

Table 24

Arkansas

2008 Overall Ranking: 34

2007 Overall Ranking: 41

Ratings on Key Elements of State Liability Systems (n=65)

		"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"	"F"	Mean Grade	Ranking Within Element
Having and Enforcing Meaningful Venue Requirements	%	11	35	25	5	2	3.6	24
Overall Treatment of Tort and Contract Litigation	%	5	35	37	5	3	3.4	31
Treatment of Class Action Suits and Mass Consolidation Suits	%	8	17	25	11	3	3.2	33
Punitive Damages	%	3	18	42	6	5	3.1	30
Timeliness of Summary Judgment or Dismissal	%	5	23	42	9	3	3.2	35
Discovery	%	6	37	31	6	3	3.4	37
Scientific and Technical Evidence	%	2	26	38	3	5	3.2	45
Non-economic Damages	%	5	28	28	14	3	3.2	35
Judges' Impartiality	%	9	34	26	9	5	3.4	36
Judges' Competence	%	5	25	48	2	3	3.3	42
Juries' Predictability	%	3	26	35	5	5	3.3	28
Juries' Fairness	%	6	32	31	3	5	3.4	29
OVERALL STATE GRADE	%	3	34	43	6	3	3.3	

OTHER ELEMENTS CRITICAL TO LIABILITY SYSTEM

TOTAL

N=6

of respondents who named each item

Tort reform legislation	1
Fairness (i.e., court, laws, judges)	1
Quality of the attorneys	1
Class action issues	1