

**Table 1: Percent of Survey Respondents  
Who Strongly Agreed or Agreed**

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<b>1</b>	The Court of Appeals handles its caseload in an expeditious manner.	<b>63.1%</b>
<b>2</b>	The Court of Appeals renders decisions based solely on facts and law without any improper outside influences.	<b>84.3%</b>
<b>3</b>	The Court of Appeals gives adequate consideration to each case based upon its facts and legal complexities.	<b>78.2%</b>
<b>4</b>	The Court of Appeals' written opinions reflect thoughtful and fair evaluation of the parties' arguments.	<b>80.4%</b>
<b>5</b>	The Court of Appeals' opinions are clear, that is, the rule of law and the standard of review can be readily identified and instructions on remand are understandable.	<b>81.6%</b>
<b>6</b>	In its opinions, the Court of Appeals treats trial court judges with courtesy and respect.	<b>91.3%</b>
<b>7</b>	The Court of Appeals treats attorneys with courtesy and respect at oral argument.	<b>87.8%</b>
<b>8</b>	The Court of Appeals treats attorneys with courtesy and respect in its opinions.	<b>89.6%</b>
<b>9</b>	The Court of Appeals is accessible to the public and attorneys in terms of its procedures.	<b>76.6%</b>
<b>10</b>	The Court of Appeals is accessible to the public and attorneys in terms of its facilities.	<b>75.7%</b>
<b>11</b>	The Court of Appeals is accessible to the public and attorneys in terms of its costs.	<b>67.6%</b>
<b>12</b>	The Court of Appeals does a good job of informing the bar and the public of its procedures, operations, and activities.	<b>69.2%</b>
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**NOTE:** An electronic survey was conducted between March 16 and March 28, 2007. Our survey group consisted of 559 attorneys and 205 judges in a circuit court case on appeal in which a case dispositional decision was entered between July 1, 2006 and December 31, 2006. 116 judges (57%) and 257 attorneys (46%) responded for a total of 373. Respondents were asked to register their agreement with the 13 survey items using a five-point scale: strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, and strongly disagree. Respondents were also given a "not applicable" response option. Responses marked "not applicable" are excluded from the results above. Since the number of "not applicable" responses varied among survey items, the number of responses to a particular item may not sum to 373 (see Tables 2 and 3).

**Table 2: Percent of Survey Respondents Who Strongly Agree or Agree by Identity (Judge or Attorney) and Gender**

	ALL	Judge	Attorney	Male	Female
<b>ALL SURVEY ITEMS (composite based upon responses to all 13 items)</b>	<b>79.1%</b>	78.5%	79.3%	78.0%	82.2%
1 The Court of Appeals handles its caseload in an expeditious manner.	63.1%	70.2%	59.9%	62.8%	63.7%
2 The Court of Appeals renders decisions based solely on facts and law without any improper outside influences.	84.3%	88.6%	82.4%	83.6%	86.3%
3 The Court of Appeals gives adequate consideration to each case based upon its facts and legal complexities.	78.2%	86.0%	74.7%	76.2%	83.3%
4 The Court of Appeals' written opinions reflect thoughtful and fair evaluation of the parties' arguments.	80.4%	86.6%	77.7%	78.3%	86.1%
5 The Court of Appeals' opinions are clear, that is, the rule of law and the standard of review can be readily identified and instructions on remand are understandable.	81.6%	79.1%	82.7%	81.3%	82.4%
6 In its opinions, the Court of Appeals treats trial court judges with courtesy and respect.	91.3%	80.7%	96.3%	90.3%	94.0%
7 The Court of Appeals treats attorneys with courtesy and respect at oral argument.	87.8%	64.4%	93.3%	86.8%	90.6%
8 The Court of Appeals treats attorneys with courtesy and respect in its opinions.	89.6%	90.8%	89.1%	88.4%	92.9%
9 The Court of Appeals is accessible to the public and attorneys in terms of its procedures.	76.6%	77.3%	76.3%	74.1%	83.2%
10 The Court of Appeals is accessible to the public and attorneys in terms of its facilities.	75.7%	60.2%	81.0%	74.4%	79.1%
11 The Court of Appeals is accessible to the public and attorneys in terms of its costs.	67.6%	59.5%	70.4%	68.7%	64.1%
12 The Court of Appeals does a good job of informing the bar and the public of its procedures, operations, and activities.	69.2%	73.1%	67.6%	67.5%	73.7%
13 The Court of Appeals ensures the highest standards of conduct for both the bench and the bar.	82.9%	88.6%	80.3%	81.6%	86.1%

