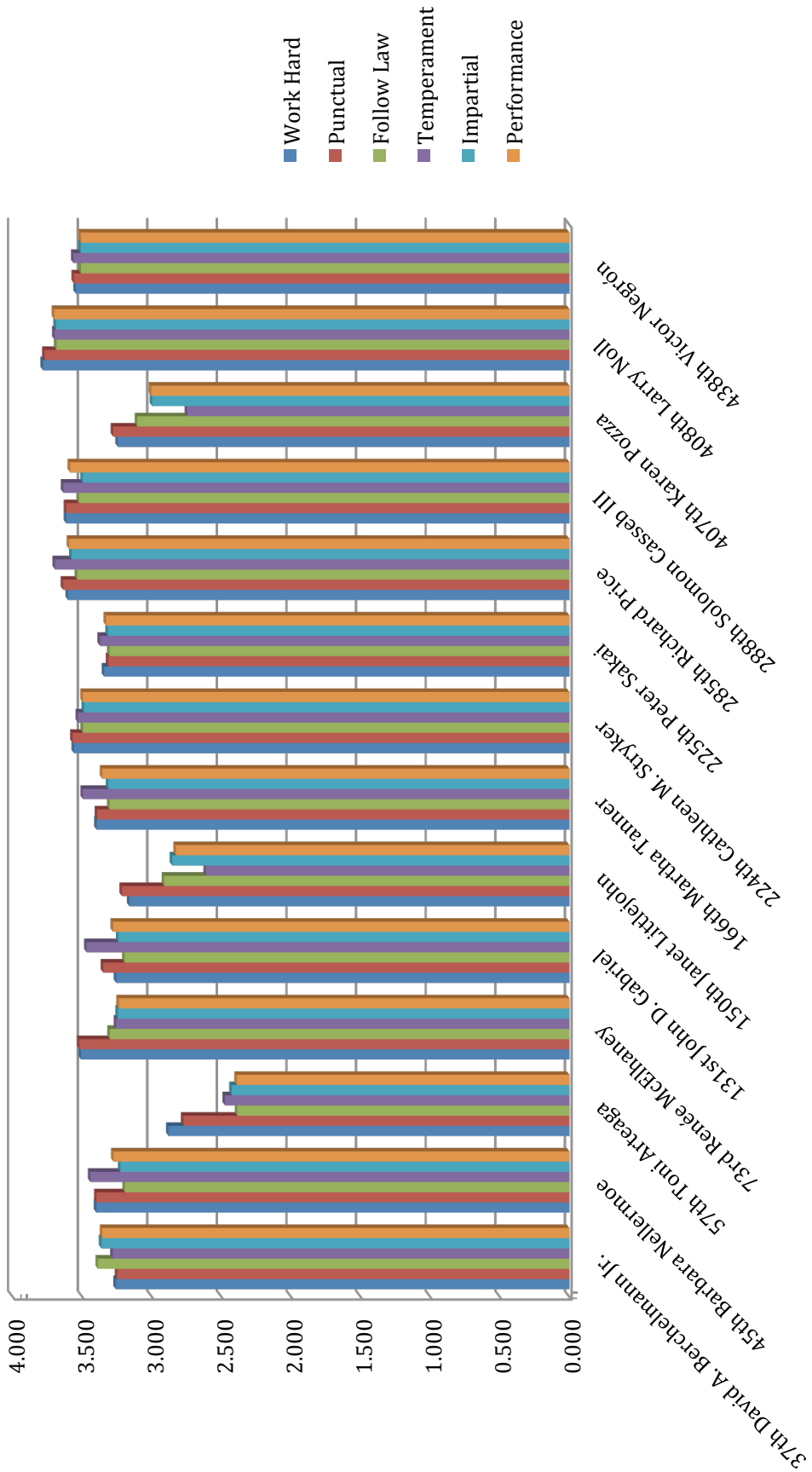
	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge work hard?	3.78	454
Is this Judge punctual?	3.77	453
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.69	454
Does this Judge have a good temperament?	3.70	455
Does this Judge rule impartially?	3.69	453
Do you approve of this Judge's performance?	3.70	455

