Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation
2021 Statewide Demographics Report

**Report in Compliance with Government Code
Section 12011.5(n)(B)**

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Government Code section 12011.5(n)(B) requires that on or before March 1, the Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation (JNE) collect and release aggregate, statewide data on the following: (1) demographics of the judicial candidates reviewed relative to ethnicity, race, disability, veteran status, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, and areas of legal practice and employment; and (2) a summary of JNE commission recommendations by the same categories.

Consistent with statutory intent, the 2021 Statewide Demographics Report includes data only for the 138 candidates whose qualifications for judicial office were reviewed in the 2021 calendar year.

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Gender

	Exceptionally Well Qualified		Well Qualified		Qualified		Not Qualified		Total	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Female	24	52.2	18	39.1	15	48.4	9	60.0	66	47.8
Male	22	47.8	27	58.7	16	51.6	6	40.0	71	51.4
Decline to Respond	0	-	1	2.2	0	-	0	-	1	0.7
Total	**46**	**100.0**	**46**	**100.0**	**31**	**100.0**	**15**	**100.0**	**138**	**100.0**

Ethnicity/Race

	Exceptionally Well Qualified		Well Qualified		Qualified		Not Qualified		Total	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Asian	10	21.7	9	19.6	2	6.5	1	6.7	22	15.9
Black or African American	10	21.7	4	8.7	5	16.1	1	6.7	20	14.5
Hispanic or Latino	9	19.6	8	17.4	8	25.8	5	33.3	30	21.7
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	-	1	2.2	0	-	0	-	1	0.7
White	14	30.4	20	43.5	14	45.2	8	53.3	56	40.6
Some Other Race	1	2.2	0	-	0	-	0	-	1	0.7
Unknown	2	4.3	4	8.7	2	6.5	0	-	8	5.8
Total	**46**	**100.0**	**46**	**100.0**	**31**	**100.0**	**15**	**100.0**	**138**	**100.0**

Areas of Legal Practice and Employment

	Exceptionally Well Qualified		Well Qualified		Qualified		Not Qualified		Total	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Administrative	19	8.7	18	8.3	10	8.4	9	10.7	56	8.8
Civil Law	40	18.3	33	15.3	24	20.2	17	20.2	114	17.9
Legislative	9	4.1	11	5.1	1	0.8	4	4.8	25	3.9
House/Staff Counsel	12	5.5	11	5.1	5	4.2	4	4.8	32	5.0
Juvenile/Family/Probate	19	8.7	31	14.4	17	14.3	12	14.3	79	12.4
Criminal	43	19.6	40	18.5	22	18.5	14	16.7	119	18.7
Litigation (Trial/Appellate)	41	18.7	39	18.1	24	20.2	16	19.1	120	18.8
Corporate/Transactional	13	5.9	15	6.9	8	6.7	5	6.0	41	6.4
Other Legal Practice	23	10.5	18	8.3	8	6.7	3	3.6	52	8.2
Total	**219**	**100.0**	**216**	**100.0**	**119**	**100.0**	**84**	**100.0**	**638**	**100.0**

Note: The totals exceed the number of applicants because candidates are allowed to mark multiple areas of legal practice and employment on the Judicial Appointment Application. A candidate's rating is reflected in each legal practice and employment area marked.

Female Candidates – Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity

	Exceptionally Well Qualified		Well Qualified		Qualified		Not Qualified		Total	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Heterosexual	21	87.5	17	94.4	15	100.0	7	77.8	60	90.9
Bisexual	0	-	0	-	0	-	1	11.1	1	1.5
Lesbian	1	4.2	1	5.6	0	-	0	-	2	3.0
Transgender	1	4.2	0	-	0	-	0	-	1	1.5
Unknown	1	4.2	0	-	0	-	1	11.1	2	3.0
Total	**24**	**100.0**	**18**	**100.0**	**15**	**100.0**	**9**	**100.0**	**66**	**100.0**

Male Candidates – Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity

	Exceptionally Well Qualified		Well Qualified		Qualified		Not Qualified		Total	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Heterosexual	20	90.9	23	85.2	13	81.3	6	100.0	62	87.3
Bisexual	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Gay	2	9.1	3	11.1	1	6.3	0	-	6	8.5
Transgender	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Unknown	0	-	1	3.7	2	12.5	0	-	3	4.2
Total	**22**	**100.0**	**27**	**100.0**	**16**	**100.0**	**6**	**100.0**	**71**	**100.0**

Note: The one candidate who declined to state a gender also declined to state a sexual orientation or gender identity.

Veteran Status

	Exceptionally Well Qualified		Well Qualified		Qualified		Not Qualified		Total	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Veteran	2	4.3	1	2.2	2	6.5	1	6.7	6	4.3
Non-Veteran	44	95.7	45	97.8	29	93.5	14	93.3	132	95.7
Total	**46**	**100.0**	**46**	**100.0**	**31**	**100.0**	**15**	**100.0**	**138**	**100.0**

Disability Status

	Exceptionally Well Qualified		Well Qualified		Qualified		Not Qualified		Total	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Disability	2	4.3	0	-	0	-	0	-	2	1.4
No Disability	44	95.7	46	100.0	31	100.0	15	100.0	136	98.6
Total	**46**	**100.0**	**46**	**100.0**	**31**	**100.0**	**15**	**100.0**	**138**	**100.0**