Numbers in this table reflect the numerators and denominators used to calculate the corresponding percentages above.		Agree / Total Responses Received	Agree / Total Judge Respondents	Agree / Total Attorney Respondents	Agree / Total Male Respondents	Agree / Total Female Respondents
1	The Court of Appeals handles its caseload in an expeditious manner.	234/371	80/114	154/257	169/269	65/102
2	The Court of Appeals renders decisions based solely on facts and law without any improper outside influences.	312/370	101/114	211/256	224/268	88/102
3	The Court of Appeals gives adequate consideration to each case based upon its facts and legal complexities.	290/371	98/114	192/257	205/269	85/102
4	The Court of Appeals' written opinions reflect thoughtful and fair evaluation of the parties' arguments.	296/368	97/112	199/256	209/267	87/101
5	The Court of Appeals' opinions are clear, that is, the rule of law and the standard of review can be readily identified and instructions on remand are understandable.	302/370	91/115	211/255	218/268	84/102
6	In its opinions, the Court of Appeals treats trial court judges with courtesy and respect.	327/358	92/114	235/244	233/258	94/100
7	The Court of Appeals treats attorneys with courtesy and respect at oral argument.	274/312	38/59	236/253	197/227	77/85
8	The Court of Appeals treats attorneys with courtesy and respect in its opinions.	327/365	99/109	228/256	236/267	91/98
9	The Court of Appeals is accessible to the public and attorneys in terms of its procedures.	268/350	75/97	193/253	189/255	79/95
10	The Court of Appeals is accessible to the public and attorneys in terms of its facilities.	258/341	53/88	205/253	186/250	72/91
11	The Court of Appeals is accessible to the public and attorneys in terms of its costs.	219/324	50/84	169/240	169/246	50/78
12	The Court of Appeals does a good job of informing the bar and the public of its procedures, operations, and activities.	252/364	79/108	173/256	179/265	73/99
13	The Court of Appeals ensures the highest standards of conduct for both the bench and the bar.	305/368	101/114	204/254	218/267	87/101

