

5. Please assess, in one or two paragraphs, your judicial performance during your present term. Appropriate areas of comment could include: satisfaction with your judicial role, specific contributions to the judiciary or the field of law, increases in legal knowledge and judicial skills, or other measures of judicial abilities that you believe to be important.

I am very satisfied with my judicial role - it is a privilege to serve the public.

I find the work to be challenging, and I like that. I believe my legal knowledge in a variety of areas has increased significantly over the past few years.

As for judicial skills, this is my first term, and they have improved dramatically because I had no relevant experience before taking the bench in 2016. I think my ability to handle difficult situations in court has improved a great deal, and I am able to balance the rights of litigants with efficiency appropriately most of the time. As with all things, I still have much to learn.

I have also become involved in committees to help improve our court system, and that has been satisfying for me. It does require additional time, of course, but it has enabled me to connect more with other judges, court system employees, lawyers, and members of the public.