

WHAT DOES JPEC EVALUATE?

Statute 78A-12-(201-207) and Rule 597-6 outline the eight performance standards JPEC must evaluate for each retention judge,

1. **Legal Ability:** effective application and understanding of the law
2. **Judicial Temperament & Integrity:** courtesy, respect, fairness, impartiality and judicial demeanor
3. **Administrative Skill:** management of workload and timeliness
4. **Procedural Fairness:** fairness, promotes public trust, listens to all courtroom participants

→ To measure these standards, JPEC sends over 20,000 surveys to attorneys, court staff, jurors, and others that regularly appear in the courtroom. JPEC also sends courtroom observers to each judge's court, and solicits input from members of the public. This information is compiled and shared publicly at judges.utah.gov

5. **Disciplinary Record:** A judge may have no more than one disciplinary action against them during a term.

→ JPEC requests this information from the Judicial Conduct Commission (JCC) and shares it publicly at judges.utah.gov

6. **Judicial Time Standards**
7. **Judicial Education Requirements**
8. **Physical and Mental Competence**

→ The Judicial Council certifies whether each judge meets these standards and JPEC shares this data publicly at judges.utah.gov.

Judges must pass each standard in order to meet or exceed minimum standards for JPEC's evaluations.