



Judge Andrew A. Valdez of the Juvenile Court for the Third Judicial District serves Salt Lake, Summit, and Tooele Counties.

Certified by the Utah Judicial Council for retention in the 2008 General Election.

Andrew A. Valdez is a judge in the Third District Juvenile Court in Salt Lake City, Utah. Prior to his appointment to the bench in 1993, Judge Valdez was a commissioned captain in the US. Army J.A.G. Corps, and a trial counsel with the Legal Defenders Association Felony and Homicide Division. Judge Valdez has served as chair of the statewide Youth Parole Authority, and on the Utah Sentencing Commission, the Board of Trustees for Primary Children’s Medical

Center, the Juvenile Justice Task Force, the Board of Juvenile Court Judges, and the Judicial Council. He is currently a member of the National Youth Gang Center and was honored in 2003 with the Martin Luther King Civil Rights Award by the N.A.A.C.P. In 2005, Judge Valdez was awarded the Footprinter’s Association Law Enforcement Office of the Year Award, the Utah Children Advocate of the Year Award, Utah State Bar Judge of the Year Award for 2005, Caesar Chavez Peace and Justice Award and the Pete Suzao Community Service Award. Judge Valdez is committed to helping troubled young people and has developed a court-based mentoring program, partnering with community educational schools. His nonfiction book, “No One Makes It Alone,” is a true story based on his own life. A native of Utah, Judge Valdez is a graduate of the University of Utah College of Law.

Judge Valdez’s compliance with performance standards is as follows:

1. A favorable rating by at least 70% of the respondents on at least 75% of the attorney survey questions. See specific results below.
2. Had fewer than the maximum allowable cases held under advisement.
3. At least 30 hours of continuing judicial education annually.
4. Mentally and physically fit for office.
5. In substantial compliance with the Code of Judicial Conduct.

Survey of Attorneys

There were 75 respondents for Judge Valdez.

Question		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Total Favorable	%	72	68	78	85	81	81	65	89	69	86	94	87	76
Excellent	%	27	28	28	32	32	36	20	31	24	29	30	28	28
More than Adequate	%	19	20	24	24	29	23	17	32	29	23	31	25	24
Adequate	%	27	20	25	28	20	23	28	27	16	33	34	35	24
Less than Adequate	%	17	19	10	10	16	15	12	7	16	12	1	9	13
Inadequate	%	11	13	12	5	3	4	23	4	15	3	4	4	11