

# STATE JUDICIAL SELECTION REFORM

by the Committee for Economic Development

## WHY REFORM?

1.

Can threaten the impartiality and integrity that citizens expect from their judges.



### JUDICIAL ELECTIONS

2.

Can open the judiciary to a floodgate of money from special interest groups.



3.

Can discourage companies from conducting business. Objective courts are essential to a free-market economy.



### COMMISSION-BASED APPOINTMENTS

Nonpartisan commissions responsible for recruiting, reviewing, and recommending eligible nominees for judicial office.



## SOLUTIONS

### JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS

Independent bodies to periodically conduct comprehensive, objective reviews of judges' performance to ensure accountability.



### STRONGER RECUSAL STANDARDS

An effective means of avoiding bias or conflict of interest in cases that may involve a campaign donor or major source of financial support.



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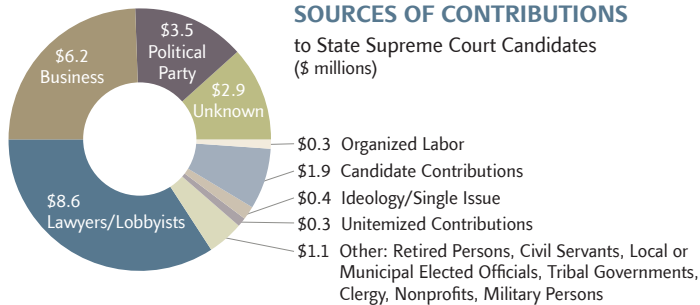
of all legal cases initiated in the United States are handled in **STATE COURTS.**

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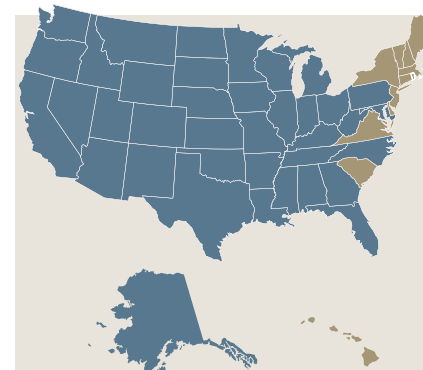
of businesses say their decisions are affected by the **LITIGATION ENVIRONMENT IN THEIR STATE.**

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

view CED's report, **"Choosing Justice? Judicial Selection Reform"** at [ced.org/judicialselection](http://ced.org/judicialselection)



Source: Brennan Center for Justice, Justice At Stake, National Institute on Money in State Politics, The New Politics of Judicial Elections, 2009-2010 (2011). Data based on an analysis of the 2010 election cycle.



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