

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 continue to love this job, and I try every day to be a thoughtful and patient judge who gives all litigants respect and adequate time to present their cases. I work hard to research the law thoroughly to reach the appropriate legal decision, and to explain my oral and written decisions completely. I take pride in contributing to the training of newer judges, whether that be as chair of the Newer Judge Training Conference, as a mentor, or just as a judge willing and available to listen and respond to other judges' questions. I attend as many courses as possible from the National Judicial College and similar forums, and when needed I have personally paid for uncovered expenses when the court's budget didn't cover a full program.