

Judicial Nominee: Denise M. Francois

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Question 31 (supplemental information in the form of responses to a survey on Judges and Justices conducted by the V.I. Bar Association in 2023)

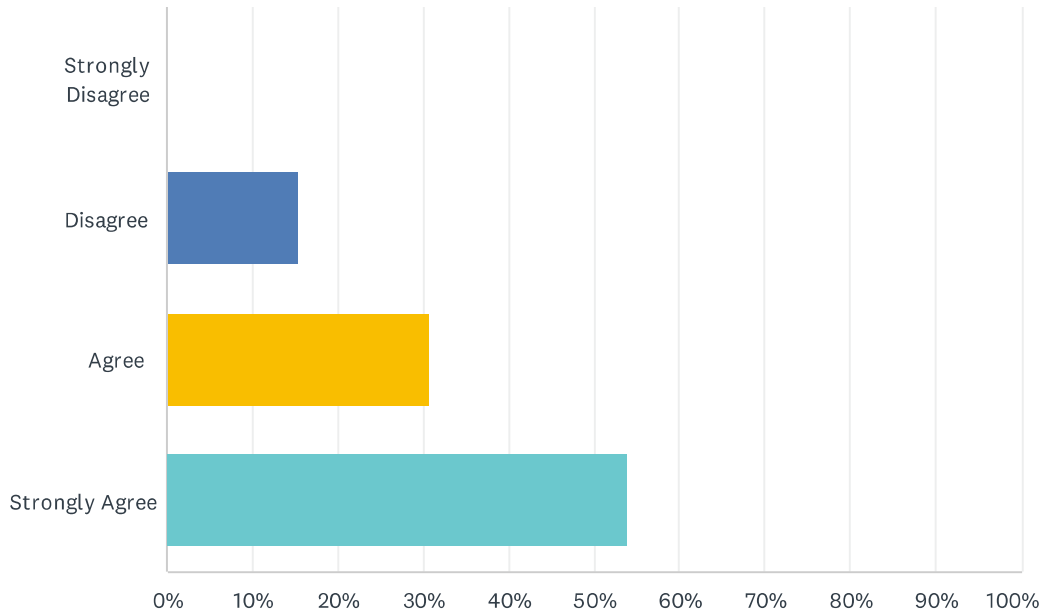
Q1 Comments Section: Please use this space to provide any comments or feedback you have about the judge's performance. Your input is valuable in helping us understand your perspective and improve our processes.

Answered: 8 Skipped: 5

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Good judge; she should be reappointed.	12/4/2023 11:11 AM
2	Excellent judge. Fair.	11/18/2023 5:24 AM
3	Judge Francois has a profound understanding of the law which is consistently demonstrated through well-reasoned decision and insightful legal analysis. Her commitment to impartiality and fairness is commendable. Her judicial temperament is characterized by patience, courtesy and composure. She is always prepared.	11/15/2023 9:40 AM
4	She is probably the best judge to practice in front of in the Superior Court. She is fair and really tries to make the right decision. She takes time to make sure the law is right.	11/7/2023 9:06 AM
5	she is great. she is very organized, has control of her docket, is decisive, fair but pushes her cases forward. she has great judicial temperament	11/6/2023 12:32 PM
6	Judge Francois is fair and treats everyone in her courtroom with respect.	11/5/2023 12:41 PM
7	Overall perhaps the most effective judge in the civil/ criminal division of stt & stj	11/4/2023 4:35 AM
8	Please move the docket	11/3/2023 5:01 PM

