Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation
2015 Statewide Demographic Report

Government Code section 12011.5, subdivision (n), requires that on or before March 1, the Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation (JNE) collect and release statewide demographic data provided by the judicial applicants reviewed and the statewide summary of the recommendations of the JNE Commission by ethnicity, race, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, areas of legal practice and employment, disability, and veteran status. The tables in this report cover demographic information provided by applicants and on JNE's recommendations completed as required for the 2015 calendar year.

In 2015, JNE evaluated 145 applicants for judicial appointment. The total number of ratings in the tables may exceed the number of applicants because of separate evaluations of those applicants seeking appointment in more than one county.

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Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation
Total Evaluations for Calendar Year 2015

Total Number of Candidate Evaluations: Gender and Rating

	Male		Female		*Unknown		Total	
Rating	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
EWQ	11	6%	9	5%			20	11.56%
WQ	42	24%	32	18%			74	42.77%
Q	36	21%	24	14%	1	1%	61	35.26%
NQ	9	5%	6	3%			15	8.67%
Withdrawn	2	1%	1	1%			3	1.73%
Elected	0	0%	0	0%			0	0%
Total	100	58.00%	72	42%	1	1%	173	100%

Note: All Gender and Ethnic Information obtained from candidate application.

Ratings:
EWQ: Exceptionally Well Qualified
WQ: Well Qualified
Q: Qualified
NQ: Not Qualified

Total Number of Candidate Evaluations: Ethnicity and Rating

Ethnicity	EWQ Number	EWQ Percent	WQ Number	WQ Percent	Q Number	Q Percent	NQ Number	NQ Percent	Withdrawn* Number	Withdrawn* Percent	Total Number	Total Percent
Asian	2	1%	6	3%	3	2%	3	2%	2	1%	16	9%
Black or African American	2	1%	8	5%	3	2%	3	2%	0	0%	16	9%
Hispanic or Latino	1	1%	10	6%	10	6%	4	2%	0	0%	25	14%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
White	15	9%	48	28%	42	24%	5	3%	1	1%	111	64%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Some Other Race	0	0%	2	1%	2	1%	0	0%	0	0%	4	2%
More Than One Race	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Unknown	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%
Total	**20**	**11.56%**	**74**	**42.77%**	**61**	**35.26%**	**15**	**8.67%**	**3**	**1.73%**	**173**	**100%**

* **Governor's Office withdrew candidate prior to evaluation**

Evaluated Candidates' Areas of Legal Practice/Employment

Legal Practice/Employment	EWQ Number	WQ Number	Q Number	NQ Number	Withdrawn[†] Number	Total Percentage	Total Number
Administrative	8	30	10	4	0	8%	52
Civil Law	16	50	43	9	2	18%	120
Legislative	2	13	6	1	0	3%	22
House/Staff Counsel	5	10	13	4	0	5%	32
Juvenile/Family/Probate	7	33	30	8	2	12%	80
Criminal	13	44	35	11	2	15%	105
Litigation (Trial/Appellate)	16	65	57	12	2	22%	152
Corporate/Transactional	4	17	15	2	0	6%	38
Other Legal Practice	13	29	31	4	1	11%	78
Total	**84**	**291**	**240**	**55**	**9**	**100%**	**679**

Note: Candidates are allowed to mark multiple areas of legal practice on the judicial application. All data is taken from judicial application. A candidate's rating is reflected in each legal practice area marked.

[†] **Governor's office withdrew candidate prior to evaluation**

Evaluated Candidates' Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity

Note: All sexual orientation and gender identity, veteran and disability data obtained from candidate application.

Female Candidates[‡]- Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity

Rating	Heterosexual	Lesbian	Bisexual	Transgender	Decline to Respond[§]
EWQ	8				0
WQ	24				3
Q	18	1			4
NQ	5				0
Total	**55**	**1**			**7**

[‡] **Total of 63 Female Candidates Rated**
[§] **11 % declined to reveal sexual orientation**

Male Candidates[§] - Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity

Rating	Heterosexual	Gay	Bisexual	Transgender	Decline to Respond[§]
EWQ	8	1			1
WQ	31	2			5
Q	17	3			7
NQ	4				3
Total	**60**	**6**			**16**

[§] **Total of 82 Male Candidates Rated**
[§] **20% declined to reveal sexual orientation**

Candidates - Veteran Status

Rating	Veteran	Non-Veteran	Decline to Respond
Exceptionally Well Qualified		9	9
Well Qualified		43	22
Qualified		32	18
Not Qualified		7	5
Total		**91**	**54**

Total of 145 Candidates Rated
37% declined to reveal veteran status

Candidates – Disability Status

Rating	Disability	No Disability	Decline to Respond
Exceptionally Well Qualified		10	8
Well Qualified	1	39	25
Qualified		30	20
Not Qualified		7	5
Total	**1**	**86**	**58**

Total of 145 Candidates Rated

40% declined to reveal disability status