

Process for Judges Survey (Draft)

1. Each June the Chief Superior Judge will send the VBA a list of superior court judges and magistrates who are either three years on the bench or who are three years past their last retention date. The Chief Superior Judge will also send a list of the names and e-mail addresses of any lawyers who have appeared before the judges and magistrates listed during the previous three years.
2. The VBA will e-mail a confidential judges survey to each of the lawyers listed, with a request that they respond to the survey within thirty days.
3. After thirty days, the VBA will print two copies of any responses received and will either mail or hand-deliver one of the copies to the respective judge, and the other copy to the Chief Superior Judge.
4. The VBA will delete the survey responses after making the two copies.
5. The survey responses will be used for individual judge educational purposes only. The Judicial Retention Committee will not seek the responses nor inquire about them. The individual judges will not divulge the details of the survey responses to anyone other than the Chief Superior Judge.
6. The VBA, the Chief Superior Judge and the Chair of the Judicial Retention Committee will review and finalize the judges survey questions before the first round of surveys.
7. The VBA, the Chief Superior Judge and the Chair of the Judicial Retention Committee will review the process periodically to determine whether any modifications are needed.