

Table 60

South Carolina

2008 Overall Ranking: 43

2007 Overall Ranking: 37

Ratings on Key Elements of State Liability Systems (n=50)

		"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"	"F"	Mean Grade	Ranking Within Element
Having and Enforcing Meaningful Venue Requirements	%	4	40	34	8	-	3.5	40
Overall Treatment of Tort and Contract Litigation	%	-	36	28	22	4	3.1	43
Treatment of Class Action Suits and Mass Consolidation Suits	%	-	18	28	8	4	3.0	41
Punitive Damages	%	2	24	24	16	8	2.9	40
Timeliness of Summary Judgment or Dismissal	%	-	26	46	14	2	3.1	39
Discovery	%	-	42	40	12	-	3.3	43
Scientific and Technical Evidence	%	-	28	40	8	-	3.3	44
Non-economic Damages	%	2	16	32	24	4	2.8	46
Judges' Impartiality	%	-	36	30	16	2	3.2	44
Judges' Competence	%	2	40	28	14	2	3.3	44
Juries' Predictability	%	-	22	42	8	6	3.0	45
Juries' Fairness	%	-	22	38	18	2	3.0	46
OVERALL STATE GRADE	%	-	40	34	22	-	3.2	

OTHER ELEMENTS CRITICAL TO LIABILITY SYSTEM

TOTAL

N=5

of respondents who named each item

Timeliness for trial	1
Tort reform legislation	1
Court resources/funding/staffing	1
Election of judges	1
Cap on damages	1