

Table 29

Florida

2008 Overall Ranking: 42

2007 Overall Ranking: 36

Ratings on Key Elements of State Liability Systems (n=142)

		"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"	"F"	Mean Grade	Ranking Within Element
Having and Enforcing Meaningful Venue Requirements	%	11	31	32	4	3	3.5	34
Overall Treatment of Tort and Contract Litigation	%	3	30	41	12	6	3.1	42
Treatment of Class Action Suits and Mass Consolidation Suits	%	2	15	32	11	4	3.0	42
Punitive Damages	%	4	21	36	12	6	3.1	35
Timeliness of Summary Judgment or Dismissal	%	4	20	39	18	5	3.0	42
Discovery	%	4	35	35	11	2	3.3	42
Scientific and Technical Evidence	%	6	31	31	7	2	3.4	37
Non-economic Damages	%	3	24	34	18	4	3.0	42
Judges' Impartiality	%	5	37	29	14	1	3.3	39
Judges' Competence	%	8	35	30	11	2	3.4	39
Juries' Predictability	%	4	23	40	11	5	3.1	40
Juries' Fairness	%	5	20	42	15	4	3.1	42
OVERALL STATE GRADE	%	2	33	45	11	4	3.2	

OTHER ELEMENTS CRITICAL TO LIABILITY SYSTEM

TOTAL

N=28

of respondents who named each item

Favor plaintiffs	4
Control frivolous lawsuits	2
Attorney fee issues	2
Discovery issues	2
Court resources/funding/staffing	2
Cap on damages	2
Timeliness for trial	2