Judge Victor Negrón

438th District Court:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge work hard?	3.55	315
Is this Judge punctual?	3.56	315
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.51	318
Does this Judge have a good temperament?	3.56	318
Does this Judge rule impartially?	3.51	315
Do you approve of this Judge's performance?	3.51	320

CIVIL DISTRICT COURTS



JUVENILE COURTS

Judge Carmen Kelsey

289th District Court:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge work hard?	2.64	151
Is this Judge punctual?	2.55	149
Does this Judge follow the Law?	2.35	150
Does this Judge have a good temperament?	2.02	155
Does this Judge rule impartially?	2.14	152
Do you approve of this Judge's performance?	2.05	153

Judge Laura Parker

386th District Court:

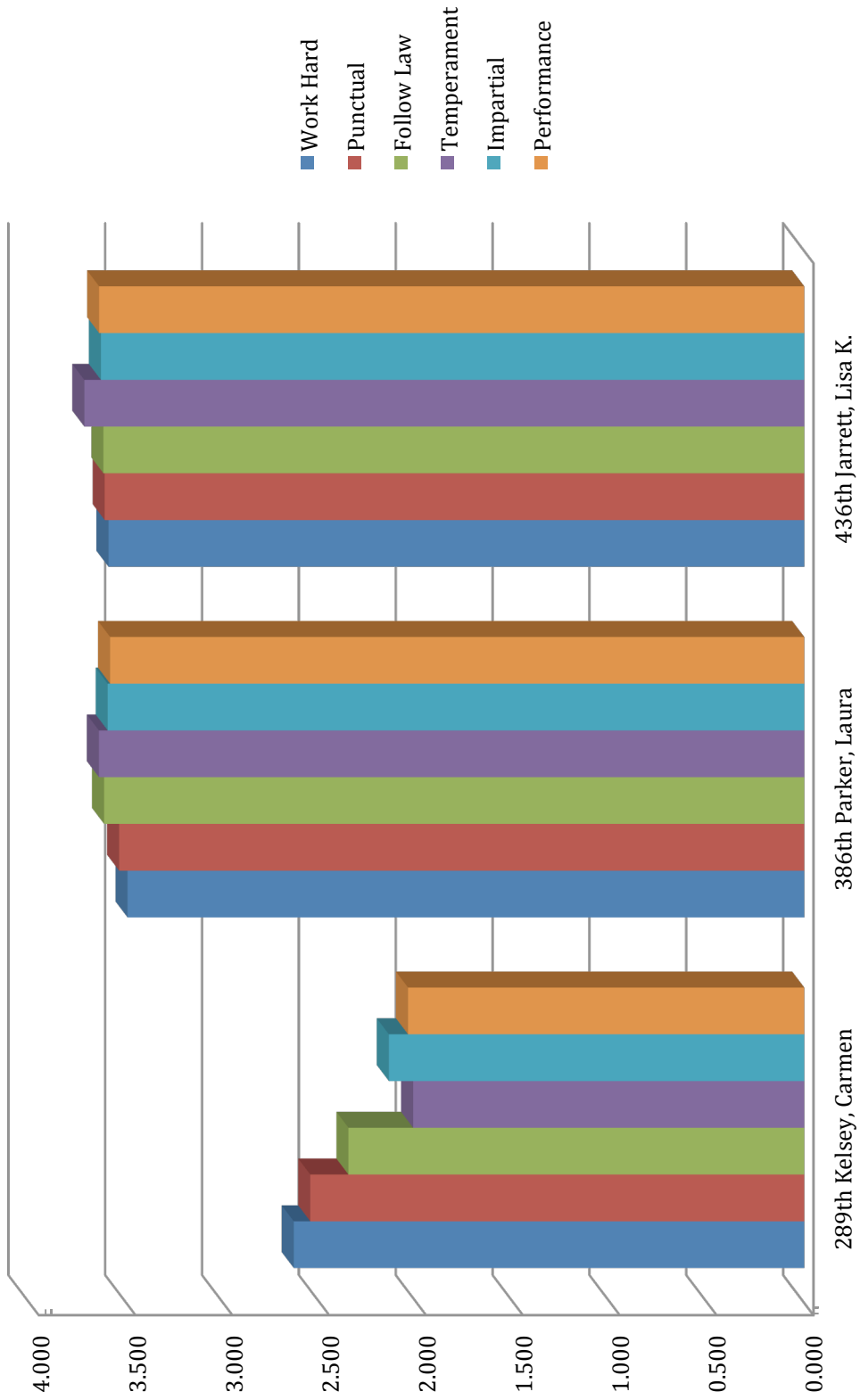
	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge work hard?	3.49	160
Is this Judge punctual?	3.54	160
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.61	161
Does this Judge have a good temperament?	3.64	159
Does this Judge rule impartially?	3.60	161
Do you approve of this Judge's performance?	3.58	161