Q2 The Judge starts court on time

Answered: 13 Skipped: 0

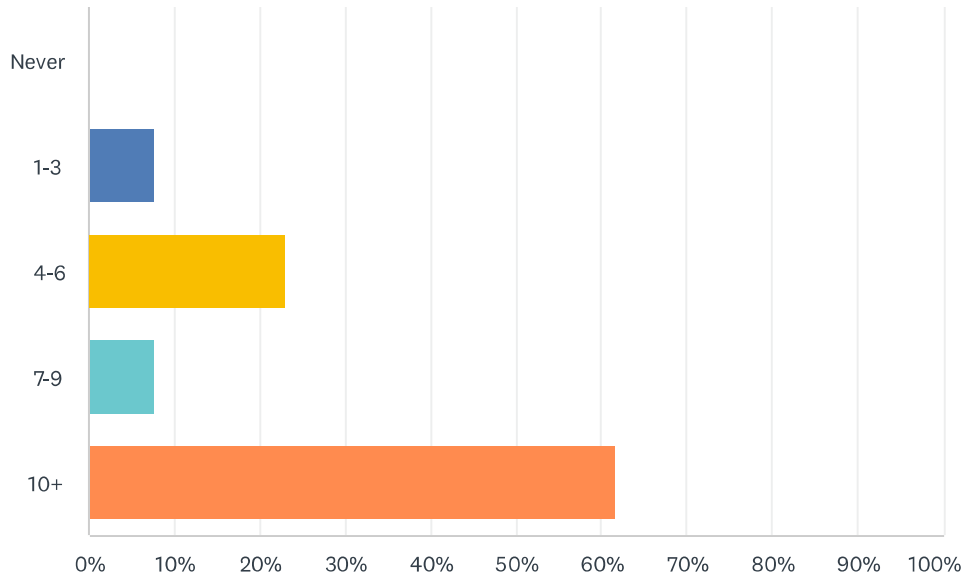


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Strongly Disagree	0.00% 0
Disagree	15.38% 2
Agree	30.77% 4
Strongly Agree	53.85% 7
TOTAL	13

#	COMMENTS (OPTIONAL)	DATE
1	Judge Francois respects time, especially the time of a juror.	11/15/2023 9:40 AM
2	Always prompt	11/10/2023 9:29 AM

Q3 How many times have you appeared before Judge Francois?

Answered: 13 Skipped: 0

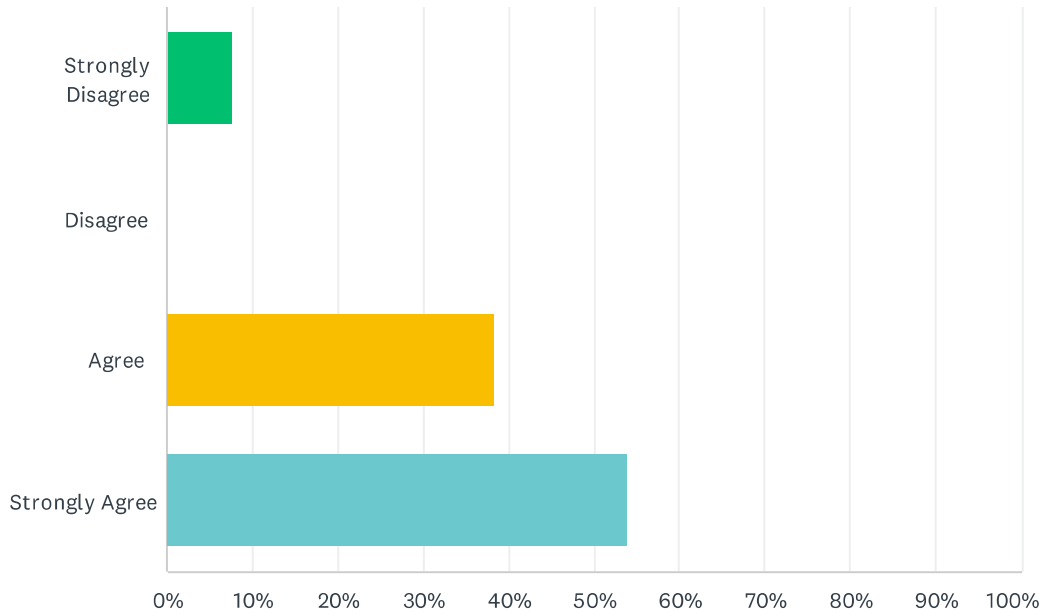


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Never	0.00% 0
1-3	7.69% 1
4-6	23.08% 3
7-9	7.69% 1
10+	61.54% 8
TOTAL	13

#	COMMENTS (OPTIONAL)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q4 The Judge clearly explains to jurors their role in the trial process

