

Table 21

Alabama

2008 Overall Ranking: 47

2007 Overall Ranking: 47

Ratings on Key Elements of State Liability Systems (n=55)

		"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"	"F"	Mean Grade	Ranking Within Element
Having and Enforcing Meaningful Venue Requirements	%	9	25	29	15	4	3.3	45
Overall Treatment of Tort and Contract Litigation	%	2	20	36	29	7	2.8	47
Treatment of Class Action Suits and Mass Consolidation Suits	%	4	11	35	16	5	2.9	45
Punitive Damages	%	2	18	16	29	22	2.4	44
Timeliness of Summary Judgment or Dismissal	%	-	16	36	29	5	2.7	48
Discovery	%	-	27	31	24	4	3.0	49
Scientific and Technical Evidence	%	-	24	29	15	2	3.1	47
Non-economic Damages	%	2	16	36	18	11	2.8	47
Judges' Impartiality	%	5	25	31	25	5	3.0	47
Judges' Competence	%	4	25	45	15	4	3.1	47
Juries' Predictability	%	2	27	29	25	7	2.9	46
Juries' Fairness	%	4	22	33	25	9	2.8	47
OVERALL STATE GRADE	%	-	25	33	35	5	2.8	

OTHER ELEMENTS CRITICAL TO LIABILITY SYSTEM

TOTAL

N=14

of respondents who named each item

Favor plaintiffs	2
Tort reform legislation	2
Corruption	2
Timeliness for trial	2