Judge Lisa K. Jarrett

436th District Court:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge work hard?	3.59	152
Is this Judge punctual?	3.61	152
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.62	152
Does this Judge have a good temperament?	3.72	152
Does this Judge rule impartially?	3.63	152
Do you approve of this Judge's performance?	3.64	153

JUVENILE COURTS



PROBATE COURTS

Judge Polly Jackson Spencer

Probate Court # 1:

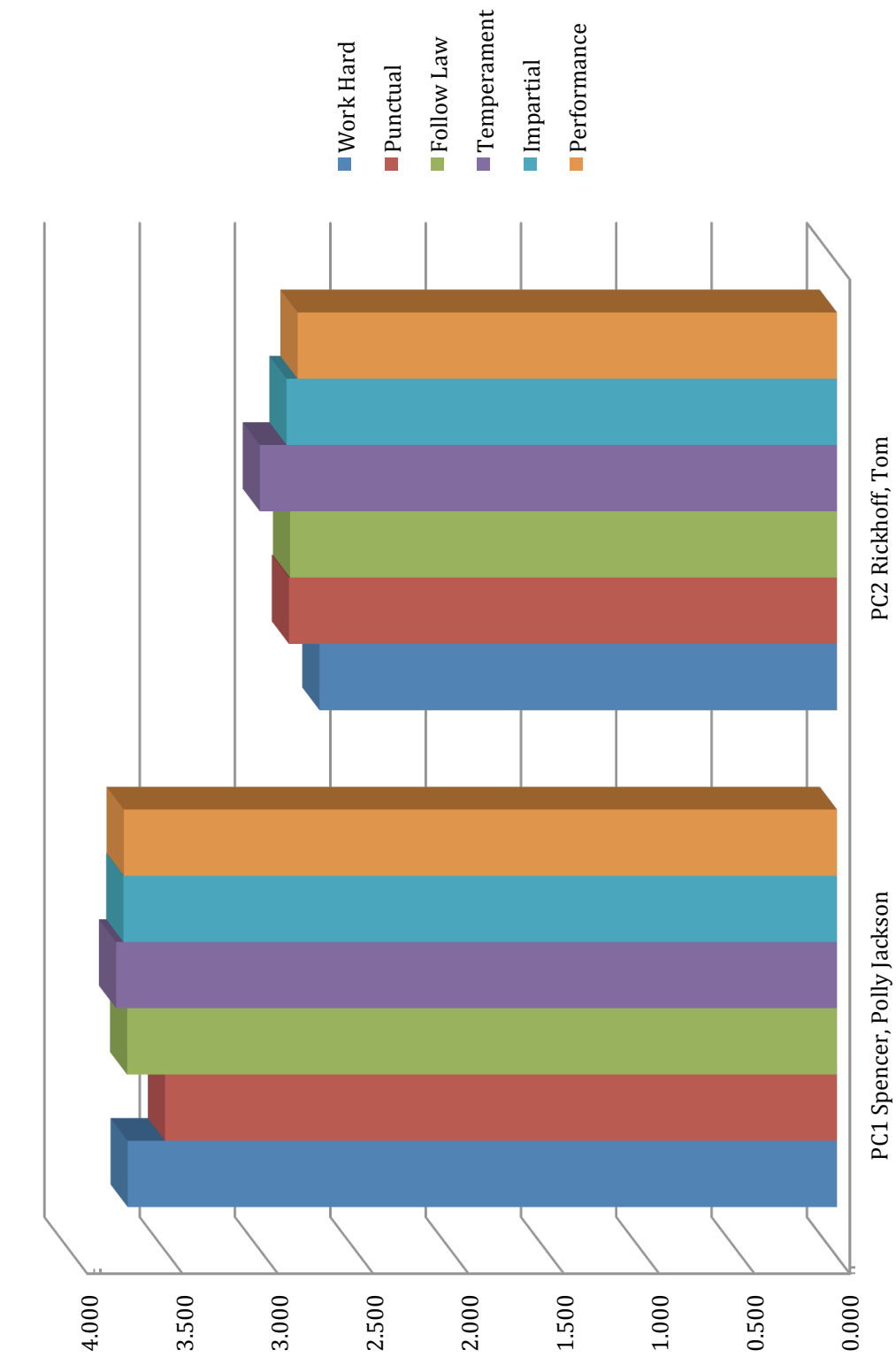
	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge work hard?	3.72	322
Is this Judge punctual?	3.52	324
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.72	322
Does this Judge have a good temperament?	3.78	325
Does this Judge rule impartially?	3.74	323
Do you approve of this Judge's performance?	3.74	324