Answered: 13 Skipped: 0

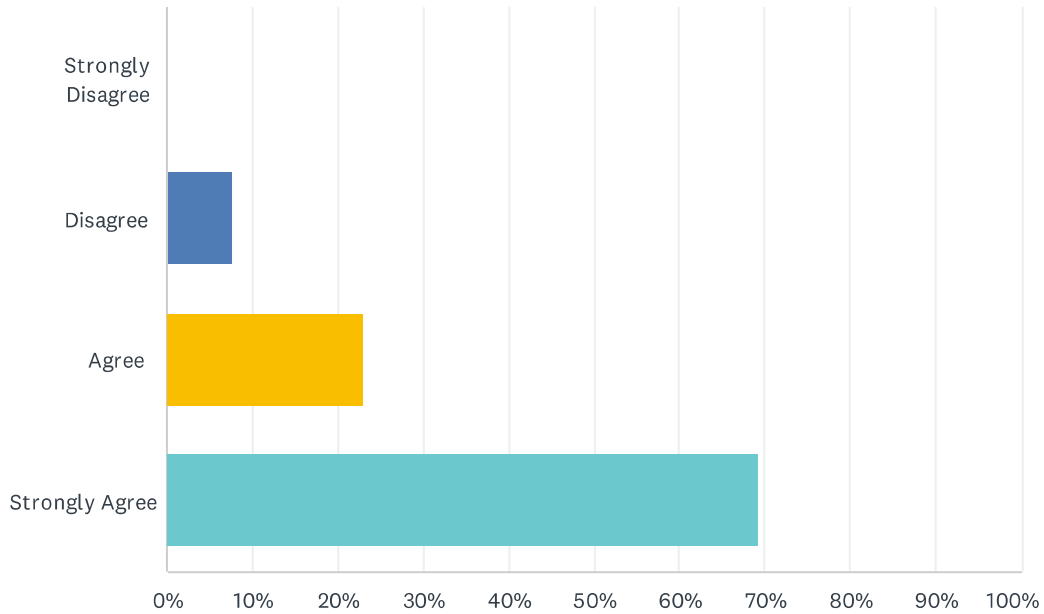


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Strongly Disagree	7.69% 1
Disagree	0.00% 0
Agree	38.46% 5
Strongly Agree	53.85% 7
TOTAL	13

#	COMMENTS (OPTIONAL)	DATE
1	Very communicative with jurors throughout the trial	11/10/2023 9:29 AM
2	I have never had a trial before this Judge. My answer is "not opinion".	11/9/2023 10:30 PM
3	N/A	11/6/2023 12:47 PM

Q5 The Judge ensures a fair opportunity for all parties to be heard

Answered: 13 Skipped: 0

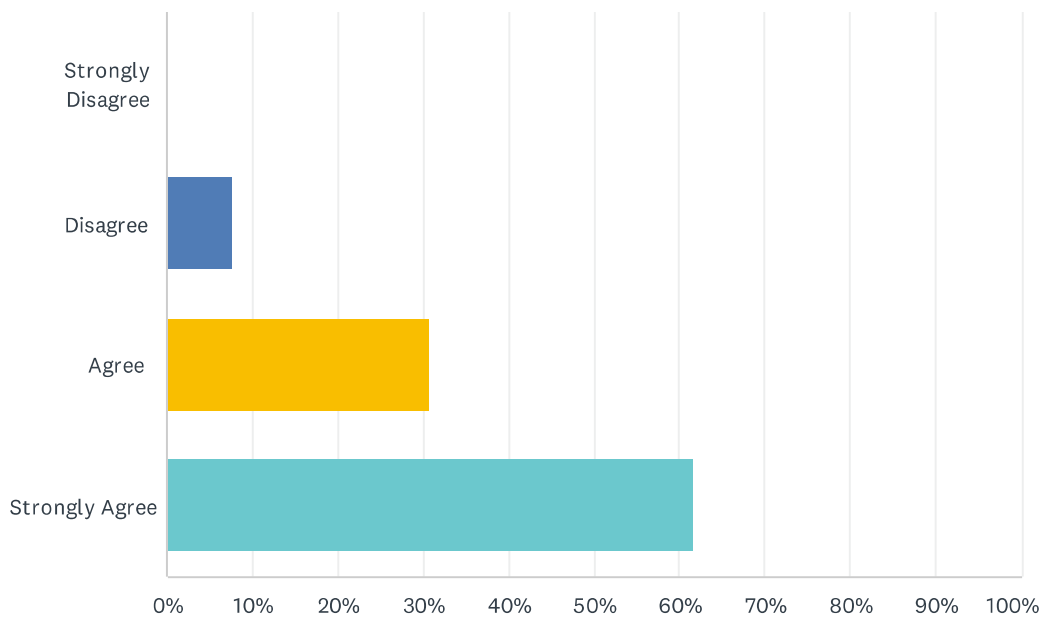


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Strongly Disagree	0.00% 0
Disagree	7.69% 1
Agree	23.08% 3
Strongly Agree	69.23% 9
TOTAL	13

