

MEMPHIS BAR ASSOCIATION

**JUDICIAL
EVALUATION SURVEY**

2007 RESULTS

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U.S. District Court														
Hardy Mays, Jr.	137	9.2	9.5	9.3	9.3	9.4	9.2	9.2	9.2	8.6	8.4	8.9	8.9	
J. Daniel Breen	115	9.2	9.3	9.2	9.2	9.1	9.0	9.1	8.9	8.3	8.2	8.6	8.6	
Bernice B. Donald	134	8.6	9.3	9.1	9.4	9.0	8.4	8.8	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.3	7.9	
James D. Todd	37	9.2	9.2	9.1	9.1	9.0	8.6	9.0	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.7	8.6	
Jon P. McCalla	124	9.6	8.7	9.3	8.6	8.7	8.5	9.3	9.3	9.1	8.9	9.0	8.6	
U.S. Magistrates														
Tu M. Pham	137	9.3	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.2	9.2	9.3	9.0	9.0	9.2	9.0	9.0	
S. Thomas Anderson	43	9.1	8.9	8.9	9.0	9.3	8.9	9.2	8.7	8.7	8.9	8.5	8.6	
Diane K. Vescovo	126	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.2	9.1	9.2	9.1	9.3	9.2	9.0	9.0	
U.S. Bankruptcy Court														
George W. Emerson	53	9.2	9.6	9.3	9.5	9.5	9.3	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.4	9.4	9.2	
Paulette Delk	41	8.9	9.5	9.1	9.4	8.2	9.1	8.8	8.6	8.8	9.1	9.0	8.7	
David S. Kennedy	76	9.7	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.6	9.3	9.5	9.7	9.5	9.7	9.5	9.6	
Jennie D. Latta	71	8.5	6.9	8.8	7.1	7.8	7.3	8.5	9.0	8.2	8.2	8.0	7.3	
G. Harvey Boswell	32	8.9	8.9	9.0	8.9	8.7	8.4	8.8	8.4	8.7	8.7	8.6	8.5	
Chancery Court														
Kenny W. Armstrong	169	9.1	9.6	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.4	9.2	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.1	9.2	
Walter L. Evans	201	6.3	8.3	7.0	7.8	7.9	7.0	6.9	6.7	6.7	7.3	5.8	6.3	
Arnold B. Goldin	244	9.4	9.3	9.5	9.4	9.3	9.2	9.3	9.3	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.1	
Circuit Court														
John R. McCarroll, Jr.	225	9.6	9.1	9.4	9.2	9.0	8.8	9.4	9.1	9.2	9.3	8.8	8.9	
Karen R. Williams	210	7.7	8.9	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.4	7.8	7.6	6.8	6.1	7.4	7.6	
Kay S. Roblilio	213	6.1	7.6	6.2	6.4	6.8	6.6	5.7	4.6	5.7	6.4	4.7	6.4	
Donna M. Fields	204	8.7	9.1	9.2	9.9	8.9	8.8	8.7	8.4	8.5	8.6	8.4	8.5	
Robert L. Childers	220	8.9	8.2	9.0	8.5	8.7	8.5	8.7	9.1	9.0	9.0	8.7	8.6	
D'Army Bailey	206	4.1	6.8	6.7	6.8	7.1	6.8	4.5	7.3	6.2	7.1	7.0	6.1	
Jerry Stokes	199	9.3	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.1	9.1	8.9	9.0	9.1	8.9	9.0	
Rita L. Stotts	209	7.8	8.6	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.1	7.6	7.7	7.5	7.7	7.7	7.7	
James F. Russell	230	9.1	7.9	9.0	8.1	8.5	8.2	8.9	8.8	8.4	8.7	8.4	8.2	
Divorce Referees														
Gina Higgins	49	8.8	8.8	8.9	8.8	8.8	8.6	8.4	8.6	8.8	8.9	8.6	8.6	
Debra Branan	14	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	8.7	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.5	9.5	
James A. Lawrence	43	9.0	8.0	8.2	8.2	8.2	7.8	8.2	7.5	8.4	8.9	7.4	7.6	
Patricia A. Odell	63	8.3	8.7	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.3	7.9	7.9	8.4	8.7	7.7	7.9	
Harvey Gipson	41	8.8	8.8	8.5	8.2	8.3	8.0	8.1	7.7	8.3	8.5	7.4	7.8	
Henry Williams	8	8.4	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.8	8.7	8.5	8.7	8.4	8.7	8.3	8.5	
Ray Babaoglu	16	9.2	8.8	8.7	8.5	8.5	8.6	8.4	8.8	9.0	9.0	8.3	8.6	
Lee Wilson	10	9.9	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	10.0	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	
Handel Durham	34	8.3	9.1	8.9	8.9	8.8	8.7	8.1	8.3	8.5	8.7	8.5	8.3	

