The Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission makes the summary recommendations below to voters. Please note that different groups may be surveyed for different judges based on their court or court division. A sufficient number of responses is required to report survey results. Resource staff includes law enforcement, probation and parole officers, interpreters and others who provide services to the courts.

### Honorable Jacqueline R. Medina
New Mexico Court of Appeals - Statewide

**INSUFFICIENT TIME IN CURRENT POSITION TO EVALUATE**

The Rules Governing JPEC allow for an evaluation only if a judge has served at least two years in the current position or has sufficient data to achieve a statistically valid sample. Judge Jacqueline R. Medina has served on the New Mexico Court of Appeals since January 2019, which does not allow enough time or sufficient data.

### Honorable George P. Eichwald
13th Judicial District Court Judge – General Jurisdiction Court

**RETAIN**

Of those surveyed, 81% of attorneys, 91% of court staff and 75% of resource staff recommend retaining Judge Eichwald.

### Honorable Cheryl H. Johnston
13th Judicial District Court Judge – General Jurisdiction Court

**RETAIN**

Of those surveyed, 65% of attorneys and 75% of court staff recommend retaining Judge Johnston.

### Honorable Cindy M. Mercer
13th Judicial District Court Judge – General Jurisdiction Court

**RETAIN**

Of those surveyed, 79% of attorneys, 96% of court staff and 72% of resource staff recommend retaining Judge Mercer.
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The New Mexico Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission (NMJPEC) is a nonpartisan, volunteer commission. We survey groups that have contact with each judge and analyze court statistics to make our recommendations to voters. We also rely on personal interviews with each justice or judge standing for retention along with select courtroom observations. Visit our website for more information.

Honorable James Lawrence Sanchez
13th Judicial District Court Judge – General Jurisdiction Court

RETAIN

Of those surveyed, 82% of attorneys, 78% of court staff and 71% of resource staff recommend retaining Judge Sanchez.

Honorable Allen R. Smith
13th Judicial District Court Judge – General Jurisdiction Court

RETAIN

Of those surveyed, 86% of attorneys, 100% of court staff and 82% of resource staff recommend retaining Judge Smith.

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