Judicial Evaluation Poll for Cowlitz County 2026

Superior Court and District Court Judge Race(s)

1. Number of Years in Practice:	
More than 15 years	33
5-15 years	22
Up to 5 years	10

2. Primary Area of Practice	
Criminal	29
Multiple Areas of Practice	12
Civil	12
Family	8
Other	4

3. Legal Ability: Superior Court Race						
Answer Options:	Exceptionally Well Qualified	Well Qualified	Qualified	Not Qualified	Insufficient Information	Response Count
Jill Karmy	50	9	4		2	65
Jacob Lervold	4	6	19	23	13	65

3. Legal Ability: District Court Race						
Answer Options:	Exceptionally Well Qualified	Well Qualified	Qualified	Not Qualified	Insufficient Information	Response Count
Christopher Eastwood	5	12	23	9	14	63
Nicole Knowles	29	17	7	2	8	63

4. Temperament: Superior Court Race						
Answer Options:	Exceptionally Well Qualified	Well Qualified	Qualified	Not Qualified	Insufficient Information	Response Count
Jill Karmy	53	5	5		2	65
Jacob Lervold	3	4	11	27	20	65

4. Temperament: District Court Race						
Answer Options:	Exceptionally Well Qualified	Well Qualified	Qualified	Not Qualified	Insufficient Information	Response Count
Christopher Eastwood	5	9	18	9	22	63
Nicole Knowles	31	12	8	1	11	63

5. Integrity: Superior Court Race						
Answer Options:	Exceptionally Well Qualified	Well Qualified	Qualified	Not Qualified	Insufficient Information	Response Count
Jill Karmy	54	4	4	1	2	65
Jacob Lervold	6	7	13	18	21	65

5. Integrity: District Court Race						
Answer Options:	Exceptionally Well Qualified	Well Qualified	Qualified	Not Qualified	Insufficient Information	Response Count
Christopher Eastwood	4	13	14	6	26	63
Nicole Knowles	32	14	3	1	13	63

6. Relevant Legal Experience: Superior Court Race						
Answer Options:	Exceptionally Well Qualified	Well Qualified	Qualified	Not Qualified	Insufficient Information	Response Count
Jill Karmy	52	5	3	2	3	65
Jacob Lervold	3	9	13	28	12	65

6. Relevant Legal Experience: District Court Race						
Answer Options:	Exceptionally Well Qualified	Well Qualified	Qualified	Not Qualified	Insufficient Information	Response Count
Christopher Eastwood	6	7	25	8	17	63
Nicole Knowles	29	16	8	3	7	63

7. Diversity Equity and Inclusion: Superior Court Race						
Answer Options:	Exceptionally Well Qualified	Well Qualified	Qualified	Not Qualified	Insufficient Information	Response Count
Jill Karmy	45	4	5		11	65
Jacob Lervold	4	1	10	14	36	65

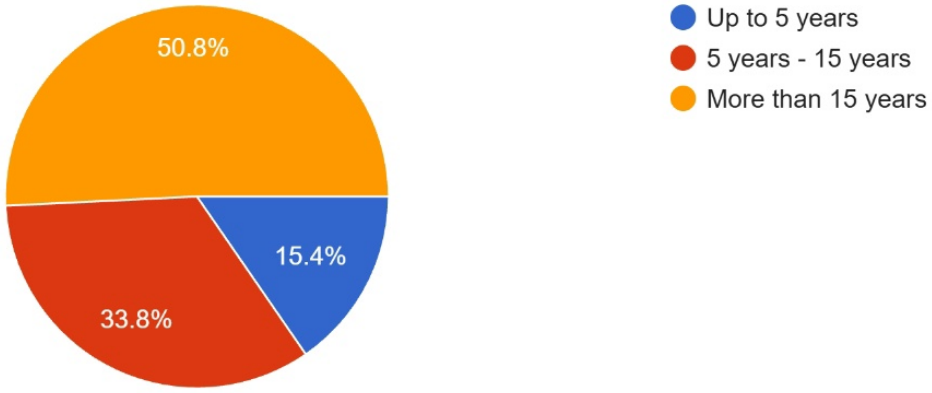
7. Diversity Equity and Inclusion: District Court Race						
Answer Options:	Exceptionally Well Qualified	Well Qualified	Qualified	Not Qualified	Insufficient Information	Response Count
Christopher Eastwood	4	4	11	9	35	63
Nicole Knowles	30	11	5		17	63

8. Choice for Appointment: Superior Court Race		
Answer Options	**Response Percent**	**Response Count**
Jill Karmy	87.70%	57
Jacob Lervold	12.30%	8
	Answered Question:	**65**

8. Choice for Appointment: District Court Race		
Answer Options	**Response Percent**	**Response Count**
Christopher Eastwood	16.70%	10
Nicole Knowles	83.30%	50
	Answered Question:	**60**

