

Table 25

California

2008 Overall Ranking: 44

2007 Overall Ranking: 45

Ratings on Key Elements of State Liability Systems (n=200)

		"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"	"F"	Mean Grade	Ranking Within Element
Having and Enforcing Meaningful Venue Requirements	%	7	29	32	12	5	3.2	46
Overall Treatment of Tort and Contract Litigation	%	4	24	40	23	7	2.9	45
Treatment of Class Action Suits and Mass Consolidation Suits	%	4	21	23	21	11	2.8	46
Punitive Damages	%	4	17	28	29	10	2.7	42
Timeliness of Summary Judgment or Dismissal	%	3	19	38	22	8	2.9	45
Discovery	%	7	31	38	14	3	3.3	45
Scientific and Technical Evidence	%	8	38	26	6	3	3.5	27
Non-economic Damages	%	5	18	37	19	8	2.9	44
Judges' Impartiality	%	6	39	36	13	4	3.3	40
Judges' Competence	%	3	42	42	8	1	3.4	40
Juries' Predictability	%	1	20	40	20	6	2.9	47
Juries' Fairness	%	4	23	41	19	5	3.0	45
OVERALL STATE GRADE	%	2	25	47	21	4	3.0	

OTHER ELEMENTS CRITICAL TO LIABILITY SYSTEM

TOTAL

N=47

of respondents who named each item

Favor plaintiffs	5
Statutory issues	4
Anti-business environment	4
Legislature	3
Attorney fee issues	3
Overburdened with cases/Too many cases	3
Timeliness for trial	3