**Table 3: Percent of Survey Respondents Who Strongly Agree or Agree by Experience**

		YEARS ON BENCH (Judges)				NUMBER OF APPEALS (Attorneys)				
		Less than 1 year	1 - 3 years	4 - 10 years	More than 10 years	1 - 10	11 - 25	26 - 50	51 - 100	101+
<b>ALL SURVEY ITEMS (composite based upon responses to all 13 items)</b>	<b>79.1%</b>	76.9%	85.0%	80.6%	76.8%	77.1%	79.5%	77.7%	74.0%	83.8%
1 The Court of Appeals handles its caseload in an expeditious manner.	<b>63.1%</b>	100.0%	80.0%	68.3%	70.1%	56.7%	51.7%	61.9%	48.0%	71.8%
2 The Court of Appeals renders decisions based solely on facts and law without any improper outside influences.	<b>84.3%</b>	100.0%	60.0%	92.7%	88.1%	83.3%	86.2%	81.0%	76.0%	81.7%
3 The Court of Appeals gives adequate consideration to each case based upon its facts and legal complexities.	<b>78.2%</b>	100.0%	80.0%	90.2%	83.6%	70.0%	81.0%	71.4%	64.0%	78.9%
4 The Court of Appeals' written opinions reflect thoughtful and fair evaluation of the parties' arguments.	<b>80.4%</b>	100.0%	100.0%	85.0%	86.4%	78.3%	79.3%	73.8%	68.0%	81.7%
5 The Court of Appeals' opinions are clear, that is, the rule of law and the standard of review can be readily identified and instructions on remand are understandable.	<b>81.6%</b>	100.0%	100.0%	85.4%	73.5%	83.1%	79.3%	81.0%	80.0%	87.3%
6 In its opinions, the Court of Appeals treats trial court judges with courtesy and respect.	<b>91.3%</b>	100.0%	100.0%	82.5%	77.9%	98.3%	94.3%	95.0%	100.0%	95.7%
7 The Court of Appeals treats attorneys with courtesy and respect at oral argument.	<b>87.8%</b>	100.0%	50.0%	60.0%	67.6%	89.8%	98.2%	95.1%	84.0%	94.4%
8 The Court of Appeals treats attorneys with courtesy and respect in its opinions.	<b>89.6%</b>	100.0%	100.0%	92.3%	89.1%	88.3%	87.9%	97.6%	80.0%	88.7%
9 The Court of Appeals is accessible to the public and attorneys in terms of its procedures.	<b>76.6%</b>	100.0%	50.0%	85.3%	74.1%	69.5%	73.7%	68.3%	88.0%	84.3%
10 The Court of Appeals is accessible to the public and attorneys in terms of its facilities.	<b>75.7%</b>	0.0%	100.0%	65.5%	55.6%	81.0%	87.5%	76.2%	64.0%	84.5%
11 The Court of Appeals is accessible to the public and attorneys in terms of its costs.	<b>67.6%</b>	0.0%	100.0%	59.4%	57.4%	63.8%	70.9%	69.0%	72.0%	76.3%
12 The Court of Appeals does a good job of informing the bar and the public of its procedures, operations, and activities.	<b>69.2%</b>	0.0%	75.0%	75.0%	73.0%	61.7%	62.1%	64.3%	68.0%	78.9%
13 The Court of Appeals ensures the highest standards of conduct for both the bench and the bar.	<b>82.9%</b>	100.0%	100.0%	87.8%	88.1%	79.3%	82.8%	76.2%	72.0%	84.5%

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2 The Court of Appeals renders decisions based solely on facts and law without any improper outside influences.	312/370	1/1	3/5	38/41	59/67	50/60	50/58	34/42	19/25	58/71
3 The Court of Appeals gives adequate consideration to each case based upon its facts and legal complexities.	290/371	1/1	4/5	37/41	56/67	42/60	47/58	30/42	16/25	56/71
4 The Court of Appeals' written opinions reflect thoughtful and fair evaluation of the parties' arguments.	296/368	1/1	5/5	34/40	57/66	47/60	46/58	31/42	17/25	58/71
5 The Court of Appeals' opinions are clear, that is, the rule of law and the standard of review can be readily identified and instructions on remand are understandable.	302/370	1/1	5/5	35/41	50/68	49/59	46/58	34/42	20/25	62/71
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8 The Court of Appeals treats attorneys with courtesy and respect in its opinions.	327/365	1/1	5/5	36/39	57/64	53/59	51/58	41/42	20/25	63/71
9 The Court of Appeals is accessible to the public and attorneys in terms of its procedures.	268/350	1/1	2/4	29/34	43/58	41/59	42/57	28/41	22/25	59/70
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12 The Court of Appeals does a good job of informing the bar and the public of its procedures, operations, and activities.	252/364	0/1	3/4	30/40	46/63	37/60	36/58	27/42	17/25	56/71
13 The Court of Appeals ensures the highest standards of conduct for both the bench and the bar.	305/368	1/1	5/5	36/41	59/67	46/58	48/58	32/42	18/25	60/71

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