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AJS Launches New Judicial Selection Website

Des Moines, Iowa – The American Judicature Society (AJS) announced today the launch of the newly redesigned, updated, and expanded Judicial Selection in the States website. The website, which provides a breakdown of how judges are selected in each state, is at www.judicialselection.us/.

In many states, issues surrounding the selection and retention of judges have risen to the top of the political agenda. For this reason, it is more important than ever that policymakers, members of the media, and interested citizens have an objective source of information that will allow them to think seriously about these issues. This website is designed to be the leading resource for independent facts on how state judicial selection systems operate.

For each state, the new website includes information about a wide range of provisions including:

- Structure and history of the judiciary
- Selection, retention, and removal of judges
- Structures and processes of judicial nominating commissions and judicial performance evaluation commissions
- Methods of removing judges
- Judicial campaign conduct and financing regulations
- Successful and unsuccessful selection reform efforts
- Diversity of the bench
- Judicial selection news
- New information about the use of federal judicial nominating commissions by the state's U.S. Senators

AJS has updated the website information to provide a more accurate picture of state judicial selection practices. The expanded website includes new information that helps users gain a better understanding of how state judiciaries operate.

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