

TRIAL JUDGE
QUESTIONNAIRE
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Please answer questions below and return by email, fax or mail to the attention of:

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1. Identify your dates of service as a Trial Judge:

_____ To _____.

2. Provide the name(s) of the Court(s) where you have served as a Judge:

3. Describe the types of cases you have presided over in your career as a Trial Judge:

4. What changes have you seen over the years, and how did the changes affect your work as a trial judge on the bench and life off the bench?

NOTE: To assist you in thinking about areas of change we have listed some possible topics to consider. You are not limited to these areas in sharing your observations and experiences:

TECHNOLOGY: E-Communication, Court Room Enhancements **RULES OF EVIDENCE:** DNA, Expert Opinions **SPECIALIZED COURTS:** Drug Courts, Mental Health Courts, Domestic Violence Courts, Business Courts, Etc. **JUDICIAL SELECTION:** Election vs Appointment **COURT DECORUM:** Civility, Litigants, Counsel **TRIALS:** increases or decreases in Bench or Jury Trials, changes in the Jury System good or bad **CASE MANAGEMENT:** Docket and Case Management **JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE:** Attacks on the Judiciary

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