

JUDICIAL FEEDBACK PROGRAM: Judge Fahlgren encourages attorneys to participate in the Judicial Feedback Program by completing a Feedback Form, online at <http://www.floridabar.org/judicialfeedback>. Feedback forms and instructions can be downloaded by visiting www.floridabar.org (click on About the Bar, Standing Committees, JAEC). Feedback forms may also be available in the Judge's hearing room for your convenience. This is a confidential program of The Florida Bar to promote judicial self-improvement and enhance the quality of our judiciary as a whole. The identity of the attorney is not provided to the Judge. The Judicial Feedback Program provides Judges an opportunity to receive confidential feedback from the attorneys appearing before them. Attorneys are asked to evaluate the Judge's demeanor, knowledge, fairness, and other factors, but not to discuss issues of their specific cases. The comments are provided only to the Judge who is the subject of the review.

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):

	No Opinion or Not Observed	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor
1. Attentiveness	(N/A)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Comments:	_____					

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

	No Opinion or Not Observed	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor
3. Dillgence, preparedness and punctuality	(N/A)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Comments:	_____					

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

	No Opinion or Not Observed	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor
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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: _____

	No Opinion or Not Observed	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor
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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: _____

	No Opinion or Not Observed	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor
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7. Judicial demeanor

	(N/A)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
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Comments: _____

	No Opinion or Not Observed	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor
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8. Willingness to ignore
irrelevant considerations
(e.g. race, sex, religion, politics,
identity of lawyers or parties)

	(N/A)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
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Comments: _____

	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: _____

	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: _____

	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: _____

12. Other Comments: _____

Upon completion and transmittal by evaluating counsel, this judicial feedback form shall be the property of the evaluated judge and shall be a confidential document within the meaning of Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.420(c)(4).