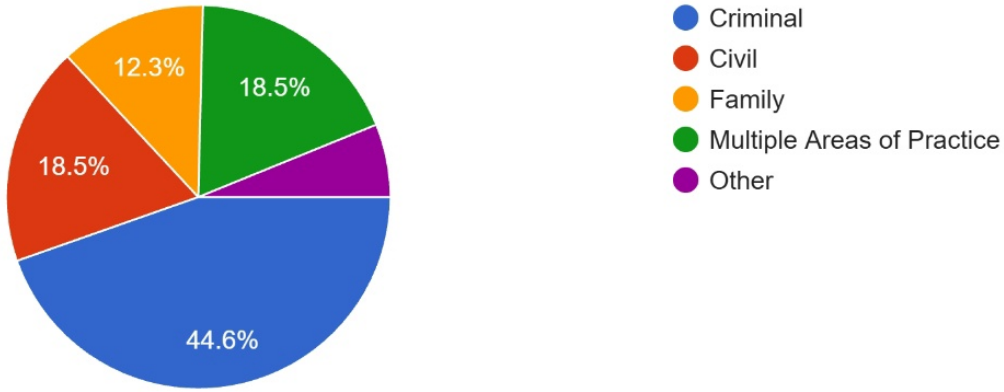
How many years have you been in practice?

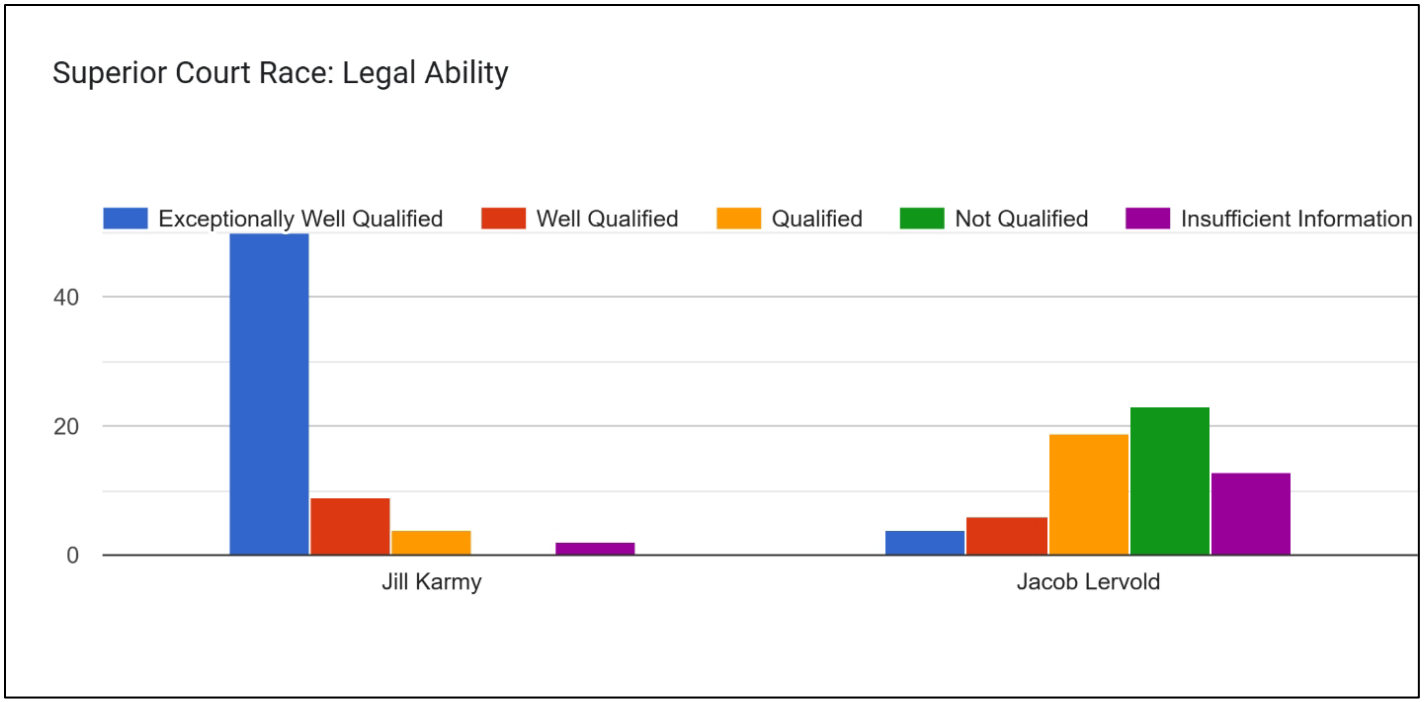
