

# CONFIDENTIAL JUDICIAL FEEDBACK

Re: Judge \_\_\_\_\_

County/Judicial Circuit \_\_\_\_\_

*To the attorney: You have been sent this form to enable you to provide useful information to the above-named judge before whom you just completed a final proceeding. Our judges rely on your feedback. Please make constructive comments, whether positive or negative. Do NOT provide your name or otherwise identify yourself on this form.*

*Thank you - The Florida Bar Judicial Administration and Evaluation Committee*

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM ONLY IF **ALL** OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

- A. You have personally appeared before the judge in this matter; and
- B. You had an adversary proceeding before the judge involving: (i) an evidentiary or non-evidentiary motion lasting at least 30 minutes; or (ii) a non-jury or jury trial; or (iii) an appeal (including petitions for writs of certiorari and mandamus); and
- C. The verdict, judgment, order or appellate decision is a **final** order ending the case at the county/circuit court level, and at least 10 days have elapsed since entry of that order.

*(You should complete and return this document even if motions for rehearing or new trial or appeals are pending.)*

## INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Place the completed form in a plain envelope marked "Confidential Judicial Feedback" or use the envelope provided.
- 2. Place the name of the evaluated judge on the face of the envelope.
- 3. Place the plain envelope containing the evaluation in a transmittal envelope and mail to The Florida Bar.
- 4. Please feel free to extend your remarks beyond the space provided in the form. For any response of below average (4) or poor (5), PLEASE provide comments to explain.

## SECTION I

(PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOXES):

1. INDICATE AT WHAT POINT IN THE PROCEEDINGS THE CASE WAS TERMINATED:

- A. \_\_\_\_ After at least one adversary hearing and then settled or resolved by Order of Court.
- B. \_\_\_\_ After a verdict in a jury trial or judgment in a non-jury trial.
- C. \_\_\_\_ Other/please specify \_\_\_\_\_

2. NATURE OF CASE:

- A. \_\_\_\_ Civil
- B. \_\_\_\_ Criminal
- C. \_\_\_\_ Juvenile
- D. \_\_\_\_ Probate
- E. \_\_\_\_ Guardianship
- F. \_\_\_\_ Other/please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

3. OUTCOME OF ACTION:

A. \_\_\_\_\_ My client perceived the decision as a victory.

B. \_\_\_\_\_ My client perceived the decision as a defeat.

C. \_\_\_\_\_ My client perceived the decision as a compromise.

D. \_\_\_\_\_ Other/please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION II**

(PLEASE CIRCLE ONE):

	<b>No Opinion or Not Observed</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Above Average</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Below Average</b>	<b>Poor</b>
1. Attentiveness	(N/A)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

	<b>No Opinion or Not Observed</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Above Average</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Below Average</b>	<b>Poor</b>
2. Timeliness of decisions (For guidance, see Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.250(a)-(b).)	(N/A)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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	<b>No Opinion or Not Observed</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Above Average</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Below Average</b>	<b>Poor</b>
3. Diligence, preparedness and punctuality	(N/A)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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	<b>No Opinion or Not Observed</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Above Average</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Below Average</b>	<b>Poor</b>
4. Neutrality and objectivity	(N/A)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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	No Opinion or Not Observed	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor
5. Knowledge and application of						
A. Law	(N/A)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
B. Rules of Procedure	(N/A)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
C. Facts	(N/A)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Comments:	_____					
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	No Opinion or Not Observed	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor
6. Judge's courtesy toward						
A. Jurors	(N/A)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
B. Lawyers	(N/A)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
C. Litigants	(N/A)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
D. Witnesses	(N/A)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Comments:	_____					
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	No Opinion or Not Observed	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor
7. Judicial demeanor	(N/A)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Comments:	_____					
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	No Opinion or Not Observed	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor
8. Willingness to ignore irrelevant considerations (e.g. race, sex, religion, politics, identity of lawyers or parties)	(N/A)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Comments:	_____					
	_____					
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	No Opinion or Not Observed	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor
9. Ability to listen and communicate/clarity of decision	(N/A)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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	No Opinion or Not Observed	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor
10. Availability and procedures for hearings	(N/A)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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	No Opinion or Not Observed	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor
11. Efficiency, availability and cooperation of						
A. Judicial Assistant	(N/A)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
B. Courtroom Staff	(N/A)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
C. Court Deputies	(N/A)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
D. Clerk of Court Staff	(N/A)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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12. Other Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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