

2026 Retention Report to Voters

12th Judicial District – Lincoln and Otero Counties

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 Stephen Ochoa
12th Judicial District Court Judge, Division 1

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 Ochoa's performance.



Honorable Angie K. Schneider
12th Judicial District Court Judge, Division 4

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Overall, Overall, Judge Angie K. Schneider's evaluation was positive. Attorneys rated her highly for treating all courtroom participants with respect, treating self-represented parties fairly, maintaining professional demeanor in the courtroom, and for being attentive to the proceedings. Court staff and jurors rated her positively on all attributes. Resource staff (e.g., law enforcement officers, CASA volunteers, CYFD, interpreters, etc.) rated Judge Schneider positively in several areas. However, resource staff rated her lower in the areas of clear and thorough oral decisions/communications and being punctual in commencing proceedings. Judge Schneider discussed the changes and efforts she has already made to improve these scores among resource staff and is confident in and dedicated to improving in these areas.

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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