

**Table 62**

**Tennessee**

**2008 Overall Ranking: 22**

**2007 Overall Ranking: 6**

**Ratings on Key Elements of State Liability Systems (n=73)**

		"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"	"F"	Mean Grade	Ranking Within Element
Having and Enforcing Meaningful Venue Requirements	%	3	49	26	3	1	3.6	29
Overall Treatment of Tort and Contract Litigation	%	1	47	33	10	1	3.4	30
Treatment of Class Action Suits and Mass Consolidation Suits	%	4	26	25	11	-	3.4	27
Punitive Damages	%	3	38	32	8	1	3.4	15
Timeliness of Summary Judgment or Dismissal	%	1	38	33	10	1	3.3	23
Discovery	%	8	47	29	7	-	3.6	16
Scientific and Technical Evidence	%	3	40	29	1	-	3.6	20
Non-economic Damages	%	-	44	30	8	3	3.4	27
Judges' Impartiality	%	4	44	34	3	1	3.5	29
Judges' Competence	%	8	37	37	7	-	3.5	33
Juries' Predictability	%	3	30	37	8	5	3.2	33
Juries' Fairness	%	5	47	26	3	3	3.6	18
<b>OVERALL STATE GRADE</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3.5</b>	

**OTHER ELEMENTS CRITICAL TO LIABILITY SYSTEM**

**TOTAL**

N=7

# of respondents who named each item

Inconsistency in treatment of cases	3
Timeliness for trial	1
Cap on damages	1