

2026 Retention Report to Voters

13th Judicial District – Cibola, Sandoval, and Valencia 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 Christopher Perez
13th Judicial District Court Judge, Division 7

RETAIN

Judge Christopher Perez received a very positive overall evaluation. Judge Perez received high ratings from attorneys for treating all courtroom participants with respect, ensuring that participants understood the court proceedings, treating self-represented parties fairly, and for being prepared for court proceedings. In addition, the court staff, resource staff (e.g., law enforcement, probation/parole, CASA volunteers, CYFD, interpreters, etc.), and jurors rated Judge Perez highly on all attributes.



Honorable James Sanchez
13th Judicial District Court Judge, Division 1

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Overall, Judge James Sanchez' results are quite positive. For example, attorneys rated him highly for treating all courtroom participants with respect, attentiveness to the proceedings, maintaining proper control over the proceedings, and for ensuring that participants understand the proceedings. The court staff and resource staff (e.g., law enforcement, probation/parole, CASA volunteers, CYFD, interpreters, etc.) rated Judge Sanchez positively in all areas.



Honorable Amanda Sanchez Villalobos
13th Judicial District Court Judge, Division 4

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Overall, Judge Amanda Sanchez Villalobos received positive scores. For example, attorneys rated her positively for maintaining professional demeanor in the courtroom, treating self-represented parties fairly, being punctual in commencing proceedings, and being attentive to the proceedings. The court staff rated her positively for maintaining professional demeanor with court employees, treating court employees with respect, and treating self-represented parties fairly. In addition, the resource staff (e.g., law enforcement, probation/parole, CASA volunteers, CYFD, interpreters, etc.) and jurors rated her highly in all 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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