

**Table 50**

**New Jersey**

**2008 Overall Ranking: 35**

**2007 Overall Ranking: 26**

**Ratings on Key Elements of State Liability Systems (n=74)**

		"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"	"F"	Mean Grade	Ranking Within Element
Having and Enforcing Meaningful Venue Requirements	%	7	41	20	11	3	3.5	39
Overall Treatment of Tort and Contract Litigation	%	4	34	36	9	7	3.2	41
Treatment of Class Action Suits and Mass Consolidation Suits	%	3	24	30	4	7	3.2	35
Punitive Damages	%	3	22	39	11	5	3.1	34
Timeliness of Summary Judgment or Dismissal	%	4	31	32	16	4	3.2	37
Discovery	%	11	35	30	12	3	3.4	38
Scientific and Technical Evidence	%	7	32	30	3	4	3.5	35
Non-economic Damages	%	3	27	36	9	7	3.1	40
Judges' Impartiality	%	9	43	20	14	3	3.5	31
Judges' Competence	%	15	36	30	7	3	3.6	27
Juries' Predictability	%	-	24	45	9	3	3.1	39
Juries' Fairness	%	1	32	39	9	1	3.3	38
<b>OVERALL STATE GRADE</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3.4</b>	

**OTHER ELEMENTS CRITICAL TO LIABILITY SYSTEM**

**TOTAL**

N=8

# of respondents who named each item

Appointment vs. elections	2
Control frivolous lawsuits	1
Timeliness for trial	1
Ability to issue a summary judgment	1
Favor plaintiffs	1