



Spotlight On Justice



JUDGES SHOW GREAT SUPPORT FOR THE CIVIL JURY SYSTEM

Judges have more knowledge of the civil jury system than anyone. In a recent survey:

- Ninety-one percent believe the system is in good condition needing, at best, only minor work.
- Only 1 percent of the judges who responded gave the jury system low marks.
- Judges have great faith in juries to solve complicated issues.
- Ninety-six percent said they agree with jury verdicts most or all of the time.
- Nine of 10 judges said jurors show considerable understanding of legal issues involved in the cases they hear.



Source:

Dallas Morning News and Southern Methodist School of Law survey of federal trial judges in the United States, its territories and protectorates - over 900 judges. About 65% (594) of the federal judges responded. Allen Pusey, "Judges rule in favor of juries: Surveys by Morning News, SMU law school find overwhelming support for citizens' role in court system," *Dallas Morning News*, May 7, 2000.

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