

Idaho State Bar
Survey of Candidates in Contested Judicial Elections
Results – April 2026 Survey

The Idaho State Bar does not interpret or express any opinion about the results of this survey.

	Total responses	% of surveys returned
Statewide Results (all Judicial Districts) - surveys sent 7,240	873	12.06%

Judicial Districts	Responses	% of total responses
First Judicial District	120	13.75%
Second Judicial District	28	3.21%
Third Judicial District	25	2.86%
Fourth Judicial District	351	40.21%
Fifth Judicial District	33	3.78%
Sixth Judicial District	90	10.31%
Seventh Judicial District	190	21.76%
Out of State Active	36	4.12%
Total	873	100%

Bar members were asked to rate the qualifications of judicial candidates on a scale of 1 (low) to 4 (high). If participants did not know the candidate, they were asked to leave the questions blank. Survey results below are listed in alphabetical order by candidate's last name.

Statewide Responses

Benjamin J. Allen, District 1, Shoshone County						
Answer Choices	1 - Does not meet expectations for this position	2 - Average for position	3 - Above average for position	4 - Exceeds expectations for position; excellent	Total Responses	Weighted Average
Integrity and Independence	9	20	25	55	109	3.16
Knowledge and Understanding of the Law	5	27	27	46	105	3.09
Judicial Temperament and Demeanor	8	20	21	56	105	3.19
Legal Ability and Experience	8	26	28	43	105	3.01
Overall Average						3.11

Steven W. Boyce, District 7, Madison County						
Answer Choices	1 - Does not meet expectations for this position	2 - Average for position	3 - Above average for position	4 - Exceeds expectations for position; excellent	Total Responses	Weighted Average
Integrity and Independence	3	21	51	232	307	3.67
Knowledge and Understanding of the Law	4	25	62	217	308	3.6
Judicial Temperament and Demeanor	3	19	43	240	305	3.7
Legal Ability and Experience	4	21	54	230	309	3.65
Overall Average						3.66

Cody L. Brower, District 6, Caribou County						
Answer Choices	1 - Does not meet expectations for this position	2 - Average for position	3 - Above average for position	4 - Exceeds expectations for position; excellent	Total Responses	Weighted Average
Integrity and Independence	23	53	24	30	130	2.47
Knowledge and Understanding of the Law	49	48	16	22	135	2.08
Judicial Temperament and Demeanor	26	52	23	27	128	2.4
Legal Ability and Experience	49	43	22	18	132	2.07
Overall Average						2.26

Lisa M. Chesebro, District 1, Shoshone County						
Answer Choices	1 - Does not meet expectations for this position	2 - Average for position	3 - Above average for position	4 - Exceeds expectations for position; excellent	Total Responses	Weighted Average
Integrity and Independence	17	18	32	44	111	2.93
Knowledge and Understanding of the Law	11	28	38	34	111	2.86
Judicial Temperament and Demeanor	22	19	31	40	112	2.79
Legal Ability and Experience	12	27	34	38	111	2.88
Overall Average						2.87

David J. Morse, District 4, Ada County						
Answer Choices	1 - Does not meet expectations for this position	2 - Average for position	3 - Above average for position	4 - Exceeds expectations for position; excellent	Total Responses	Weighted Average
Integrity and Independence	13	26	26	71	136	3.14
Knowledge and Understanding of the Law	12	28	29	68	137	3.12
Judicial Temperament and Demeanor	16	28	21	71	136	3.08
Legal Ability and Experience	15	27	30	66	138	3.07
Overall Average						3.1

Randy Neal, District 7, Madison County						
Answer Choices	1 - Does not meet expectations for this position	2 - Average for position	3 - Above average for position	4 - Exceeds expectations for position; excellent	Total Responses	Weighted Average
Integrity and Independence	147	63	13	17	240	1.58
Knowledge and Understanding of the Law	106	99	16	17	238	1.76
Judicial Temperament and Demeanor	156	56	13	15	240	1.53
Legal Ability and Experience	116	83	22	17	238	1.75
Overall Average						1.66

Jeffrey Street, Jr., District 4, Ada County						
Answer Choices	1 - Does not meet expectations for this position	2 - Average for position	3 - Above average for position	4 - Exceeds expectations for position; excellent	Total Responses	Weighted Average
Integrity and Independence	6	18	21	109	154	3.51
Knowledge and Understanding of the Law	8	16	27	105	156	3.47
Judicial Temperament and Demeanor	10	13	24	108	155	3.48
Legal Ability and Experience	7	20	27	102	156	3.44
Overall Average						3.48

Aaron N. Thompson, District 6, Caribou County						
Answer Choices	1 - Does not meet expectations for this position	2 - Average for position	3 - Above average for position	4 - Exceeds expectations for position; excellent	Total Responses	Weighted Average
Integrity and Independence	4	11	28	123	166	3.63
Knowledge and Understanding of the Law	1	8	37	119	165	3.66
Judicial Temperament and Demeanor	2	11	26	125	164	3.67
Legal Ability and Experience	1	9	31	124	165	3.68
Overall Average						3.66

Greg Woodard, District 4, Ada County						
Answer Choices	1 - Does not meet expectations for this position	2 - Average for position	3 - Above average for position	4 - Exceeds expectations for position; excellent	Total Responses	Weighted Average
Integrity and Independence	15	16	6	19	56	2.52
Knowledge and Understanding of the Law	14	18	8	19	59	2.54
Judicial Temperament and Demeanor	14	18	6	18	56	2.5
Legal Ability and Experience	9	24	6	19	58	2.6
Overall Average						2.54

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