

CONFIDENTIAL JUDICIAL FEEDBACK

Re: Judge _____

County/Judicial Circuit _____

To the attorney: You have been sent this form to enable you to provide useful information to the above-named judge before whom you just completed a final proceeding. Our judges rely on your feedback. Please make constructive comments, whether positive or negative. Do NOT provide your name or otherwise identify yourself on this form.

Thank you - The Florida Bar Judicial Administration and Evaluation Committee

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM ONLY IF **ALL** OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

- A. You have personally appeared before the judge in this matter; and
- B. You had an adversary proceeding before the judge involving: (i) an evidentiary or non-evidentiary motion lasting at least 30 minutes; or (ii) a non-jury or jury trial; or (iii) an appeal (including petitions for writs of certiorari and mandamus); and
- C. The verdict, judgment, order or appellate decision is a **final** order ending the case at the county/circuit court level, and at least 10 days have elapsed since entry of that order.

(You should complete and return this document even if motions for rehearing or new trial or appeals are pending.)

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Place the completed form in a plain envelope marked "Confidential Judicial Feedback" or use the envelope provided.
- 2. Place the name of the evaluated judge on the face of the envelope.
- 3. Place the plain envelope containing the evaluation in a transmittal envelope and mail to The Florida Bar.
- 4. Please feel free to extend your remarks beyond the space provided in the form. For any response of below average (4) or poor (5), PLEASE provide comments to explain.

SECTION I

(PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOXES):

1. INDICATE AT WHAT POINT IN THE PROCEEDINGS THE CASE WAS TERMINATED:

- A. ____ After at least one adversary hearing and then settled or resolved by Order of Court.
- B. ____ After a verdict in a jury trial or judgment in a non-jury trial.
- C. ____ Other/please specify _____

2. NATURE OF CASE:

- A. ____ Civil
- B. ____ Criminal
- C. ____ Juvenile
- D. ____ Probate
- E. ____ Guardianship
- F. ____ Other/please specify: _____

3. OUTCOME OF ACTION:

- A. _____ My client perceived the decision as a victory.
- B. _____ My client perceived the decision as a defeat.
- C. _____ My client perceived the decision as a compromise.
- D. _____ Other/please specify: _____

SECTION II

(PLEASE CIRCLE ONE):

| | No Opinion or Not Observed | Excellent | Above Average | Average | Below Average | Poor |
|------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|------------------|---------|------------------|------|
| 1. Attentiveness | (N/A) | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |

Comments: _____

| | No Opinion or Not Observed | Excellent | Above Average | Average | Below Average | Poor |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------|------------------|---------|------------------|------|
| 2. Timeliness of decisions (For guidance, see Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.250(a)-(b).) | (N/A) | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |

Comments: _____

| | No Opinion or Not Observed | Excellent | Above Average | Average | Below Average | Poor |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------|------------------|---------|------------------|------|
| 3. Diligence, preparedness and punctuality | (N/A) | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |

Comments: _____

| | No Opinion or Not Observed | Excellent | Above Average | Average | Below Average | Poor |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|------------------|---------|------------------|------|
| 4. Neutrality and objectivity | (N/A) | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |

Comments: _____

| | No Opinion or Not Observed | Excellent | Above Average | Average | Below Average | Poor |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|------------------|---------|------------------|------|
| 5. Knowledge and application of | | | | | | |
| A. Law | (N/A) | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| B. Rules of Procedure | (N/A) | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| C. Facts | (N/A) | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |

Comments: _____

| | No Opinion or Not Observed | Excellent | Above Average | Average | Below Average | Poor |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|------------------|---------|------------------|------|
| 6. Judge's courtesy toward | | | | | | |
| A. Jurors | (N/A) | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| B. Lawyers | (N/A) | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| C. Litigants | (N/A) | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| D. Witnesses | (N/A) | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |

Comments: _____

| | No Opinion or Not Observed | Excellent | Above Average | Average | Below Average | Poor |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|------------------|---------|------------------|------|
| 7. Judicial demeanor | (N/A) | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |

Comments: _____

| | No Opinion or Not Observed | Excellent | Above Average | Average | Below Average | Poor |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------|------------------|---------|------------------|------|
| 8. Willingness to ignore irrelevant considerations (e.g. race, sex, religion, politics, identity of lawyers or parties) | (N/A) | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |

Comments: _____

| | No Opinion or Not Observed | Excellent | Above Average | Average | Below Average | Poor |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------|------------------|---------|------------------|------|
| 9. Ability to listen and communicate/clarity of decision | (N/A) | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |

Comments: _____

| | No Opinion or Not Observed | Excellent | Above Average | Average | Below Average | Poor |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------|------------------|---------|------------------|------|
| 10. Availability and procedures for hearings | (N/A) | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |

Comments: _____

| | No Opinion or Not Observed | Excellent | Above Average | Average | Below Average | Poor |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------|------------------|---------|------------------|------|
| 11. Efficiency, availability and cooperation of | | | | | | |
| A. Judicial Assistant | (N/A) | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| B. Courtroom Staff | (N/A) | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| C. Court Deputies | (N/A) | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| D. Clerk of Court Staff | (N/A) | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |

Comments: _____

12. Other Comments: _____

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