#	COMMENTS (OPTIONAL)	DATE
1	Always listens and asks questions to ferret out arguments and issues	11/10/2023 9:29 AM

Q6 The Judge's decisions are easy to understand

Answered: 13 Skipped: 0

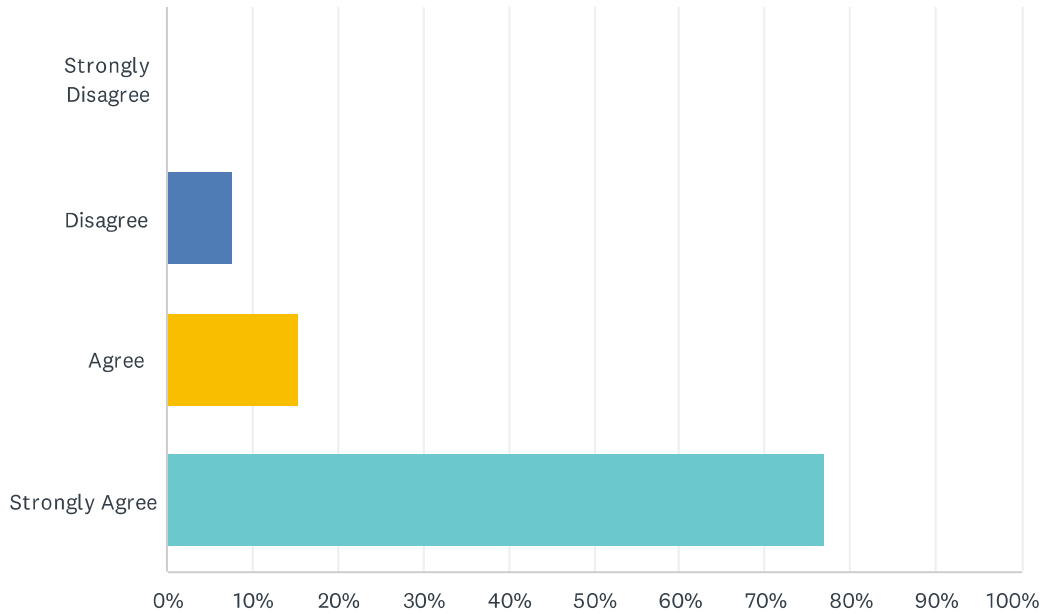


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Strongly Disagree	0.00% 0
Disagree	7.69% 1
Agree	30.77% 4
Strongly Agree	61.54% 8
TOTAL	13

#	COMMENTS (OPTIONAL)	DATE
1	Best writer on the court	11/10/2023 9:29 AM

Q7 The Judge treats people with respect

Answered: 13 Skipped: 0

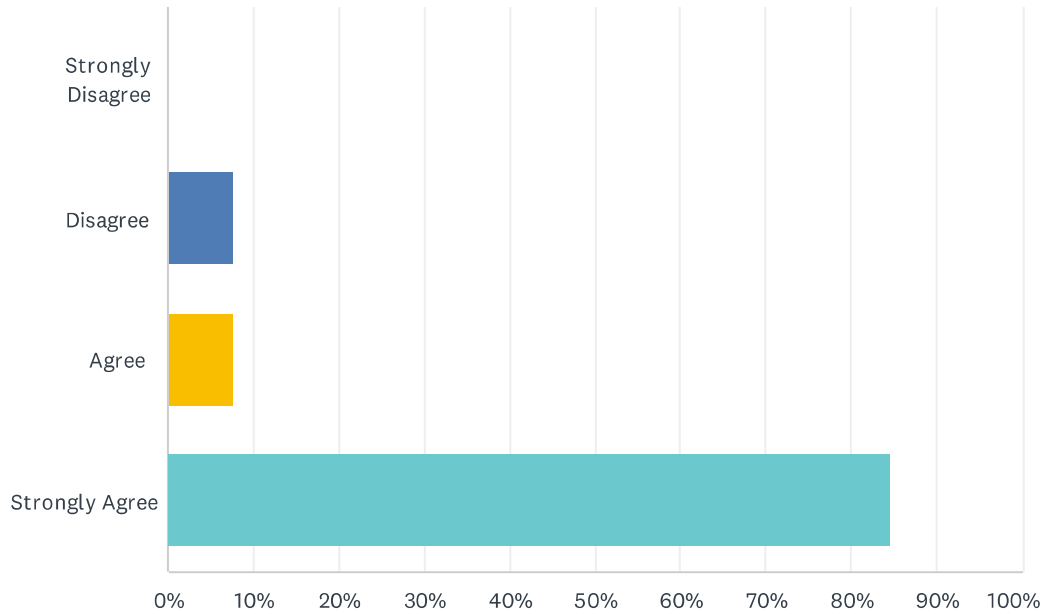


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Strongly Disagree	0.00% 0
Disagree	7.69% 1
Agree	15.38% 2
Strongly Agree	76.92% 10
TOTAL	13