Judge Tom Rickhoff

Probate Court # 2:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge work hard?	2.71	291
Is this Judge punctual?	2.88	288
Does this Judge follow the Law?	2.87	289
Does this Judge have a good temperament?	3.03	292
Does this Judge rule impartially?	2.89	292
Do you approve of this Judge's performance?	2.83	293

PROBATE COURTS



COUNTY COURTS AT LAW

Judge John D. Fleming

County Court at Law # 1:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge Work Hard?	3.06	152
Is this Judge Punctual?	3.00	152
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.10	151
Does this judge have a good Temperament?	3.14	152
Does this Judge Rule Impartially?	3.10	151
Do you approve of this Judge's Performance?	3.10	153

Judge Jason Wolff

County Court at Law # 2:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge Work Hard?	3.50	199
Is this Judge Punctual?	3.49	198
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.43	198
Does this judge have a good Temperament?	3.47	199
Does this Judge Rule Impartially?	3.35	198
Do you approve of this Judge's Performance?	3.37	201

Judge David J. Rodriguez

County Court at Law # 3:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge Work Hard?	3.66	232
Is this Judge Punctual?	3.64	232
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.59	233
Does this judge have a good Temperament?	3.66	234
Does this Judge Rule Impartially?	3.55	233
Do you approve of this Judge's Performance?	3.58	236

Judge Sarah Garrahan

County Court at Law # 4:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge Work Hard?	3.76	244
Is this Judge Punctual?	3.77	244
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.71	245
Does this judge have a good Temperament?	3.79	246
Does this Judge Rule Impartially?	3.70	245
Do you approve of this Judge's Performance?	3.74	247

Judge Jason Pulliam

County Court at Law # 5:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge Work Hard?	3.69	254
Is this Judge Punctual?	3.67	254
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.66	255
Does this judge have a good Temperament?	3.69	256
Does this Judge Rule Impartially?	3.65	255
Do you approve of this Judge's Performance?	3.66	258

Judge Wayne Christian

County Court at Law # 6:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge Work Hard?	3.13	241
Is this Judge Punctual?	3.05	239
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.07	239
Does this judge have a good Temperament?	2.94	240
Does this Judge Rule Impartially?	3.03	237
Do you approve of this Judge's Performance?	3.02	242

COUNTY COURTS AT LAW

Judge Eugenia (Genie) Wright

County Court at Law # 7:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this JudgeWork Hard?	3.13	173
Is this Judge Punctual?	3.04	172
Does this Judge follow the Law?	2.99	173
Does this judge have a good Temperament?	2.95	174
Does this Judge Rule Impartially?	2.92	173
Do you approve of this Judge's Performance?	2.95	176

Judge Liza Rodriguez

County Court at Law # 8:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this JudgeWork Hard?	3.26	171
Is this Judge Punctual?	3.21	170
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.03	171
Does this judge have a good Temperament?	3.08	172
Does this Judge Rule Impartially?	2.97	172
Do you approve of this Judge's Performance?	3.05	174

