

# Replication Materials for “The Politics of Selecting the Bench from the Bar: The Legal Profession and Partisan Incentives to Introduce Ideology Into Judicial Selection”

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**Description:**

Replication archive for “The Politics of Selecting the Bench from the Bar: The Legal Profession and Partisan Incentives to Introduce Ideology Into Judicial Selection.” The archive includes code and data needed to reproduce results reported in the article and supplement appendix. Variable descriptions and coding are below. See the article and supplemental appendix for information on how variables were constructed and a description of the probabilistic record-linkage techniques used to merge data sets.

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# 1 Variable Descriptions

## Merged DIME and Martindale-Hubbell Data (`dime_mh_merged.Rdata`)

- 1) `dime.cid`: The unique DIME contributor ID associated with the judge. This variable can be used to match judges with their personal contributions records in DIME.
- 2) `isln`: Unique identifier for attorneys from Martindale-Hubbell.
- 3) `cfscore`: Contributor CFscore from DIME.
- 4) `inCF`: Indicator variable for whether an attorney was linked with DIME.
- 5) `total.donate`: Total dollar amount contributed.
- 6) `total.to.rep`: Total dollar amount contributed to Republicans.
- 7) `total.to.dem`: Total dollar amount contributed to Democrats.
- 8) `p.to.reps`: Percentage of contribution dollars going to Republicans.
- 9) `cfscore.fed.only`: CFscore estimate based solely on contributions made to federal elections.
- 10) `cfscore.state.only`: CFscore estimate based solely on contributions made to state elections.
- 11) `cfscore.no.judges`: CFscore estimate excluding contributions to judges.
- 12) `cfdb.trans.id`: The unique DIME transaction ID.
- 13) `gov`: Employed by Government.
- 14) `corp`: Employed as in-house corporate counsel.
- 15) `is.big.law`: Employed by “Big Law” firm.
- 16) `solo.practice`: Solo-practitioner.
- 17) `law.prof`: Law professor.
- 18) `etype`: Employer category type.
- 19) `partner`: Law firm partner.
- 20) `prosecutor.or.da`: Prosecutor or district attorney.
- 21) `public.defender`: Public defender.
- 22) `gender`: Physician gender coding ('M' = male; 'F' = female; 'U' = unknown).
- 23) `female`: Indicator variable for female.
- 24) `1year`: Years since admission to bar.

- 25) `law.school`: Name of law school attended.
- 26) `top.14`: Graduated from “Top 14” law school.
- 27) `not.top.100`: Graduated from law school not ranked in the top 100.
- 28) `law.school.state`: State where law school is located.
- 29) `attended.in.state.ls`: Attended law school located in the state where attorney currently practices.
- 30) `is.judge`: Is a judge? (1= Yes; 0=No).
- 31) `court.type`: Four letter code indicating the type of court (USDC—federal district courts; USCA—federal circuit court of appeals).
- 32) `state.lower`: Is a state lower court judge? (1= Yes; 0=No).
- 33) `state.higher`: Is a state high court judge? (1= Yes; 0=No).
- 34) `fed.district`: Is a federal district court judge? (1= Yes; 0=No).
- 35) `fed.circuit`: Is a federal circuit court judge? (1= Yes; 0=No).
- 36) `fed.admin`: Is a federal administrative court judge? (1= Yes; 0=No).
- 37) `state.admin`: Is a state administrative court judge? (1= Yes; 0=No).
- 38) `fed.mag`: Is a federal magistrate judge? (1= Yes; 0=No).
- 39) `state`: Two-letter state code.
- 40) `latitude`: Geo-coded latitude .
- 41) `longitude`: Geo-coded longitude.
- 42) `cong.dist`: Congressional district
- 43) `cd.pvs`: Democratic two-party vote share in 2012 congressional district.

## Merged DIME and Martindale-Hubble Dataset of Judges (`all_judges.Rdata`)

- 1) `name`: Full name of judge.
- 2) `dime.cid`: The unique DIME contributor ID associated with the judge. This variable can be used to match judges with their personal contributions records in DIME.
- 3) `cfscore`: Contributor CFscore from DIME.
- 4) `state`: Two-letter state code. (Takes on the value of 'US' for federal judges.)
- 5) `jtype`: Judge type (Values: State Administrative, State High Courts, State Lower Courts, U.S. Administrative, U.S. Circuit Courts, U.S. District Courts, U.S. Magistrate)
- 6) `isln`: Unique identifier for attorneys from Martindale-Hubbell.
- 7) `party.affil.of.pres`: Party affiliation of appointing president (only for federal judges).

## Judicial Selection Dataset (`jud_selection_data.Rdata`)

- 1) `state`: Two-letter state code.
- 2) `name`: Name of judge.
- 3) `dime.cid`: The unique DIME contributor ID associated with the judge. This variable can be used to match judges with their personal contributions records in DIME.
- 4) `isln`: Unique identifier for attorneys from Martindale-Hubbell.
- 5) `cfscore`: Contributor CFscore from DIME.
- 6) `lyear`: Years since admission to bar.
- 7) `gender`: Physician gender coding ('M' = male; 'F' = female; 'U' = unknown).
- 8) `top.14`: Graduated from "Top 14" law school.
- 9) `not.top.100`: Graduated from law school not ranked in the top 100.
- 10) `attended.in.state.ls`: Attended law school located in the state where attorney currently practices.
- 11) `state.higher`: Is a state high court judge? (1= Yes; 0=No).
- 12) `jud.sel`: Judicial selection method (G = Appointed; GC = Merit Selection; PE = Partisan Election; NPE = Non-partisan Election).
- 13) `jud.sel.interim`: Judicial selection method accounting for interim appointments (G = Appointed; GC = Merit Selection; PE = Partisan Election; NPE = Non-partisan Election).
- 14) `st.cand.mean`: Average CFscores for politicians in state.
- 15) `st.lawyer.mean`: Average CFscores for attorneys in state.