#	COMMENTS (OPTIONAL)	DATE
1	very respectful to lawyers, court staff and witnesses	11/10/2023 9:29 AM

Q8 The Judge asserts appropriate control over the proceedings

Answered: 13 Skipped: 0

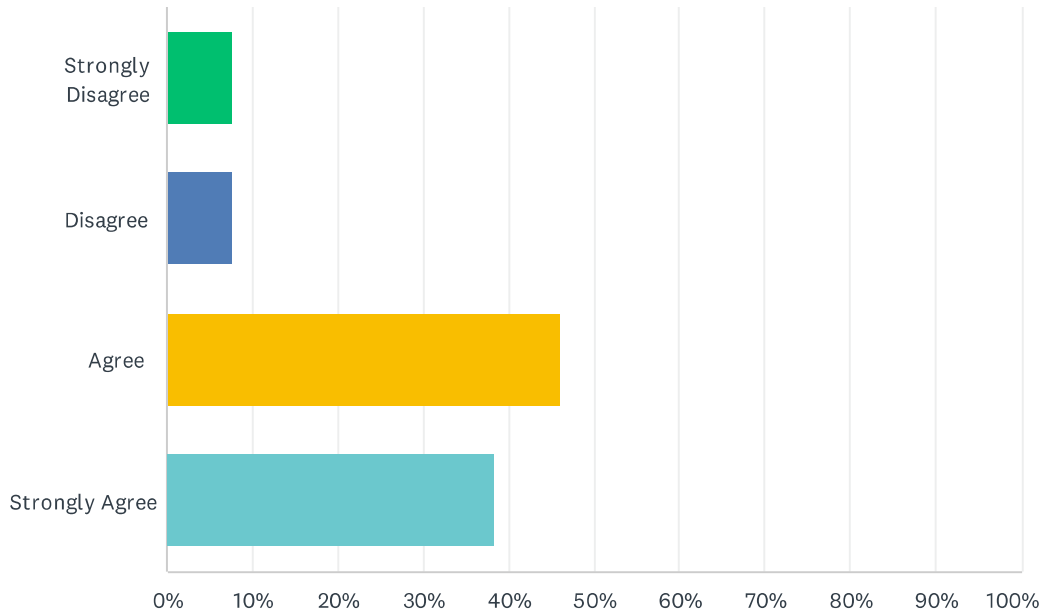


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Strongly Disagree	0.00% 0
Disagree	7.69% 1
Agree	7.69% 1
Strongly Agree	84.62% 11
TOTAL	13

#	COMMENTS (OPTIONAL)	DATE
1	Always in control-firmly, but cordially done	11/10/2023 9:29 AM

Q9 The Judge issues decisions in a timely manner

Answered: 13 Skipped: 0

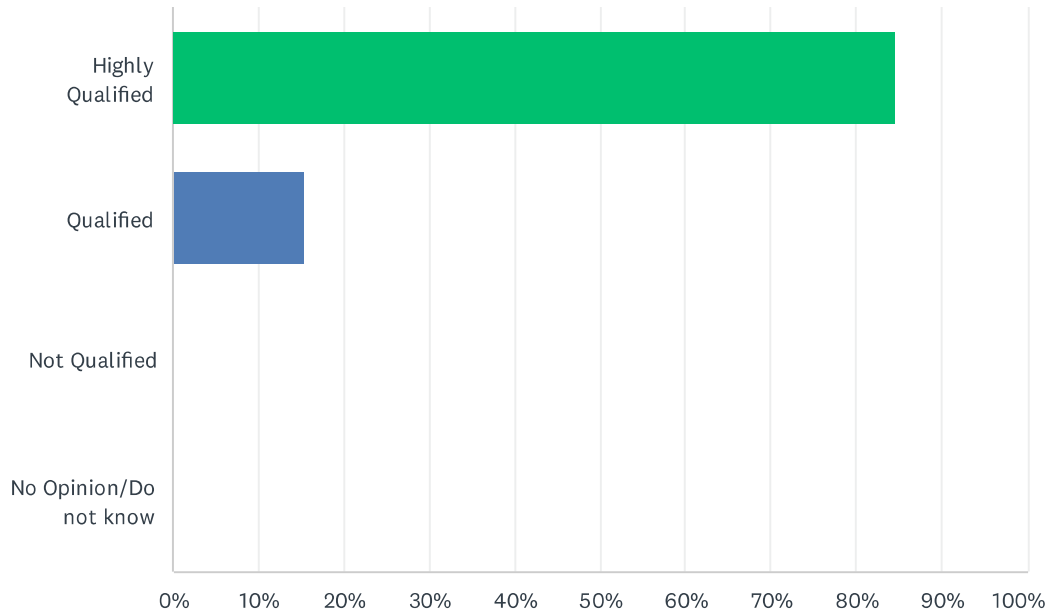


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Strongly Disagree	7.69% 1
Disagree	7.69% 1
Agree	46.15% 6
Strongly Agree	38.46% 5
TOTAL	13