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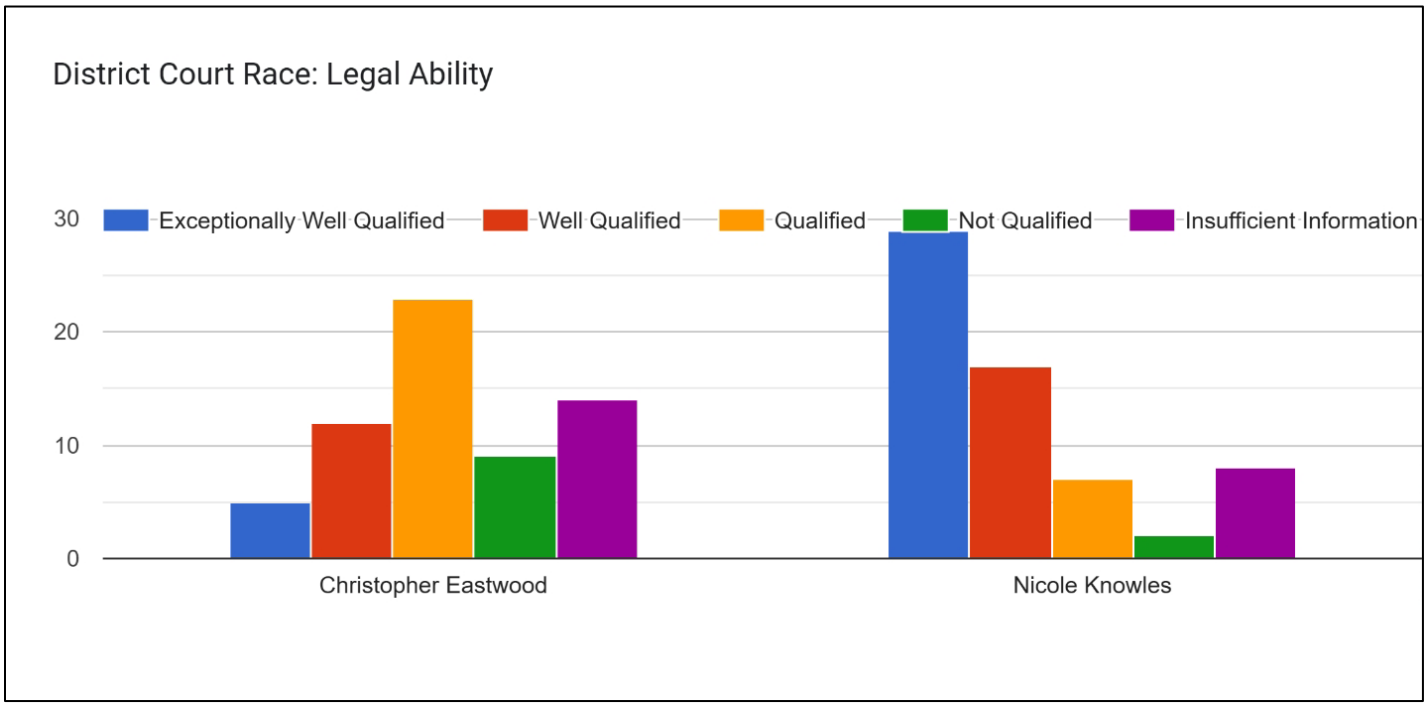


