



2026 Retention Report to Voters

2nd Judicial District – Bernalillo 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

RETAIN

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 Amber Chavez Baker
2nd Judicial District Court Judge – Division 12, Family Court

RETAIN

Overall, Judge Amber Chavez Baker's evaluation was positive. For example, attorneys rated her highly for treating self-represented parties fairly, ensuring that participants understand the court proceedings, treating all courtroom participants with respect, and for ensuring her personal staff is professional, productive, and knowledgeable of court policies and procedures. The court staff rated Judge Chavez Baker very highly on all attributes.



Honorable Beatrice Brickhouse
2nd Judicial District Court Judge – Division 4, Civil Court

RETAIN

Judge Beatrice Brickhouse's overall results were positive. For example, attorneys rated her highly for being attentive to the proceedings, maintaining proper control over the proceedings, being prepared for court proceedings, and for treating self-represented parties fairly. In addition, the court staff rated Judge Brickhouse positively on all attributes.



Honorable Bruce C. Fox
2nd Judicial District Court Judge – Division 10, Criminal Court

RETAIN

Judge Bruce Fox's scores among the attorneys were somewhat mixed. For example, attorneys rated Judge Fox positively for treating all courtroom participants with respect, treating self-represented parties fairly, and for being attentive to the proceedings. However, Judge Fox received lower scores for maintaining proper control over the proceedings, promptness in scheduling hearings and trials, and ruling on motions or cases in a timely manner. The court staff, jurors, and resource staff (e.g., law enforcement officers, CASA volunteers, CYFD, interpreters, etc.) rated Judge Fox positively on all attributes. During his interview with the Commission, Judge Fox acknowledged his need for improvement in the areas identified within the attorney survey results, and he provided the Commission with a plan for the same.



Honorable Jane C. Levy
2nd Judicial District Court Judge – Division 15, Family Court

RETAIN

Judge Jane Levy received a very positive overall evaluation. Judge Levy received high ratings from attorneys for being attentive to the proceedings, punctuality in commencing proceedings, being prepared for court proceedings, and for treating self-represented parties fairly. In addition, the court staff rated Judge Levy highly on all attributes.



Honorable Clara Moran
2nd Judicial District Court Judge – Division 28, Criminal Court

RETAIN

Overall, Judge Clara Moran's scores were generally positive. For example, attorneys rated her positively for maintaining a professional demeanor in the courtroom, ensuring that participants understand the court proceedings, treating self-represented parties fairly, and being attentive to the proceedings. The resource staff (e.g., law enforcement officers, CASA volunteers, CYFD, interpreters, etc.) and court staff rated her positively on all attributes. Additionally, the jurors gave Judge Moran very positive ratings.



Honorable Lisa Chavez Ortega
2nd Judicial District Court Judge – Division 13, Civil Court

RETAIN

Judge Lisa Chavez Ortega received a very positive evaluation. Judge Ortega received high ratings from attorneys for maintaining professional demeanor in the courtroom, treating all courtroom participants with respect, ensuring that participants understand the court proceedings, and for ensuring her personal staff are professional, productive, and knowledgeable of court policies and procedures. Judge Ortega received high ratings from the court staff and jurors in all areas.



Honorable William Parnall
2nd Judicial District Court Judge – Division 1, Children's Court

RETAIN

Judge William Parnall received positive ratings overall. For example, attorneys rated him positively for conducting himself in a manner free from impropriety, treating self-represented parties fairly, being punctual in commencing proceedings, and for ensuring his personal staff is professional, productive, and knowledgeable of court policies and procedures. In addition, the court staff and resource staff (e.g., law enforcement, probation/parole, CASA volunteers, CYFD, interpreters, etc.) rated Judge Parnall positively in all areas



Honorable Alma C. Garcia Roberson
2nd Judicial District Court Judge – Division 7, Children's Court

RETAIN

Judge Alma Roberson received positive ratings from attorneys. For example, attorneys rated her positively for treating all courtroom participants with respect, being punctual in commencing proceedings, being attentive to proceedings, and for ensuring her personal staff is professional, productive, and knowledgeable of court policies and procedures. In addition, the court staff, jurors, and resource staff (e.g., law enforcement officers, CASA volunteers, CYFD, interpreters, etc.) rated Judge Roberson highly in all areas.