#	COMMENTS (OPTIONAL)	DATE
1	Very good on getting our orders. Opinions (of course) take longer, but hers are always well researched and thorough	11/10/2023 9:29 AM
2	For the most part..	11/4/2023 4:35 AM

Q10 Legal Competence (knowledge and application of the law)

Answered: 13 Skipped: 0

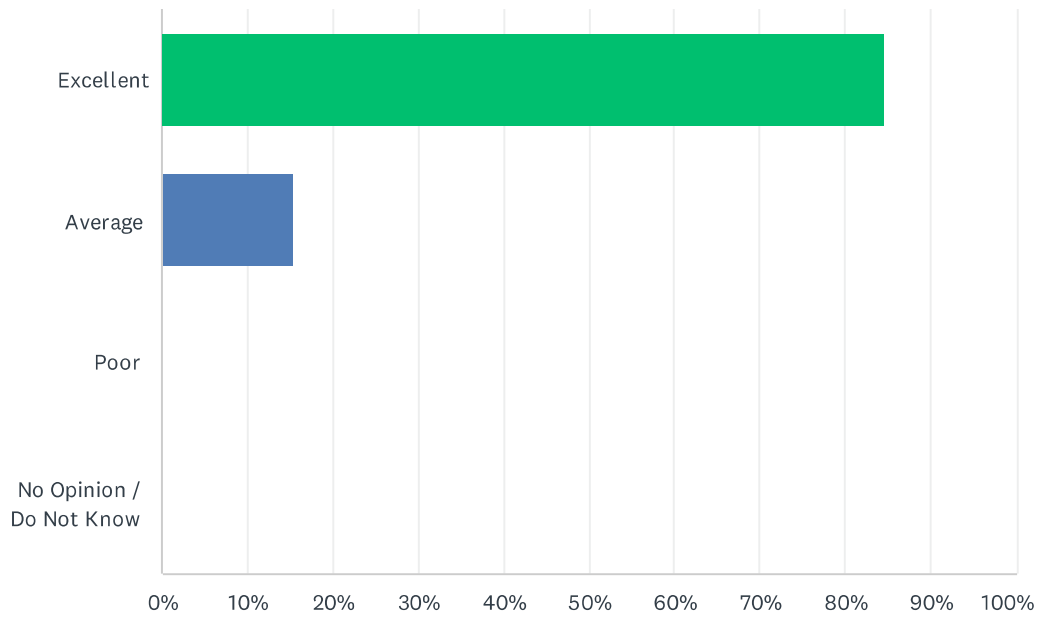


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Highly Qualified	84.62%	11
Qualified	15.38%	2
Not Qualified	0.00%	0
No Opinion/Do not know	0.00%	0
TOTAL		13