Judge Walden E. Shelton, Jr

County Court at Law # 9:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this JudgeWork Hard?	2.95	210
Is this Judge Punctual?	2.96	209
Does this Judge follow the Law?	2.78	206
Does this judge have a good Temperament?	2.72	210
Does this Judge Rule Impartially?	2.76	206
Do you approve of this Judge's Performance?	2.73	211

Judge Irene Rios

County Court at Law # 10:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this JudgeWork Hard?	3.60	230
Is this Judge Punctual?	3.59	230
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.51	230
Does this judge have a good Temperament?	3.63	230
Does this Judge Rule Impartially?	3.51	230
Do you approve of this Judge's Performance?	3.52	233

Judge Carlo Key

County Court at Law # 11:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this JudgeWork Hard?	3.41	162
Is this Judge Punctual?	3.35	164
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.43	162
Does this judge have a good Temperament?	3.54	163
Does this Judge Rule Impartially?	3.47	161
Do you approve of this Judge's Performance?	3.47	162

Judge Scott Roberts

County Court at Law # 12:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this JudgeWork Hard?	3.61	161
Is this Judge Punctual?	3.60	161
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.48	161
Does this judge have a good Temperament?	3.53	163
Does this Judge Rule Impartially?	3.43	161
Do you approve of this Judge's Performance?	3.46	162

COUNTY COURTS AT LAW

Judge Monica Gonzalez

County Court at Law # 13:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge Work Hard?	3.63	187
Is this Judge Punctual?	3.62	186
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.52	186
Does this judge have a good Temperament?	3.57	187
Does this Judge Rule Impartially?	3.47	185
Do you approve of this Judge's Performance?	3.52	186

Judge Bill C. White

County Court at Law # 14:

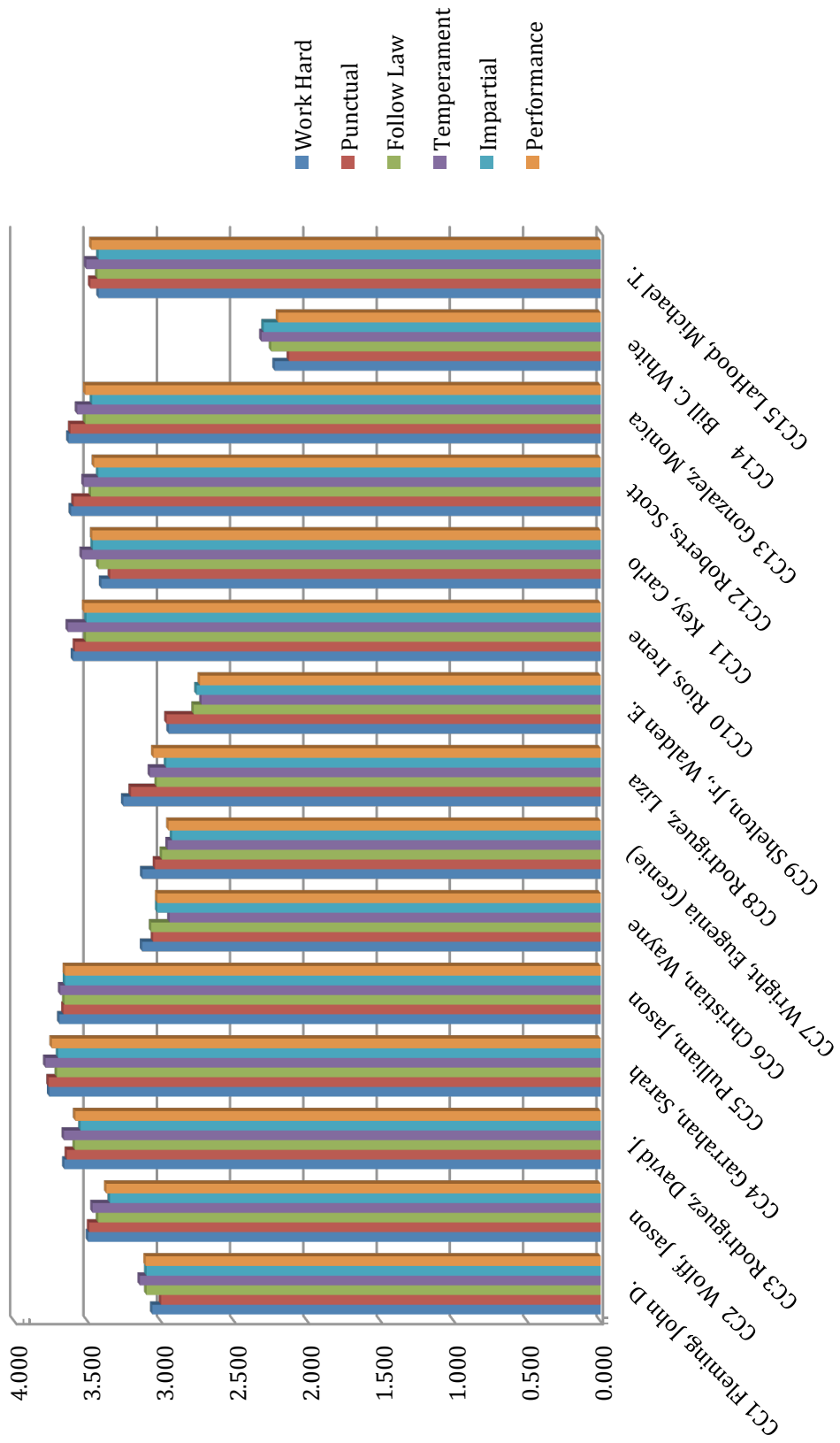
	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge Work Hard?	2.22	156
Is this Judge Punctual?	2.13	158
Does this Judge follow the Law?	2.25	157
Does this judge have a good Temperament?	2.31	159
Does this Judge Rule Impartially?	2.30	157
Do you approve of this Judge's Performance?	2.20	159

