Judicial Qualifications Summary

Qualification Required?	U.S. Citizenship	State Residency	In-State Licensure	Any Term of Licensure, Any State	Licensure Requirement ≥ 8 yrs for Highest Court	Ethics/"Good Standing"	Minimum Age	Maximum Age	
Yes, required	26	43	36	34	21	4	22	32	
No, not required	25	8	15	17	30	47	29	19	
TOTAL	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	
% Yes, required	51.0%	84.3%	70.6%	66.7%	41.2%	7.8%	43.1%	62.7%	
% No, not required	49.0%	15.7%	29.4%	33.3%	58.8%	92.2%	56.9%	37.3%	
% OF TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

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Alabama	licensed to practice law 10 yrs; 1 yr resident; maximum age of 70	licensed to practice law 10 yrs; 1 yr resident; maximum age of 70	licensed to practice law 5 yrs; 1 yr resident of circuit; maximum age of 70	N	Y	N	Υ	Y	N	N	Υ	
Alaska	U.S. citizen; state resident 5 yrs; licensed to practice in state; 8 yrs active legal practice; mandatory retirement at 70	U.S. citizen; state resident 5 yrs; licensed to practice in state; 8 yrs active legal practice; mandatory retirement at 70	U.S. citizen; state resident 5 yrs; licensed to practice in state; 5 yrs active legal practice; mandatory retirement at 70	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	
Arizona	state resident and licensed in state 10 yrs; mandatory retirement at 70	30 yrs of age; state resident and licensed in state 5 yrs; mandatory retirement at 70	30 yrs of age; state resident and licensed in state 5 yrs; local resident 1 yr; mandatory retirement at 70	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	
Arkansas	30 yrs of age; of good moral character; learned in the law; U.S. citizen; state resident > 2 yrs; 8 yrs practice of law	30 yrs of age; of good moral charater; learned in the law; U.S. citizen; state resident > 2 yrs; 8 yrs practice of law	28 yrs of age; of good moral character; learned in the law; U.S. citizen; state resident > 2 yrs; 6 yrs practice of law	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	
California	10 yrs practice of law in state or service as judge of court of record	service as judge of court of record	10 yrs practice of law in state or service as judge of court of record	N	N	Y	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	
Colorado	qualified elector in state; licensed to practice law in state 5 yrs; mandatory retirement age of 72	qualified elector in state; licensed to practice law in state 5 yrs; mandatory retirement age of 72	qualified elector in state; licensed to practice law in state 5 yrs; mandatory retirement age of 72	Υ	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	"Qualified Elector" = U.S. Citizen, at least 18 years old, resident of CO for at least one year
Connecticut	state resident; licensed to practice in state; mandatory retirement at 70	state resident; licensed to practice in state; mandatory retirement at 70	state resident; licensed to practice in state; mandatory retirement at 70	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Υ	
Delaware	state resident; "learned in the law"; state bar member	state resident; law degree; "learned in the law"; state bar member	state resident; law degree; "learned in the law"; state bar member	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	
District of Columbia	N/A	U.S. citizen; D.C. resident > 90 days prior to appointment; 5 yrs as active member of D.C. bar, professor at D.C. law school, or attorney employed by U.S. or D.C. government; mandatory retirement at 74	U.S. citizen; D.C. resident > 90 days prior to appointment; 5 yrs as active member of D.C. bar, professor at D.C. law school, or attorney employed by U.S. or D.C. government; mandatory retirement at 74	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	
Florida	qualified elector; state resident; admitted to practice law in state 10 yrs; mandatory retirement age of 70	qualified elector; state resident; admitted to practice law in state 10 yrs; mandatory retirement age of 70	qualified elector; circuit resident; admitted to practice law in state 5 yrs; mandatory retirement age of 70	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Y	N	Υ	Y	"Qualified Elector" = U.S. Citizen, at least 18 years old, resident of FL
Georgia	state resident; admitted to practice law 7 yrs	state resident; admitted to practice law 7 yrs	state resident 3 yrs; circuit resident; admitted to practice law 7 yrs; minimum age of 30	N	Υ	N	Υ	N	N	Υ	N	