#	COMMENTS (OPTIONAL)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q11 Judicial Demeanor

Answered: 13 Skipped: 0

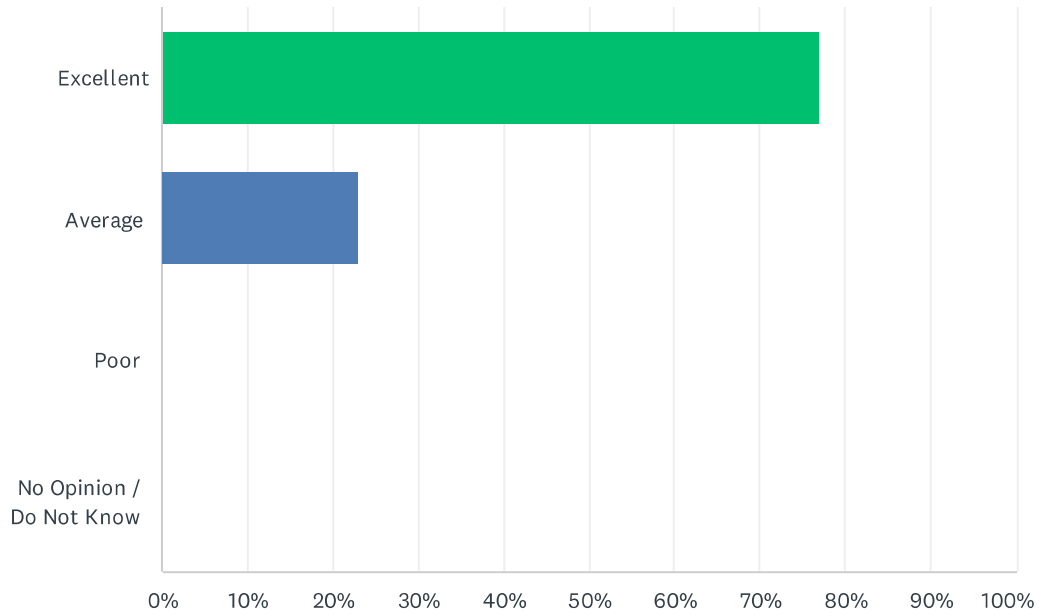


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Excellent	84.62% 11
Average	15.38% 2
Poor	0.00% 0
No Opinion / Do Not Know	0.00% 0
TOTAL	13

#	COMMENTS (OPTIONAL)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q12 Judicial Temperament

Answered: 13 Skipped: 0

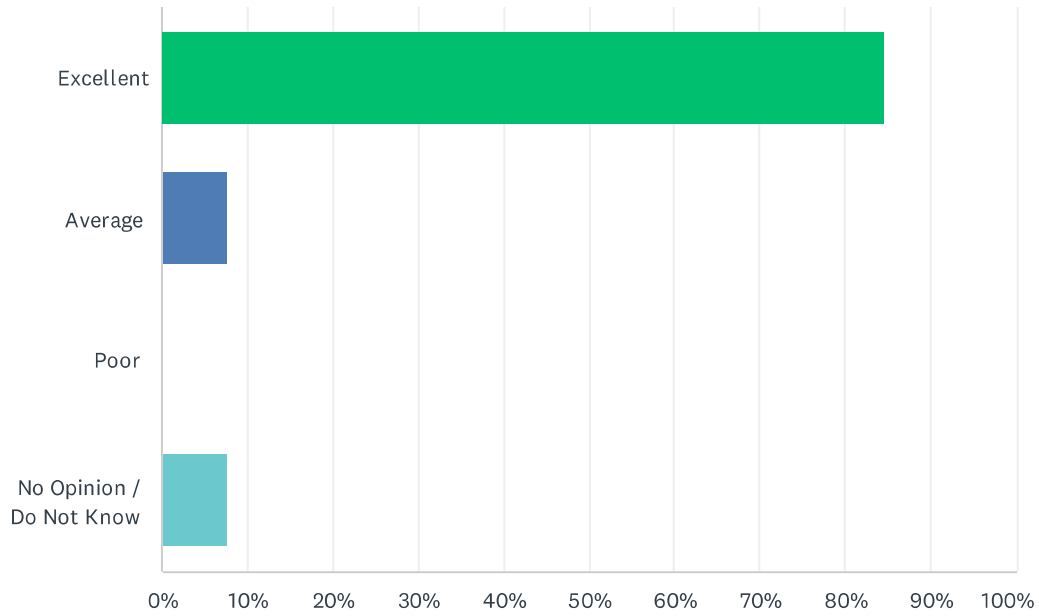


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Excellent	76.92% 10
Average	23.08% 3
Poor	0.00% 0
No Opinion / Do Not Know	0.00% 0
TOTAL	13

#	COMMENTS (OPTIONAL)	DATE
1	A bit more than average but like everyone else she has her days so can't say excellent (not sure if this comment should go here or to demeanor)	11/4/2023 4:35 AM

