

2026 Retention Report to Voters

11th Judicial District – McKinley and San Juan County

The New Mexico Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission makes the recommendations below to voters, based on surveys with specific groups, statistics from the Administrative Office of the Courts, interviews with each judge being evaluated, and, as time and resources allow, independent courtroom observations.

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Honorable C. Shannon Bacon
Supreme Court Justice - Statewide

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Justice C. Shannon Bacon's overall results are mostly positive. For example, attorneys rated the Justice positively for being prepared for oral arguments and court proceedings, being knowledgeable regarding substantive law, following the legal rules that applied to the case at issue, and for providing court participants with a meaningful opportunity to be heard. The court staff and her fellow appellate judges/justices rated her positively in all areas.



Honorable David K. Thomson
Supreme Court Justice – Statewide

RETAIN

Justice David K. Thomson received an overall positive evaluation. For example, attorneys rated him positively for providing court participants with a meaningful opportunity to be heard, treating courtroom participants with respect, and for performing duties fairly and impartially. The court staff rated Justice Thompson very highly on every attribute.



Honorable J. Miles Hanisee
New Mexico Court of Appeals Judge – Statewide

RETAIN

Judge J. Miles Hanisee received quite positive ratings overall. For example, attorneys rated Judge Hanisee positively for treating participants with respect, maintaining professional demeanor in the courtroom, and for being prepared for oral arguments and court proceedings. The court staff and his fellow appellate judges/justices rated Judge Hanisee highly in all areas. In addition, the district judges gave him positive ratings.



Honorable Bradford J. Dalley
11th Judicial District Court Judge – Division 1

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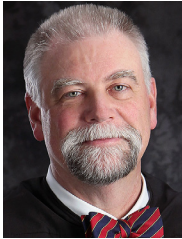
Overall, Judge Bradford Dalley's evaluation was very positive. For example, attorneys rated him highly for being attentive to the proceedings, being punctual in commencing proceedings, treating self-represented parties fairly, knowledge regarding substantive law and the rules of procedure and evidence, and for ensuring his personal staff is professional, productive, and knowledgeable of court policies and procedures. The court staff and resource staff (e.g., law enforcement, probation/parole, CASA volunteers, CYFD, interpreters, etc.) rated Judge Bradford Dalley highly in all areas.



Honorable Douglas W. Decker
11th Judicial District Court Judge – Division 7

INSUFFICIENT TIME IN CURRENT POSITION TO EVALUATE

JPEC could not conduct an evaluation and make a recommendation to voters because of the time frame of the evaluation, the rules governing JPEC's evaluation process, and New Mexico legislation on judicial retention terms. This is no reflection on Judge Decker's performance.



Honorable Curtis R. Gurley
11th Judicial District Court Judge – Division 4

RETAIN

Judge Curtis Gurley received a generally positive evaluation. Judge Gurley received positive ratings from attorneys for maintaining proper control over the proceedings, ensuring that participants understand the court proceedings, being punctual in commencing proceedings, for being attentive to the proceedings, and for being prepared for court proceedings. The court staff rated him positively for treating self-represented parties fairly and for ensuring his personal staff is professional, productive, and knowledgeable of court policies and procedures. The resource staff (e.g., law enforcement, probation/parole, CASA volunteers, CYFD, interpreters, etc.) rated Judge Gurley generally positive in all areas. Since Judge Gurley's 2023 evaluation, his scores improved significantly among all three of these groups.

ABOUT JPEC

The New Mexico Judicial Evaluation Commission (JPEC) is a nonpartisan volunteer commission. JPEC surveys groups that have contact with each judge and analyzes court statistics and, as time and resources allow, conducts independent courtroom evaluations. We also interview each judge standing for retention.

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