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## **Guidelines for designing and conducting judicial performance polls**

### **Judicial Performance Polls**

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Based on an evaluation of judicial polls conducted by 32 state and local bar associations, the author recommends guidelines for *determining eligibility of respondents, increasing response rates, designing the polling instrument, and tabulating, analyzing, and disseminating the results*. These recommendations are based upon seven important interrelated issues:

Who conducted the judicial performance polls?

Why were the polls conducted?

Who was eligible to participate in the polls?

What information was sought and in what form?

How were the results tabulated and analyzed?

How, when, and to whom were the results of the polls disseminated?

What effects have judicial performance polls had?

An appendix provides detailed descriptions of a number of the polls that were evaluated in the course of the study.

If you have ever been involved in or anticipate participating in a judicial performance poll, you will want to read this report. This is the first report in the 1977 American Bar Foundation Research Contribution Series.

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