Judge Michael T. LaHood

County Court at Law # 15:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge Work Hard?	3.43	195
Is this Judge Punctual?	3.48	195
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.43	196
Does this judge have a good Temperament?	3.51	198
Does this Judge Rule Impartially?	3.43	197
Do you approve of this Judge's Performance?	3.47	198

COUNTY COURTS AT LAW



JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Judge Monica Lisa Caballero

Precinct 1, Place 1:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge work hard?	3.10	105
Is this Judge punctual?	2.94	105
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.10	104
Does this Judge have a good temperament?	3.17	104
Does this Judge rule impartially?	3.13	104
Do you approve of this Judge's performance?	3.08	105

Judge Edmundo M. Zaragoza

Precinct 1, Place 3:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge work hard?	3.13	72
Is this Judge punctual?	3.11	72
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.13	72
Does this Judge have a good temperament?	3.25	72
Does this Judge rule impartially?	3.11	72
Do you approve of this Judge's performance?	3.11	73

Judge Stephen M. Walker

Precinct 2, Place 1:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge work hard?	2.66	86
Is this Judge punctual?	2.62	86
Does this Judge follow the Law?	2.33	87
Does this Judge have a good temperament?	2.51	87
Does this Judge rule impartially?	2.43	87
Do you approve of this Judge's performance?	2.27	86

Judge William E. Donovan

Precinct 2, Place 2:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge work hard?	3.40	113
Is this Judge punctual?	3.38	113
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.37	113
Does this Judge have a good temperament?	3.42	113
Does this Judge rule impartially?	3.37	113
Do you approve of this Judge's performance?	3.39	113

Judge Keith Baker

Precinct 3:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge work hard?	2.72	249
Is this Judge punctual?	2.75	248
Does this Judge follow the Law?	2.58	248
Does this Judge have a good temperament?	2.45	253
Does this Judge rule impartially?	2.48	252
Do you approve of this Judge's performance?	2.46	252