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Criminal Court													
W. Otis Higgs, Jr.	64	7.9	9.4	8.8	9.3	9.1	9.2	8.5	8.7	8.4	8.7	8.7	8.7
Carolyn Wade Blackett	46	4.0	6.3	6.1	5.5	7.2	6.7	5.0	5.2	5.0	4.9	5.6	5.4
Chris B. Craft	60	9.5	7.9	9.4	8.0	9.0	8.7	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.6	9.4	8.8
James C. Beasley, Jr.	51	9.0	9.1	9.3	9.0	9.2	9.0	9.3	8.1	9.2	9.3	9.1	9.1
W. Mark Ward	66	9.7	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.7
Lee V. Coffee	47	9.4	9.1	9.3	9.1	8.9	8.3	9.3	9.1	9.2	9.3	9.1	8.8
James Lammey	46	8.2	8.2	8.6	8.2	8.6	7.8	8.7	7.7	8.0	8.4	7.5	7.7
John P. Colton, Jr.	68	7.7	9.3	8.4	8.9	8.8	8.7	7.7	8.3	7.1	7.5	7.9	8.1
Paula Skahan	48	8.1	8.2	8.8	8.0	8.5	7.6	8.4	8.1	7.3	8.1	7.8	7.7
Juvenile Court													
Sheldon Y. McCall	51	9.2	9.0	9.3	8.9	8.9	9.0	9.2	9.2	9.1	9.3	8.9	8.8
Herbert Lane	66	8.7	8.1	8.7	8.2	8.2	7.8	8.7	8.3	8.8	9.0	8.0	8.0
Claudia S. Haltom	70	9.1	9.0	9.0	8.9	8.9	8.5	8.7	8.6	8.9	9.2	8.4	8.6
Curtis Person, Jr.	47	9.0	9.0	9.1	9.2	9.0	8.7	8.6	8.9	9.0	9.0	8.8	8.8
George Blancett	49	8.9	7.6	7.8	7.4	7.5	7.7	8.3	8.0	8.3	8.5	7.5	7.5
Dan Michael	62	9.4	9.2	9.5	9.2	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.3	9.2
Felicia Hogan	48	8.7	9.0	9.0	8.9	9.0	8.8	8.7	8.4	8.4	8.7	8.2	8.4
Harold Horne	64	9.1	7.6	8.7	7.9	8.1	7.4	8.5	8.4	8.8	9.0	8.1	7.8
General Sessions- Criminal													
Loyce Lambert Ryan	69	6.6	9.0	9.3	9.1	9.3	9.1	8.2	9.0	8.8	9.2	8.9	8.7
Larry E. Potter	67	8.1	9.2	9.1	9.0	9.1	8.9	8.4	9.1	8.7	8.9	8.8	8.8
C. Anthony Johnson	58	6.7	8.4	7.6	8.1	7.9	8.2	6.1	7.7	7.4	8.8	8.0	7.3
Ann Pugh	62	7.9	6.3	8.1	6.4	7.4	6.6	7.7	7.5	7.6	7.9	7.1	6.9
Joyce C. Broffitt	64	7.6	8.9	8.7	8.7	8.4	8.1	8.2	7.4	8.3	8.7	7.4	7.9
Gwen Rooks	69	6.7	7.7	7.0	6.8	7.5	7.0	6.9	6.1	6.7	7.1	5.9	6.4
Louis Montesi, Jr.	73	9.6	8.6	9.5	8.9	9.1	8.8	9.5	9.5	8.7	9.3	9.2	8.9
Karen Massey	55	8.3	8.4	8.4	7.8	8.4	8.2	8.1	7.4	8.0	8.5	7.6	7.7
Tim J. Dwyer	42	9.2	8.6	9.0	8.3	8.6	8.6	8.9	8.8	9.2	9.5	8.8	8.7
Probate Court													
Karen Webster	106	8.6	9.2	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.0	8.5	7.3	8.5	8.7	8.1	8.1
Robert S. Benham	147	9.3	8.4	9.2	8.7	9.0	8.8	9.2	9.4	9.3	9.4	9.0	8.8
General Sessions- Civil													
Betty Thomas Moore	138	7.6	7.5	7.9	7.2	7.6	7.2	7.3	6.5	7.7	8.1	6.5	6.8
Phyllis B. Gardner	170	8.7	9.3	9.1	8.6	9.0	8.8	8.6	8.2	8.8	8.9	8.2	8.6
John Donald	132	8.2	8.2	8.4	7.9	8.4	8.2	7.8	8.3	8.6	8.9	8.0	8.0
Lonnie Thompson	128	8.4	9.1	8.9	8.9	9.0	8.6	8.2	8.0	8.7	8.7	8.1	8.2
Deborah Henderson	94	9.0	9.0	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.5	8.7	7.9	8.6	8.9	7.7	8.2
Lynn Cobb	148	9.1	8.7	8.9	8.6	8.8	8.6	8.7	8.9	9.1	9.2	8.7	8.7