Hawali	state and U.S. resident and citizen; 10 yrs state practice; mandatory retirement at 70	state and U.S. resident and citizen; 10 yrs state practice; mandatory retirement at 70	state and U.S. resident and citizen; 10 yrs state practice; mandatory retirement at 70	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	N	N	Y	
Idaho	30 yrs of age; U.S. citizen; state resident 2 yrs; 10 yrs practice of law in ID	30 yrs of age; U.S. citizen; state resident 2 yrs; 10 yrs practice of law in ID	30 yrs of age; U.S. citizen; state resident 2 yrs; resident of judicial district 1 yr; 10 yrs practice of law	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Y	N	Υ	N	
Illinois	U.S. citizen; district resident; licensed to practice law in state	U.S. citizen; district resident; licensed to practice law in state	U.S. citizen; circuit/county resident; licensed to practice law in state	Υ	Υ	Y	N	N	N	N	N	
Indiana	U.S. citizen; state resident; admitted to state practice 10 yrs or served as judge of trial court 5 yrs; mandatory retirement age of 75	U.S. citizen; state resident; admitted to state practice 10 yrs or served as judge of trial court 5 yrs; mandatory retirement age of 75	circuit resident; admitted to practice law in state	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	
lowa	licensed in state and member of lowa bar; resident of state; maximum age of 72	licensed in state and member of lowa bar; resident of state; maximum age of 72	licensed in state and member of lowa bar; resident of state; maximum age of 72	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	
Kansas	30-70 yrs old; 10 yrs active and continuous practice of law in state	30-70 yrs old; 10 yrs active and continuous practice of law in state	state and district resident; maximum age is 70; member in good standing of state bar > 5 years	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Kentucky	U.S. citizen; district resident 2 yrs; licensed to practice law 8 yrs	U.S. citizen; district resident 2 yrs; licensed to practice law 8 yrs	U.S. citizen; district resident 2 yrs; licensed to practice law 8 yrs	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	

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Louisiana	10 yrs state practice; 1 yr district resident; maximum age of 70	10 yrs state practice; 1 yr district/circuit resident; maximum age of 70	8 yrs state practice; 1 yr district resident; maximum age of 70	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	N	N	Υ	
Maine	"learned in the law"	N/A	"learned in the law"	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Courts have interpreted "learned in the law" to mean that the individual must be a licensed attorney-at-law.
Maryland	U.S. and state citizen; registered to vote in state elections; state resident 5 yrs; circuit resident 6 mos; 30 yrs of age; state bar member; mandatory retirement age of 70	U.S. and state citizen; registered to vote in state elections; state resident 5 yrs; circuit resident 6 mos; 30 yrs of age; state bar member; mandatory retirement age of 70	to vote in state elections; state	Υ	Y	Υ	N	N	N	Υ	Y	
Massachusetts	U.S. citizen; state resident; state bar member in good standing; 13 yrs legal experience and training; mandatory retirement age of 70	U.S. citizen; state resident; state bar member in good standing; 13 yrs legal experience and training; mandatory retirement age of 70	U.S. citizen; state resident; state bar member in good standing; 10 yrs legal experience and training; mandatory retirement age of 70	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	
Michigan	qualified elector; licensed to practice law in state; 5 yrs practice of law; less than 70 yrs of age	qualified elector of district; licesed to practice law in state; 5 yrs practice of law; less than 70 yrs of age	qualified elector of circuit; licensed to practice law in state; 5 yrs practice of law; less than 70 yrs of age	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	N	N	Υ	Y	"Qualified Elector" = U.S. Citizen, at least 18 years old, resident of district over which court resides for at least 30 days
Minnesota	21 yrs of age; "learned in the law;" mandatory retirement at 70	21 yrs of age; "learned in the law;" mandatory retirement at 70	21 yrs of age; "learned in the law;" mandatory retirement at 70	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Courts have interpreted "learned in the law" to mean that the individual must be a licensed attorney-at-law.
