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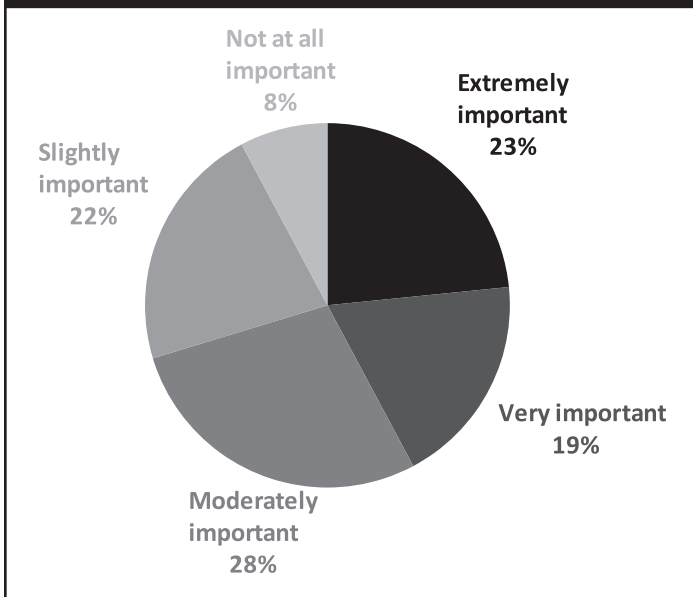
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At the end of the calendar year 2020, the *Court Review* co-editors solicited feedback about the publication. A link to a survey was emailed to the American Judges Association membership (approximately 1400 members) and was included within the printed and online editions of *Court Review*. The questions in the survey asked about experiences as a reader and contributing author of *Court Review*.

We received 81 responses; however, 13 respondents only answered the first question (i.e., how long have you been receiving *Court Review*?) and are therefore not included in the responses below (n=68). Although we would have preferred to hear from many more *Court Review* readers, we also recognize that this was an uncompensated request during a very difficult year that involved many additional burdens.

Most of the respondents (63.2%) have been receiving *Court Review* for 7 or more years and most (54.4%) have been a judge for more than 10 years. The vast majority (84%) read *Court Review* in print rather than online and preferred that *Court Review* remain in-print rather than online only (See Figure 1). Most respondents

FIGURE 1. HOW IMPORTANT IS IT TO YOU THAT COURT REVIEW REMAINS A PRINTED RATHER THAN AN ONLINE-ONLY PUBLICATION?

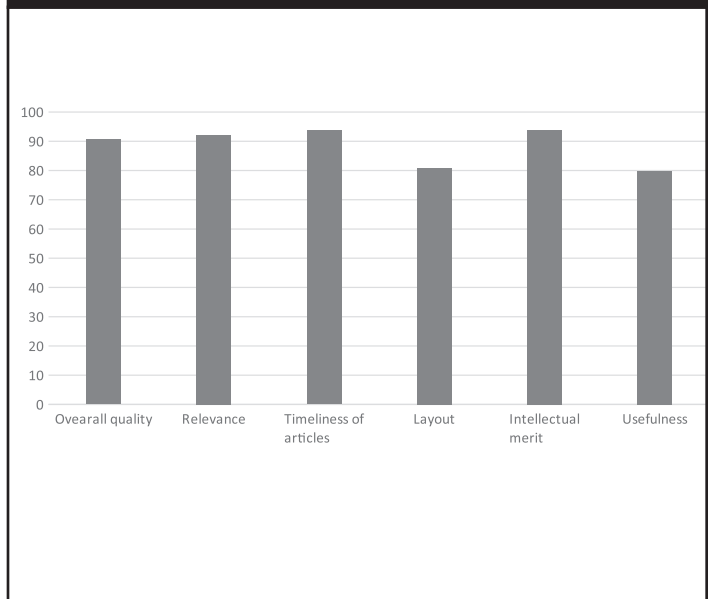


(69.1%) reported that they generally skim the issue to find relevant articles rather than reading the entire issue (11.8%), while 19.1% intend to read the entire issue but usually do not finish it.

