

Table 53

North Carolina

2008 Overall Ranking: 21

2007 Overall Ranking: 16

Ratings on Key Elements of State Liability Systems (n=58)

		"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"	"F"	Mean Grade	Ranking Within Element
Having and Enforcing Meaningful Venue Requirements	%	5	41	26	5	2	3.5	31
Overall Treatment of Tort and Contract Litigation	%	5	43	29	7	3	3.5	26
Treatment of Class Action Suits and Mass Consolidation Suits	%	7	21	28	5	2	3.4	22
Punitive Damages	%	9	41	21	7	5	3.5	11
Timeliness of Summary Judgment or Dismissal	%	2	36	34	14	3	3.2	34
Discovery	%	5	50	29	5	2	3.6	25
Scientific and Technical Evidence	%	2	41	29	5	-	3.5	29
Non-economic Damages	%	-	34	34	7	5	3.2	37
Judges' Impartiality	%	16	43	17	10	2	3.7	18
Judges' Competence	%	10	53	17	7	2	3.7	20
Juries' Predictability	%	2	31	38	3	5	3.3	27
Juries' Fairness	%	5	43	24	5	5	3.5	24
OVERALL STATE GRADE	%	5	53	29	7	2	3.6	

OTHER ELEMENTS CRITICAL TO LIABILITY SYSTEM

TOTAL

N=6

of respondents who named each item

Timeliness for trial	1
Court resources/funding/staffing	1
Cap on damages	1
Overburdened with cases/Too many cases	1
Joint and several liability rules	1