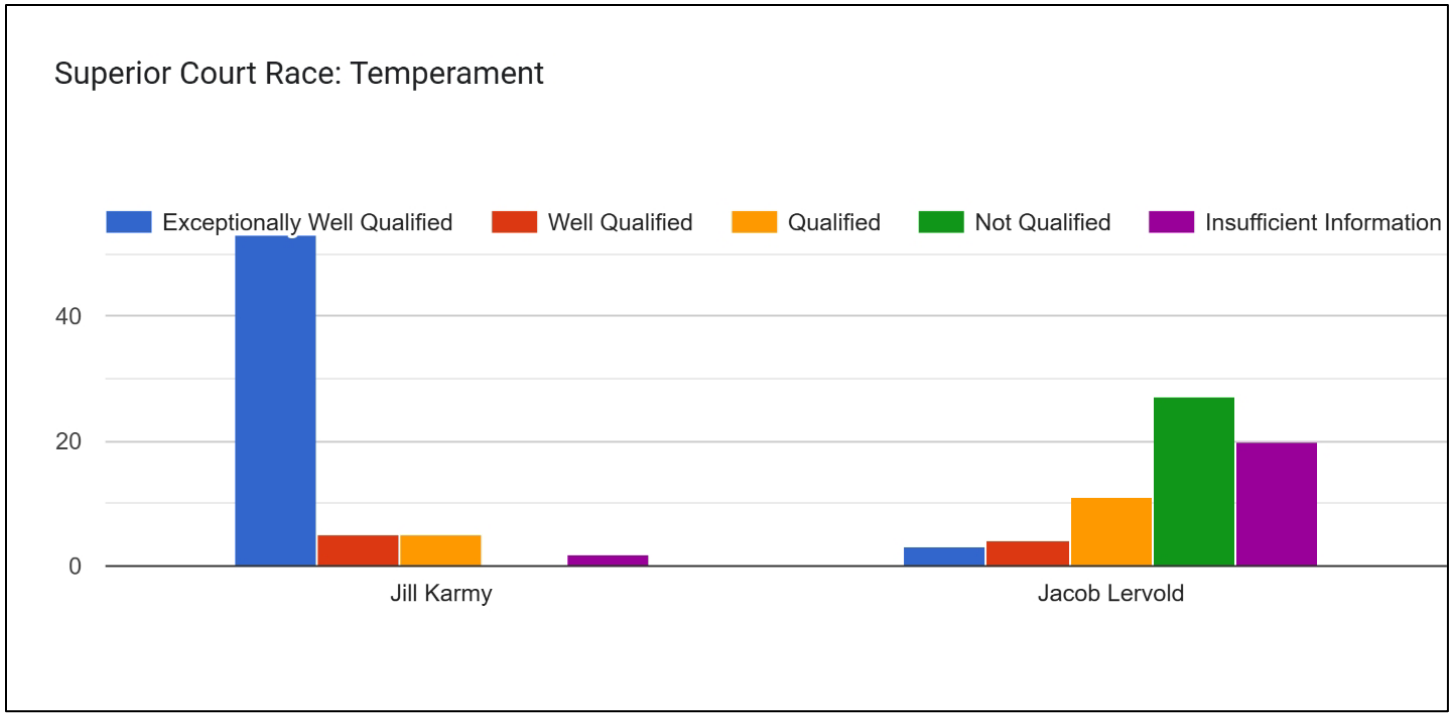
What is your primary area of practice?