Q13 Reputation in the Community

Answered: 13 Skipped: 0

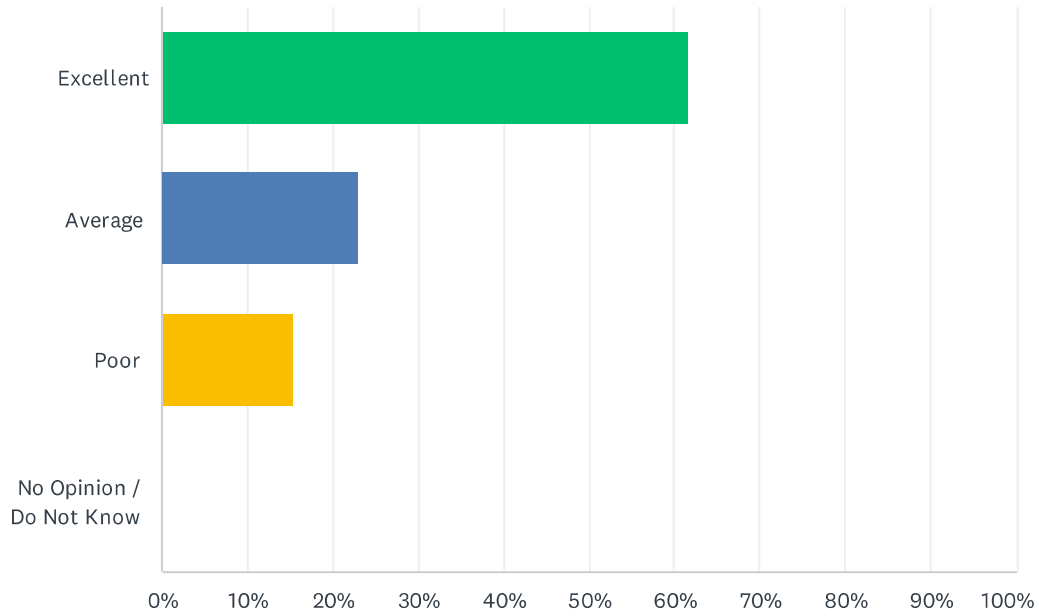


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Excellent	84.62% 11
Average	7.69% 1
Poor	0.00% 0
No Opinion / Do Not Know	7.69% 1
TOTAL	13

#	COMMENTS (OPTIONAL)	DATE
1	Judge Francois's name frequently is raised among members of the Bar as a replacement for a retired Justice or a District Court Judgeship. Her reputation is stellar.	11/15/2023 9:40 AM

Q14 Promptness/Diligence in addressing issues

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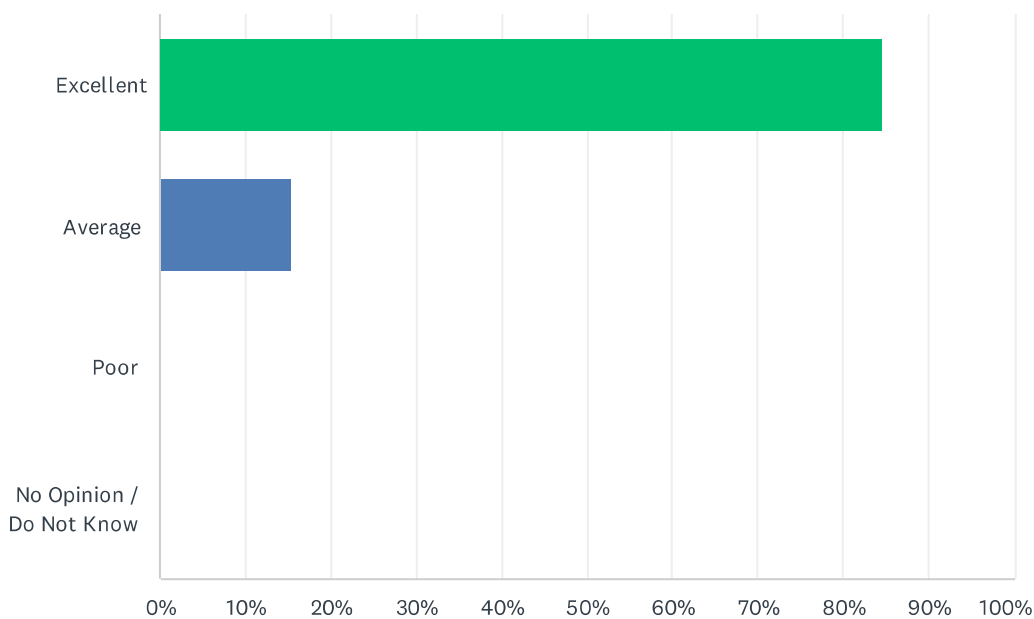


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Excellent	61.54% 8
Average	23.08% 3
Poor	15.38% 2
No Opinion / Do Not Know	0.00% 0
TOTAL	13

#	COMMENTS (OPTIONAL)	DATE
1	Judge Francois has no problem certifying appropriate questions for appeal.	11/15/2023 9:40 AM

Q15 Fairness in making decisions

Answered: 13 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Excellent	84.62% 11
Average	15.38% 2
Poor	0.00% 0
No Opinion / Do Not Know	0.00% 0
TOTAL	13

#	COMMENTS (OPTIONAL)	DATE
1	Fair, even when she rules against him	11/10/2023 9:29 AM