

**Table 67**

**Washington**

**2008 Overall Ranking: 27**

**2007 Overall Ranking: 25**

**Ratings on Key Elements of State Liability Systems (n=97)**

		"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"	"F"	Mean Grade	Ranking Within Element
Having and Enforcing Meaningful Venue Requirements	%	10	38	23	4	1	3.7	22
Overall Treatment of Tort and Contract Litigation	%	2	40	32	11	1	3.4	34
Treatment of Class Action Suits and Mass Consolidation Suits	%	2	24	23	10	4	3.1	38
Punitive Damages	%	Washington does not allow punitive damages in general						
Timeliness of Summary Judgment or Dismissal	%	5	25	43	8	2	3.3	28
Discovery	%	8	42	29	6	1	3.6	21
Scientific and Technical Evidence	%	3	33	28	5	2	3.4	36
Non-economic Damages	%	2	35	35	12	2	3.3	33
Judges' Impartiality	%	11	41	27	7	1	3.6	25
Judges' Competence	%	7	55	22	2	2	3.7	19
Juries' Predictability	%	1	27	33	9	2	3.2	30
Juries' Fairness	%	3	40	27	5	2	3.5	23
<b>OVERALL STATE GRADE</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3.5</b>	

**OTHER ELEMENTS CRITICAL TO LIABILITY SYSTEM**

**TOTAL**

N=8

# of respondents who named each item

Favor plaintiffs	1
Tort reform legislation	1
Unfair venue selection	1
Statutory reform	1
Legislators/politicians being fair	1
Values of the people	1
Legal blackmail	1
Comparative negligence	1