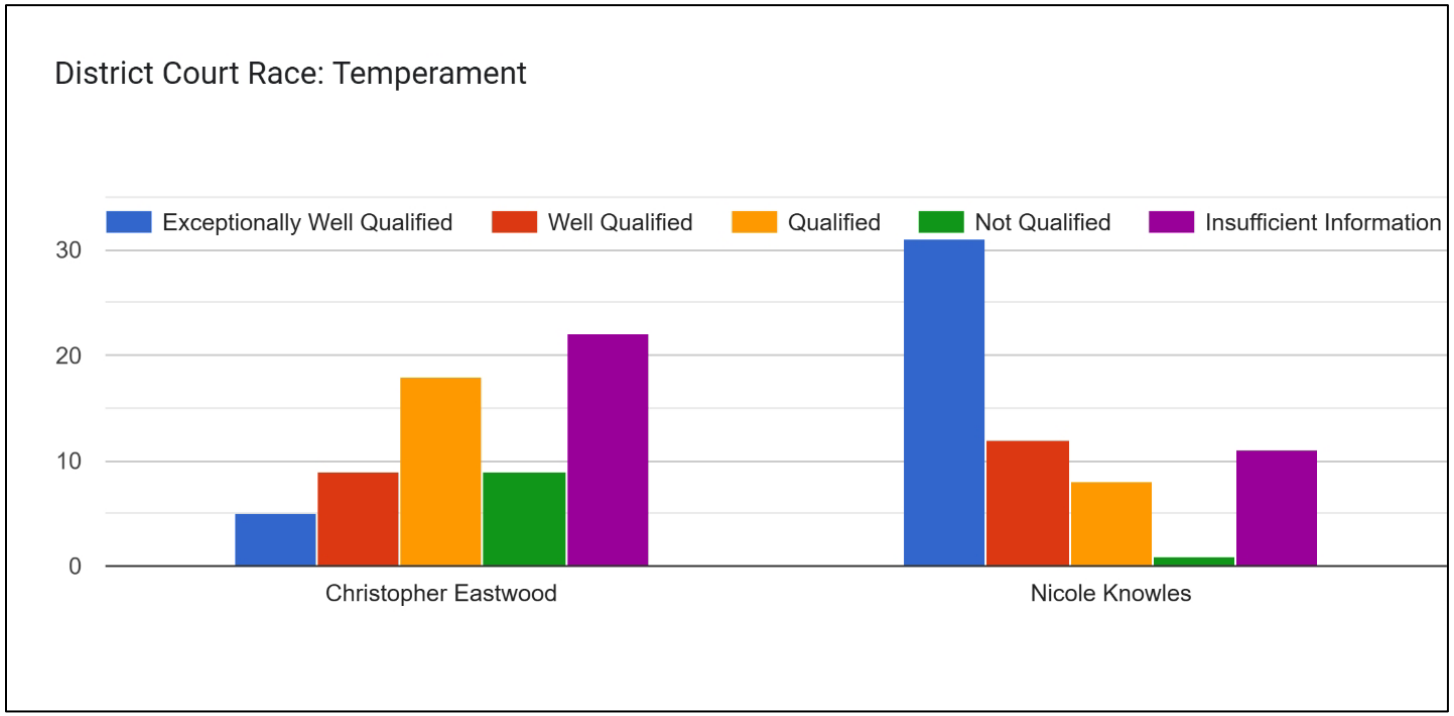
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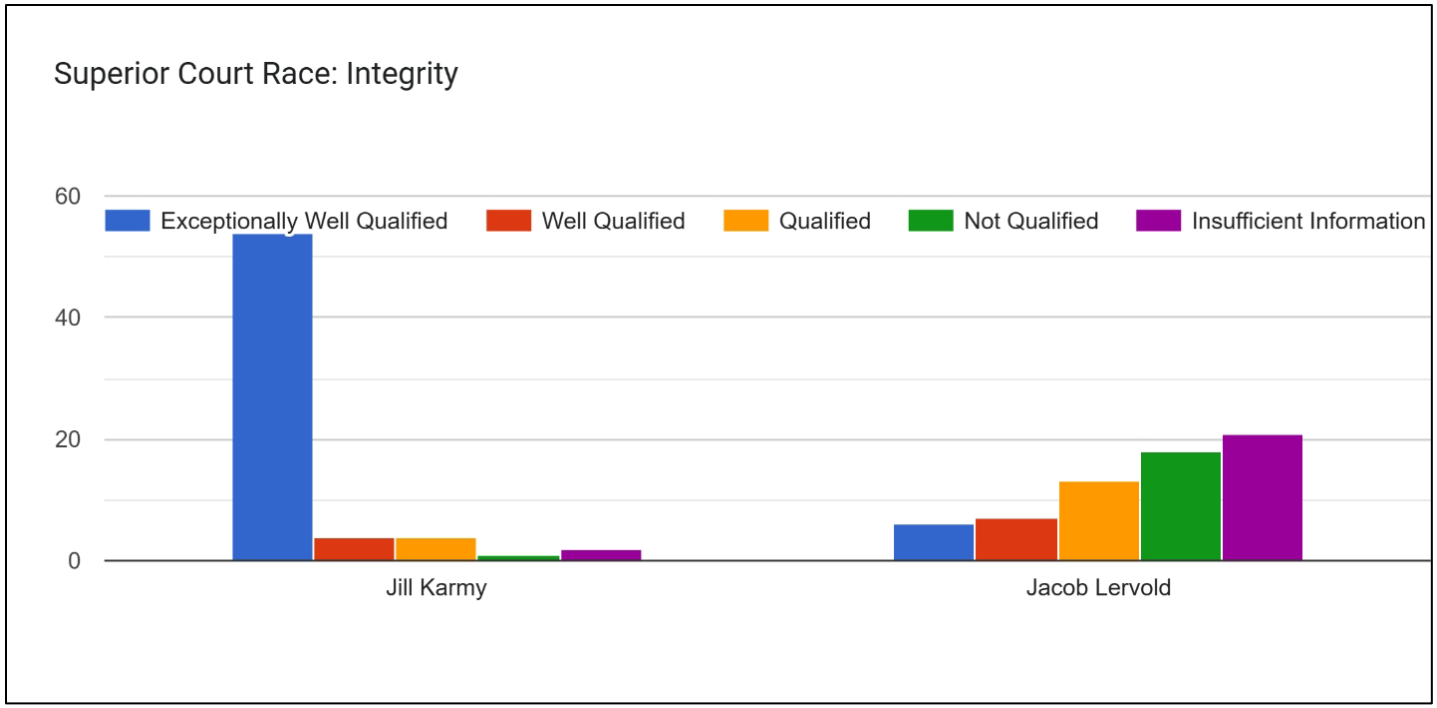