Honorable Jennifer Wernersbach
2nd Judicial District Court Judge – Division 16, Criminal Court

RETAIN

Judge Jennifer Wernersbach received generally positive ratings among attorneys. For example, attorneys rated her positively for attentiveness to court proceedings, treating self-represented parties fairly, and for ensuring that parties understand court proceedings. They also rated her positively for ensuring her personal staff is professional, productive, and knowledgeable of court policies and procedures. Court staff and jurors rated Judge Wernersbach highly in every area. Resource staff (e.g., law enforcement officers, CASA volunteers, CYFD, interpreters, etc.) gave her positive ratings. In addition, it is worth noting that her scores improved in almost every category when compared to her 2023 evaluation.



Honorable Rosie Lazcano Allred
Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court Judge – Division 18, Civil and Criminal Court

RETAIN

Judge Rosie Lazcano Allred's scores are quite positive. For example, attorneys rated Judge Allred highly for being attentive to the proceedings, being punctual in commencing proceedings, for treating *pro se* (self-represented) parties fairly, and for ensuring her personal staff is professional, productive, and knowledgeable of court policies and procedures. In addition, the court staff rated Judge Allred highly in all areas.



Honorable Vidalia Chavez
Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court Judge – Division 14, Civil Court

RETAIN

Overall, Judge Vidalia Chavez's scores are quite positive. For example, attorneys rated her highly for maintaining professional demeanor in the courtroom, treating all courtroom participants with respect, treating *pro se* parties fairly, and for ensuring her personal staff is professional, productive, and knowledgeable of court policies and procedures. The evaluation also showed the court staff and jurors rated Judge Chavez highly in all areas.



Honorable Jason M. Jaramillo

Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court Judge – Division 12, Civil Court

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Overall, Judge Jason M. Jaramillo's scores are generally positive. For example, attorneys rated Judge Jaramillo positively for being attentive to the proceedings, being prepared for court proceedings, treating *pro se* (self-represented) parties fairly, and for ensuring his personal staff is professional, productive, and knowledgeable of court policies and procedures. In addition, the court staff gave Judge Jaramillo generally positive ratings for maintaining professional demeanor with court employees and ensuring personal staff are professional, productive, and knowledgeable of court policies and procedures.



Honorable Brittany Maldonado Malott

Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court Judge – Division 10, Criminal Court

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Overall, Judge Brittany Maldonado Malott's scores are quite positive. For example, attorneys rated her highly for maintaining professional demeanor in the courtroom, treating *pro se* (self-represented) parties fairly, being prepared for court proceedings, and for ensuring her personal staff is professional, productive, and knowledgeable of court policies and procedures. In addition, the court staff rated Judge Brittany Maldonado Malott highly on all attributes.



Honorable Jill M. Martinez

Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court Judge – Division 8, Criminal and Civil Court

RETAIN

Overall, Judge Jill M. Martinez's scores are positive. For example, attorneys rated her positively for being prepared for court proceedings, being attentive to the proceedings, treating *pro se* (self-represented) parties fairly, and for ensuring her personal staff is professional, productive, and knowledgeable of court policies and procedures. In addition, the court staff rated her positively in all areas.



Honorable Claire Ann McDaniel

Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court Judge – Division 16, Criminal and Civil Court

RETAIN

Judge Claire Ann McDaniel's overall survey results were positive. For example, attorneys rated her highly for being attentive to the proceedings, for treating all courtroom participants with respect, for treating *pro se* (self-represented) parties fairly, and for ensuring that participants understand the court proceedings. In addition, the court staff rated her positively in all areas.



Honorable Christine E. Rodriguez

Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court Judge – Division 2, Criminal Court

RETAIN

Overall, Judge Christine E. Rodriguez's evaluation was very positive. For example, attorneys rated her highly for treating all courtroom participants with respect, treating *pro se* (self-represented) parties fairly, being prepared for court proceedings, and for being attentive to the proceedings. In addition, court staff rated her positively on every attribute.



Honorable Joshua J. Sanchez

Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court Judge – Division 4, Behavioral Health Court

RETAIN

Judge Joshua J. Sanchez's survey results were quite positive. For example, attorneys rated Judge Sanchez highly for being attentive to the proceedings, for treating all courtroom participants with respect, for treating *pro se* parties fairly, ensuring that participants understand the court proceedings, and for ensuring his personal staff is professional, productive, and knowledgeable of court policies and procedures. The court staff also rated Judge Sanchez very 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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