

## Table 4: Rules of confidentiality

State/Court	Identity of applicants	Records	Interviews	External communications to commissioners	Deliberations	Voting	Communications with appointing authority
<b>Alabama</b>							
Baldwin County	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jefferson County	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Madison County							
Mobile County							
Tuscaloosa County	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Alaska</b>							
	No	No	Yes <sup>1</sup>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
<b>Arizona</b>							
	No	Yes	No	Yes	No <sup>2</sup>	No	
<b>Colorado<sup>3</sup></b>							
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Connecticut</b>							
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes
<b>Delaware</b>							
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>D.C.</b>							
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Florida</b>							
	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes <sup>4</sup>
<b>Georgia</b>							
<b>Hawaii</b>							
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Idaho</b>							
	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Indiana</b>							
Appellate Courts and Tax Court	No	No	No	No	Yes		No
Allen County	No						
Lake County	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
St Joseph County	No						No
<b>Iowa</b>							
Supreme Court and Court of Appeals	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
District Court	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
District Associate and Magistrate Judges							
<b>Kansas</b>							
<b>Kentucky</b>							
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Maryland</b>							
	No	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	
<b>Massachusetts</b>							
	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Minnesota</b>							
<b>Missouri</b>							
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes <sup>5</sup>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Montana<sup>6</sup></b>							
	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
<b>Nebraska</b>							
	No	No	Yes	No	Yes		

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<b>Nevada</b>	No	No <sup>7</sup>	No <sup>8</sup>	Yes	No <sup>8</sup>	No <sup>8</sup>	No
<b>New Hampshire</b>	Yes	Yes			Yes		
<b>New Mexico</b>	No		No	No	Yes	No	
<b>New York</b>							
Court of Appeals	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Appellate Division of the Supreme Court and Supreme Court; Trial Courts (outside New York City)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes <sup>9</sup>
New York City	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
<b>North Dakota</b>	No	No			No	No	
<b>Oklahoma</b>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
<b>Rhode Island</b>	No		No	No	Yes	No	
<b>South Dakota</b>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Tennessee</b>	No	No	Yes	No <sup>10</sup>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Utah</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Vermont</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Wyoming</b>							

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1. **Alaska.** Applicant interviews are conducted in executive session unless the applicant requests an interview in public session.
2. **Arizona.** Deliberations may be held in executive session upon a two-thirds vote of commission members.
3. **Colorado.** The rules for two of Colorado's district judicial nominating commissions do not contain complete information on rules of confidentiality.
4. **Florida.** Communications between the governor and the judicial nominating commission for the district court of appeal are not confidential.
5. **Missouri.** All communications between a commission member and a non-commission member must be summarized in writing and provided to all other commission members.
6. **Montana.** All meetings, proceedings of the commission, and documents shall be open to the public except when a majority of the commission votes that the demand of individual privacy exceeds the merits of public disclosure.
7. **Nevada.** Information that is ordinarily sensitive and confidential and that proves to be of little or no relevance to a candidate's qualifications is confidential.
8. **Nevada.** The commission may meet in executive session with the approval of a majority of members if it is deemed necessary or appropriate because of the sensitive nature of the matters or information to be discussed.
9. **New York.** The report relating to the governor's appointee is made publicly available upon announcement of the appointment.
10. **Tennessee.** After one public meeting where any member of the public may suggest possible nominees or express approval or disapproval of proposed nominees, the commission may hold such additional public or private meetings as it deems necessary.