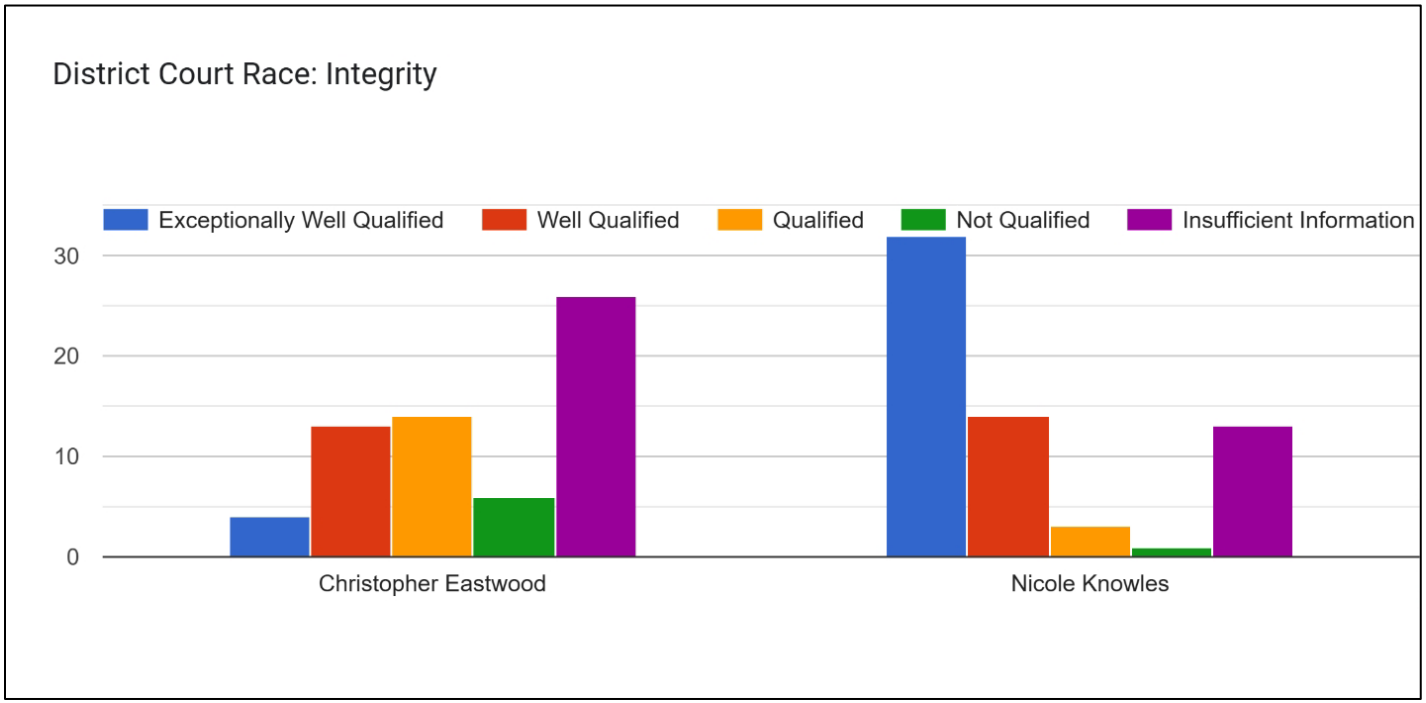

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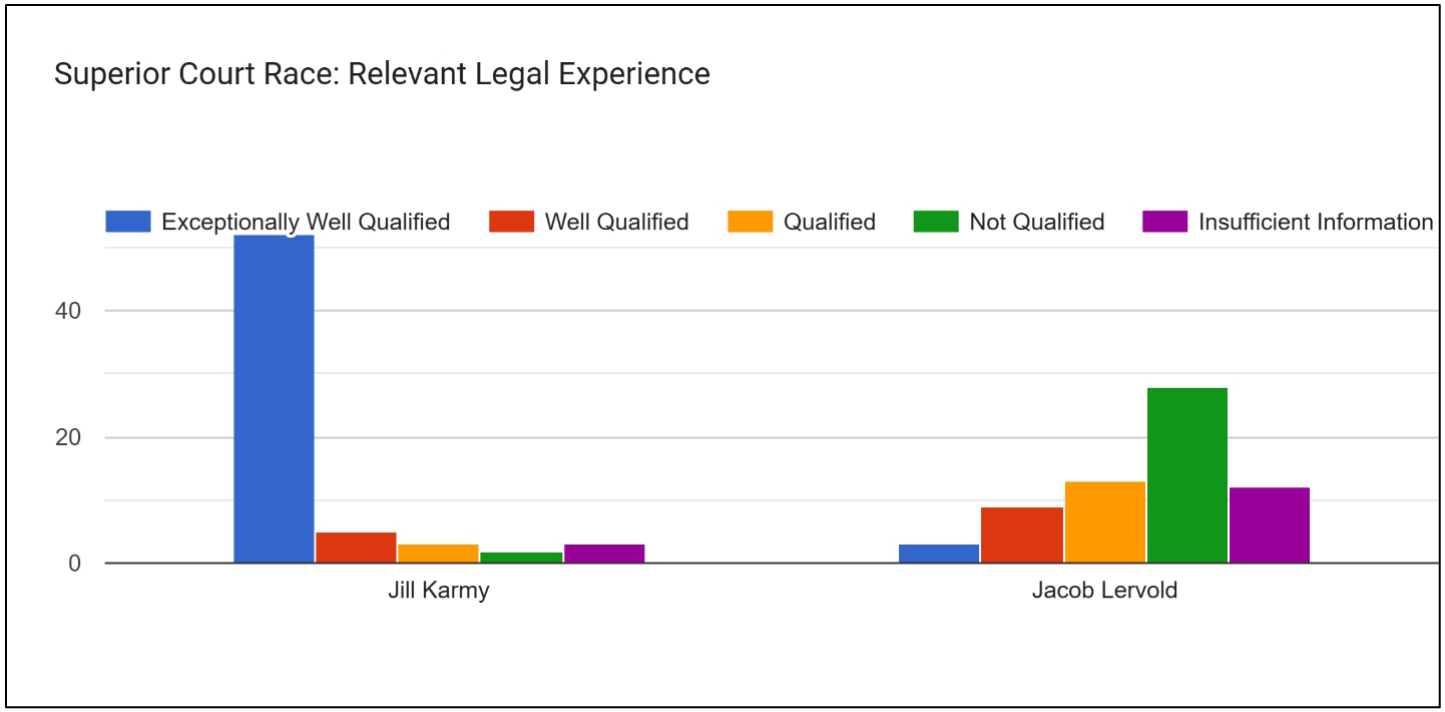