Mississippi	practicing attorney 5 yrs; minimum age of 30; state citizen 5 yrs	practicing attorney 5 yrs; minimum age of 30; state citizen 5 yrs	practicing attorney 5 yrs; minimum age of 26; state citizen 5 yrs; district resident	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Υ	N	
Missouri	U.S. citizen 15 yrs; qualified state voter 9 yrs; licensed to practice in state; minimum age of 30; mandatory retirement age of 70	U.S. citizen 15 yrs; district resident; qualified state voter 9 yrs; licensed to practice in state; minimum age of 30; mandatory retirement age of 70	U.S. citizen 10 yrs; qualified state voter 3 yrs; circuit resident 1 yr; licensed to practice in state; minimum age of 30; mandatory retirement age of 70	Υ	Y	Υ	N	N	N	Y	Y	
Montana	U.S. citizen; state resident 2 yrs; admitted to practice law in Montana for at least 5 years prior to date of appointment/election	N/A	U.S. citizen; state resident 2 yrs; district resident; admitted to practice law in Montana for at least 5 yrs prior to date of appointment	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	N	
Nebraska	U.S. citizen; > 3 yrs state resident; district resident; minimum age of 30; > 5 yrs state practice; state bar member	U.S. citizen; state resident; minimum age of 30; > 5 yrs state practice; state bar member	U.S. citizen; district resident; minimum age of 30; > 5 yrs state practice; state bar member	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	
Nevada	qualified elector; 2 yrs state resident; minimum age of 25; licensed and admitted to practice law in NV; 15 yrs licensed attorney, at least 2 in NV	N/A	qualified elector; 2 yrs state resident; district resident; minimum age of 25; licensed and admitted to practice law in NV; 10 yrs licensed attorney, at least 2 in NV	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Υ	N	"Qualified Elector" = U.S. Citizen, at least 18 years old, resident of NV for at least 6 months, resident of district or count for at least 30 days
New Hampshire	mandatory retirement age of 70	N/A	mandatory retirement age of 70	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Υ	
New Jersey	admitted to state practice for 10 yrs; mandatory retirement age of 70	admitted to state practice for 10 yrs; mandatory retirement age of 70	yrs; mandatory retirement age of 70	N	N	Υ	Y	Y	N	N	Y	
New Mexico	minimum age of 35; 10 yrs legal practice; state resident 3 yrs	minimum age of 35; 10 yrs legal practice; state resident 3 yrs	minimum age of 35; 10 yrs legal practice; state resident 3 yrs; district resident	N	Y	N	Y	Υ	N	Υ	N	
New York	state resident; state practice > 10 yrs; mandatory retirement age of 70	state resident; state practice > 10 yrs; minimum age of 18; mandatory retirement ae of 70	state resident; county resident; state practice > 10 yrs; minimum age of 18; mandatory retirement age of 70	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	
North Carolina	mandatory retirement age of 72	licensed to practice law in state; mandatory retirement age of 72	mandatory retirement age of 72	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	Y	
North Dakota	U.S. and state citizen; licensed attorney	U.S. and state citizen; licensed attorney	U.S. and state citizen; licensed attorney	Υ	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	

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Ohlo	6 yrs practice of law; maximum age of 70	6 yrs practice of law; resident of district; maximum age of 70	6 yrs practice of law; resident of district; maximum age of 70	N	Y	N	Υ	N	N	N	Υ	
Oklahoma	30 yrs of age; qualified elector in district > 1 yr; licensed to practice or judge of court of record > 5 yrs	30 yrs of age; qualified elector in district > 1 yr; licensed to practice or judge of court of record > 5 yrs	qualified elector in district > 1 yr; licensed to practice or judge of court of record > 4 yrs	Υ	Y	N	Υ	N	N	Υ	N	"Qualified Elector" = U.S. Citizen, at least 18 years old, resident of OK
Oregon	U.S. citizen; state resident 3 yrs; state bar member; mandatory retirement age of 75	elector of county of residence; state bar member; mandatory retirement age of 75	U.S. citizen; state resident 3 yrs; circuit resident 1 yr; state bar member; mandatory retirement age of 75	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	N	Y	"Elector" = U.S. Citizen, at least 18 years old, resident of state for at least 30 days