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Municipal Court, City Court													
Jayne Chandler	24	6.2	7.1	6.9	6.6	7.2	6.6	5.5	6.3	6.9	6.6	6.2	5.9
George D. McCrary	21	7.8	6.4	6.6	6.1	6.2	6.0	6.6	5.8	6.3	7.4	5.5	5.8
William Craig Hall	32	9.2	9.5	9.3	9.1	9.0	9.0	9.4	8.9	9.3	9.6	9.0	9.0
Earnestine Hunt Dorse	25	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.1	6.9	6.6	8.0	6.8	7.0	7.4	6.9	6.5
Robert M. Brannon	28	8.9	9.0	9.0	8.9	8.9	8.7	8.5	8.8	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.8
Raymond S. Clift	26	9.3	9.6	9.3	9.5	9.4	8.9	9.0	9.2	9.3	9.5	9.2	9.2
Tark Sugarmon	31	8.3	9.2	8.9	9.1	9.2	9.0	8.3	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.1	9.1
A. Wilson Wages	14	8.6	8.6	8.7	9.5	8.7	8.7	8.5	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7
Freeman Marr	28	8.5	7.9	7.7	7.5	7.3	6.9	7.7	7.1	7.8	7.8	7.4	7.2
Judicial Commissioners													
Rhonda Harris	50	9.1	9.3	9.4	9.3	9.2	9.0	9.2	9.2	9.1	9.2	9.0	9.0
Michael Cross	7	9.3	9.2	9.3	9	9.0	9.2	9.4	8.8	9.4	9.3	9.0	8.8
Damita Dandridge	4	6.6	7.8	7.0	7.0	7.5	7.5	7.3	6.0	6.7	6.7	6.3	6.6
Sherrie Miller Johnson	5	8.2	8.7	9.0	9.1	9.2	9.0	9.2	8.5	8.0	8.8	8.0	8.7
Robert James Barber	7	9.2	9.2	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	8.8	9.0	9.0	8.8	9.0
Ronald Johnson	11	9.4	9.6	9.3	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.5	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.1	9.3
John Marshall	6	10	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7