

JUDGE ROBERT W. WEDEMEYER

Recommendation: RETAIN

Commission Vote: 9 FOR RETENTION • 0 FOR REPLACEMENT

Legal Education and Experience

Judge Robert W. Wedemeyer received his law degree from the Memphis State University School of Law in 1976. Judge Wedemeyer engaged in the private practice of law from 1977 until 1990. He was appointed to serve as Circuit Judge in the 19th Judicial District in 1990, was elected to the position in 1990 and was reelected in 1998. Judge Wedemeyer was appointed to the Court of Criminal Appeals in 2000, and was elected in 2000, and was re-elected in 2006.

Service to the Profession

Judge Wedemeyer serves on the Bench/Bar Relations Committee of the Tennessee Judicial Conference and has previously served on the Tennessee Pattern Jury Instructions Committee of the conference. He is a member of the Tennessee, Montgomery County and Robertson County Bar Associations, having served as President of the Montgomery County Bar Association. Judge Wedemeyer is also a past member of the Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association and the Tennessee Trial Judges Association. He is a frequent lecturer on legal topics and has taught courses on Family Law and the Death Penalty at Austin Peay State University.

Survey Results and Interview

Judge Wedemeyer's survey ratings from appellate judges, trial judges, attorneys and court personnel reflect a good

performance with both areas of excellence and potential for self-improvement. He received high marks for his collegiality and courtesy toward those appearing before him. Attorneys rated Judge Wedemeyer slightly lower than the other groups, leaving some room for improvement in what was an overall favorable evaluation. Judge Wedemeyer also consistently renders opinions in a timely manner. The interview with Judge Wedemeyer supported the survey ratings. Judge Wedemeyer noted that the addition of a third law clerk to his staff has allowed him to circulate opinions in less time.

Recommendation

The Commission unanimously recommends Judge Robert W. Wedemeyer be retained on the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals.

Judge Wedemeyer's Response

I appreciate the work of the Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission and I am gratified by the Commission's unanimous recommendation that I be retained for another term on the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals. It is an honor to serve the citizens of Tennessee as a judge, and I will continue to do so with humility and hard work. Thank you.