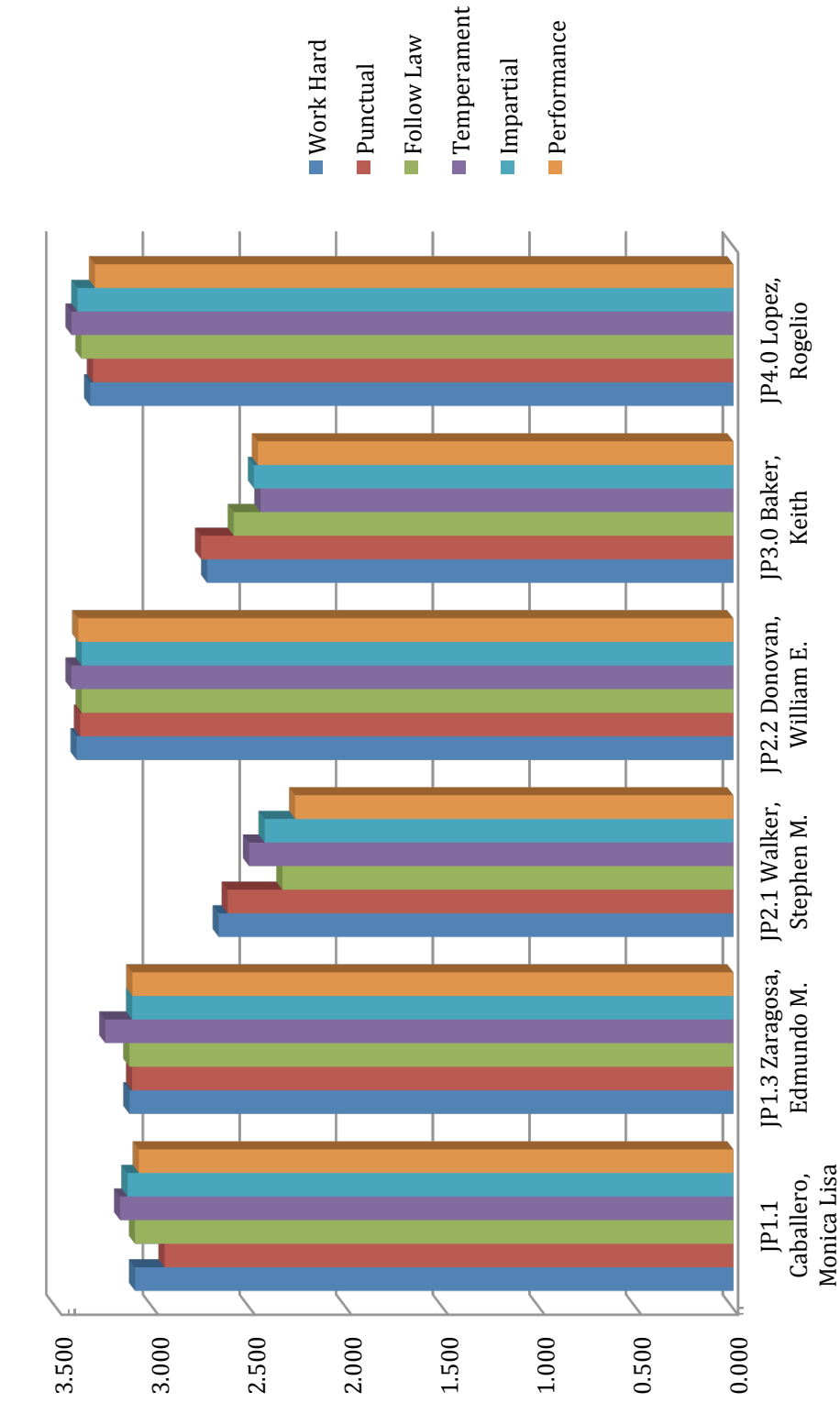
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Judge Rogelio Lopez

Precinct 4:

	Average 1-4	Count of Votes
Does this Judge work hard?	3.33	67
Is this Judge punctual?	3.31	67
Does this Judge follow the Law?	3.37	67
Does this Judge have a good temperament?	3.42	66
Does this Judge rule impartially?	3.39	66
Do you approve of this Judge's performance?	3.30	66

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9:00 to 12:00*

8/3/12 - Shaken Baby Syndrom & Child Sexual Abuse

8/10/12 - Fingerprints & Firearms Tool Marks

*Appellate Round Tables for 1.5 Free CLE credit starts at 12:00 at the
Liberty Bar on 6/15 & 6/20. And every first and third Friday after that.*

Nuts n Bolts is November 9th at the Central Jury Room.