Pennsylvania	1 yr state resident; maximum age of 70; state bar member	1 yr state resident; maximum age of 70; state bar member	1 yr state resident; maximum age of 70; state bar member	N	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	N	Υ	
Rhode Island	attorney; licensed in state; state bar member in good standing	N/A	attorney; licensed in state; state bar member in good standing	N	N	Y	N	N	Υ	N	N	
South Carolina	U.S. citizen; 32-72 yrs of age; state resident 5 yrs; licensed attorney 8 yrs	U.S. citizen; 32-72 yrs of age; state resident 5 yrs; licensed attorney 8 yrs	U.S. citizen; 32-72 yrs of age; state resident 5 yrs; licensed attorney 8 yrs	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Y	
South Dakota	U.S. citizen; state resident; voting resident within district; licensed to practice law in state; mandatory retirement age of 70	N/A	U.S. citizen; state resident; voting resident within district; licensed to practice law in state; mandatory retirement age of 70	Υ	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	
Tennessee	authorized to practice law in state; minimum age of 35; state resident 5 yrs	authorized to practice law in state; minimum age of 30; state resident 5 yrs and district resident 1 yr	authorized to practice law in state; minimum age of 30; state resident 5 yrs and district resident 1 yr	N	Y	Υ	N	N	N	Υ	N	
Texas	U.S. citizen; state resident; licensed in state; between 35 yrs and 74 yrs of age; 10 yrs practicing lawyer and/or judge	U.S. citizen; state resident; licensed in state; between 35 yrs and 74 yrs of age; 10 yrs practicing lawyer and/or judge	U.S. citizen; state resident; licensed in state; between 25 yrs and 74 yrs of age; 4 yrs practicing lawyer and/or state judge; resident of judicial district 2 yrs	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Y	N	Υ	Υ	
Utah	U.S. citizen; state resident 5 yrs; 30 yrs of age; admitted to practice law in state; mandatory retirement at 75	U.S. citizen; state resident 5 yrs; 30 yrs of age; admitted to practice law in state; mandatory retirement at 75	U.S. citizen; state resident 5 yrs; 30 yrs of age; admitted to practice law in state; mandatory retirement at 75	Υ	Y	Υ	N	N	N	Υ	Y	
Vermont	attorney who has practiced law or served as judge in state for more than 5 of the last 10 yrs; mandatory retirement at 70	attorney who has practiced law or served as judge in state for more than 5 of the last 10 yrs; mandatory retirement at 70	attorney who has practiced law or served as judge in state for more than 5 of last 10 yrs; mandatory retirment at 70	N	N	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	Υ	
Virginia	state resident; state bar member 5 yrs; maximum age of 70	state resident; state bar member 5 yrs; maximum age of 70	state and circuit resident; state bar member 5 yrs; maximum age of 70	N	Y	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	Υ	
Washington	licensed to practice in state; retirement age is 75	5 yrs practice in state; resident of district at least 1 yr	licensed to practice in state; retirement age is 75	N	Υ	Y	Υ	N	N	N	Υ	
West Virginia	state citizen 5 yrs; minimum age of 30; 10 yrs practice of law		state citizen 5 yrs; circuit resident; minimum age of 30; 5 yrs practice of law	N	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	N	
Wisconsin	qualified elector of the state; licensed to practice law in state 5 yrs	qualified elector of the state; licensed to practice law in state 5 yrs	qualified elector of the circuit; licensed to practice law in state 5 yrs	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	N	"Qualified Elector" = U.S. Citizen, at least 18 years old, resident of state and/or district for at least 28 consecutive days
Wyoming	U.S. citizen; state resident 3 yrs; 9 yrs legal experience; minimum age of 30; mandatory retirement at 70	N/A	U.S. citizen; state resident 2 yrs; minimum age of 28; mandatory retirement at 70	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Υ	Y	·