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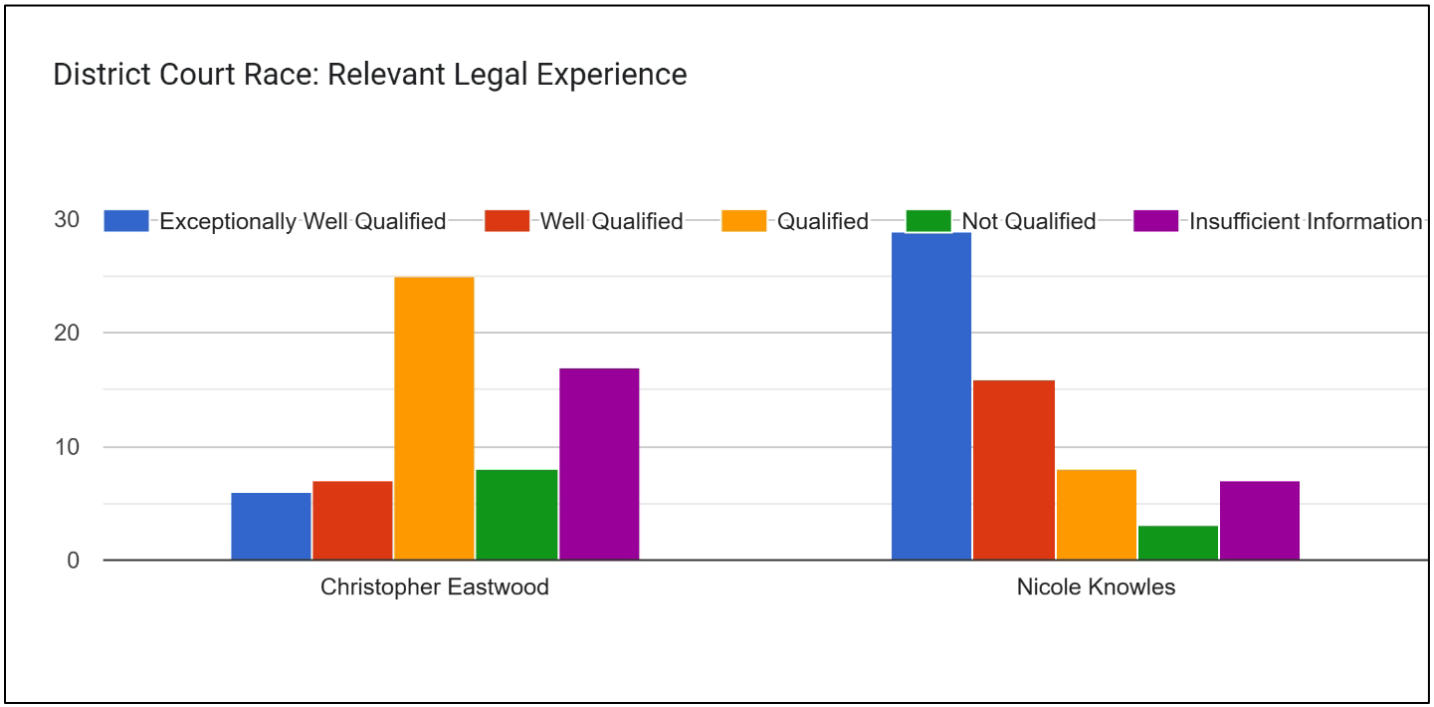

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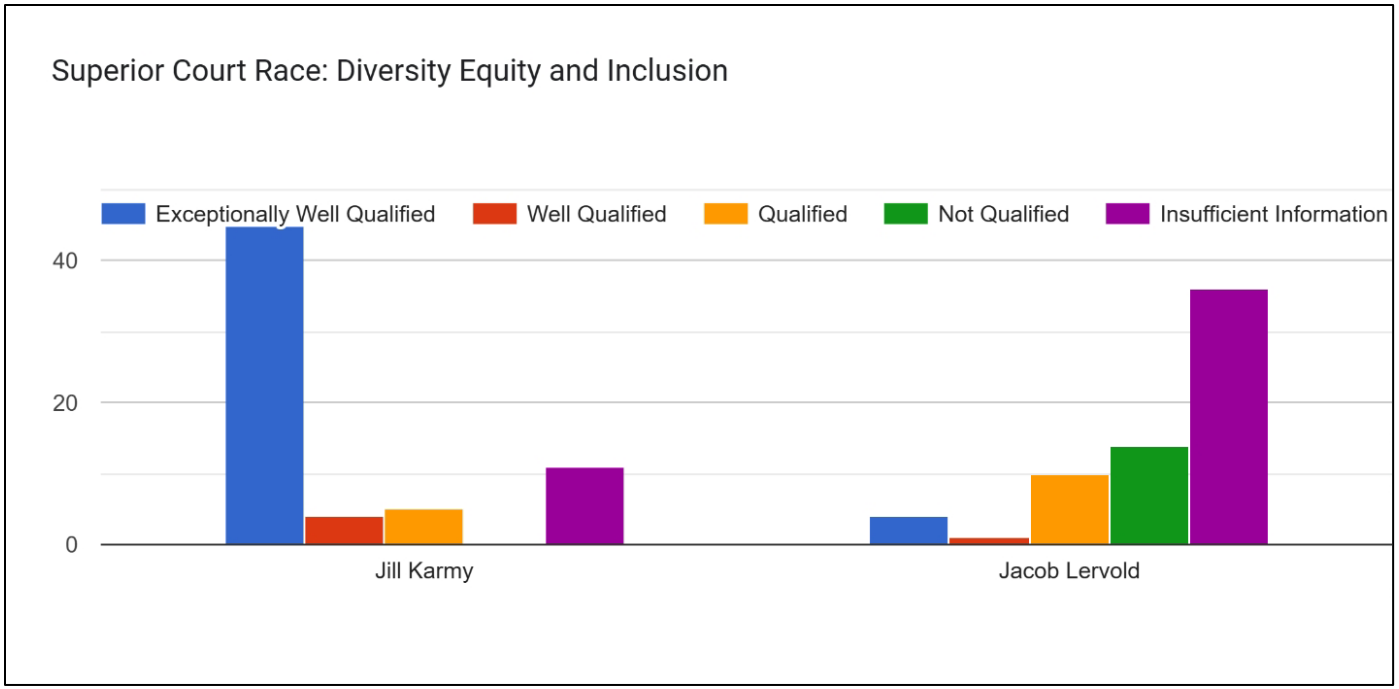

