

**Table 43**

**Minnesota**

**2008 Overall Ranking: 11**

**2007 Overall Ranking: 2**

**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	%	14	35	28	2	-	3.8	12
Overall Treatment of Tort and Contract Litigation	%	6	48	32	6	-	3.6	14
Treatment of Class Action Suits and Mass Consolidation Suits	%	9	17	28	11	2	3.3	30
Punitive Damages	%	5	35	25	12	2	3.4	16
Timeliness of Summary Judgment or Dismissal	%	12	40	31	6	2	3.6	6
Discovery	%	12	45	29	2	-	3.8	8
Scientific and Technical Evidence	%	8	43	18	8	-	3.7	10
Non-economic Damages	%	6	32	29	6	-	3.5	14
Judges' Impartiality	%	23	49	12	6	-	4.0	5
Judges' Competence	%	23	49	17	3	-	4.0	2
Juries' Predictability	%	5	35	32	8	-	3.5	14
Juries' Fairness	%	12	35	26	9	-	3.6	15
<b>OVERALL STATE GRADE</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3.7</b>	

**OTHER ELEMENTS CRITICAL TO LIABILITY SYSTEM**

**TOTAL**

N=5

# of respondents who named each item

Class action issues	2
The workers' compensation shield	1
Quality of juries/juror pool	1
Attorney fee issues	1
Fairness (i.e., court, laws, judges)	1
Overburdened with cases/Too many cases	1