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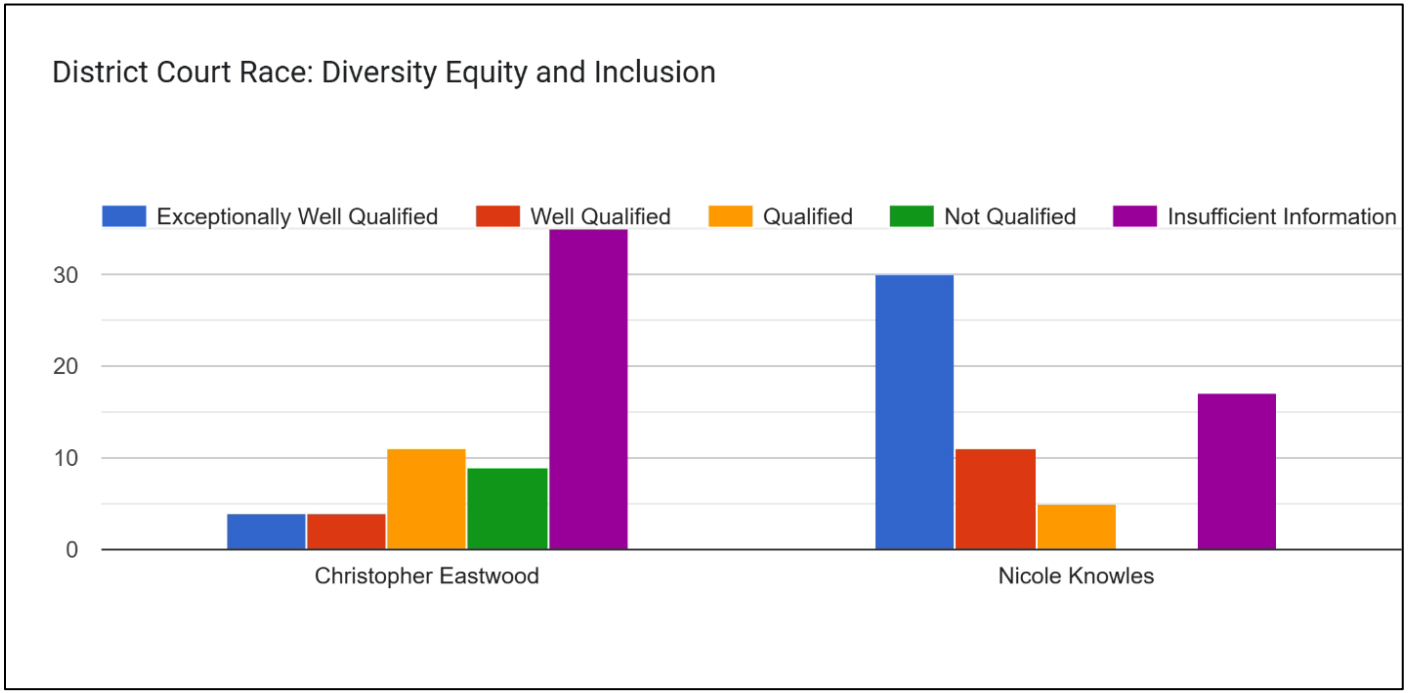

Superior Court Race: Integrity
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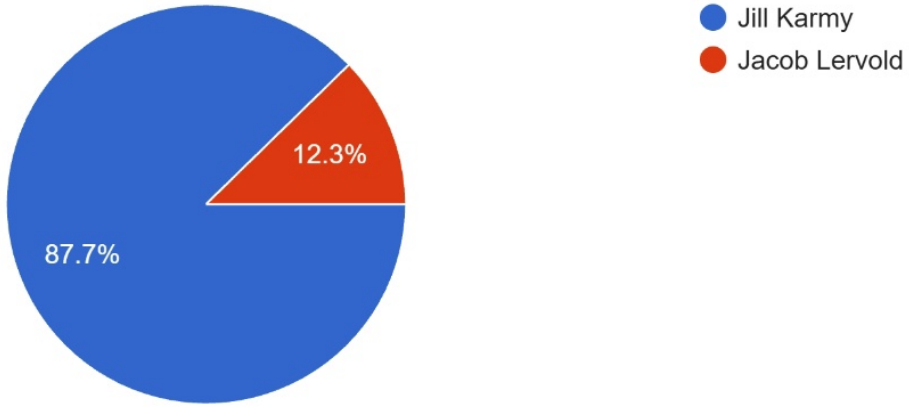

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Superior Court Race: Choice for Appointment

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District Court Race: Choice for Appointment

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