We asked respondents to rate their most recent experience with *Court Review* in relation to factors such as quality and usefulness. Using a 7-point scale (1 =extremely satisfied, 2 = moderately satisfied, 3 = slightly satisfied, 4 = neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 5 = slightly dissatisfied, 6 = moderately dissatisfied, 7 = extremely dissatisfied), respondents generally indicated that they were extremely or moderately satisfied with *Court Review* (see Figure 2).

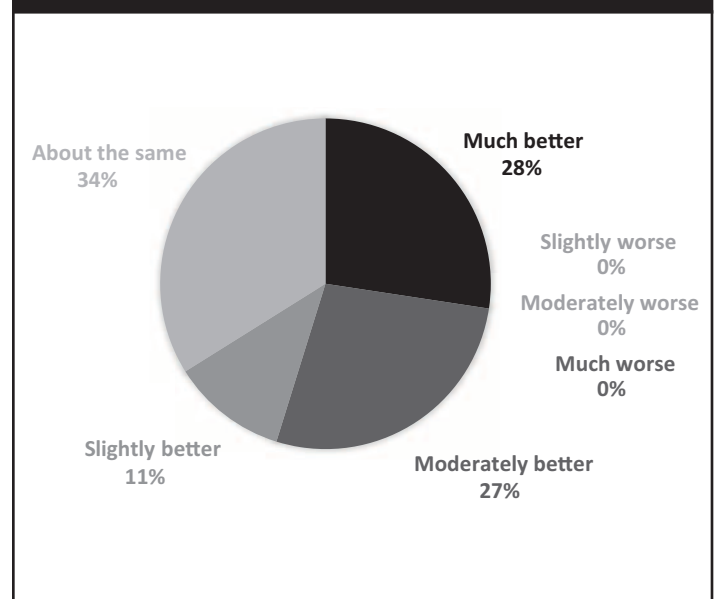
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FIGURE 2. PERCENT EXTREMELY OR MODERATELY SATISFIED WITH:



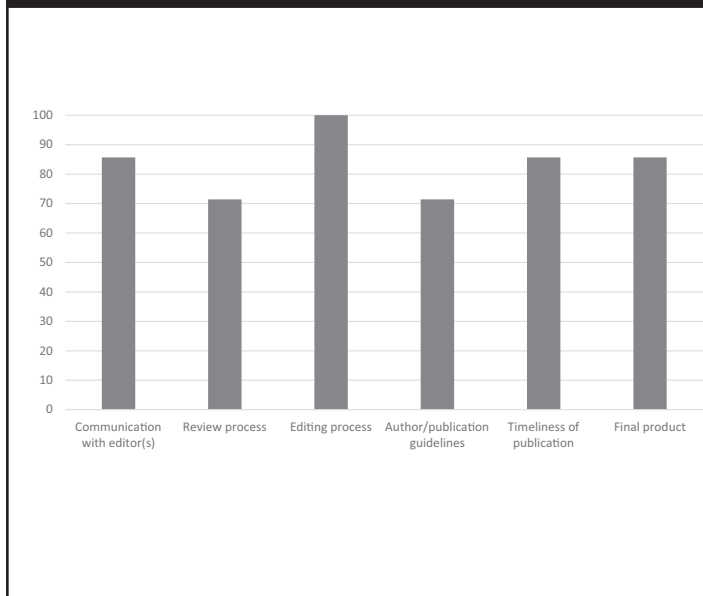
tions aimed at judicial audiences. We asked the respondents how *Court Review* compared to those publications on a 7-point scale (1 = much better, 2 = moderately better, 3 = slightly better, 4 = about the same, 5 = slightly worse, 6 = moderately worse, 7 = much worse). All respondents indicated that *Court Review* was much better than or about the same (i.e., rated a 4 or lower) as any of the other publications they receive aimed at a judicial audience (see Figure 3).

FIGURE 3. IN GENERAL, HOW DOES COURT REVIEW COMPARE TO OTHER PUBLICATIONS FOR JUDICIAL AUDIENCES?



Of the limited number of respondents who reported previously publishing an article with *Court Review* (n = 8), most reported being extremely satisfied with their communication with the editor(s) (85.7%), review process (71.4%), editing process (100%), author/publication guidelines (71.4%), timeliness of publication (85.7%), and the final product (85.7%) (see Figure 4).

FIGURE 4. FOR THOSE WHO HAD RECENTLY PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE IN *COURT REVIEW*, PERCENT EXTREMELY SATISFIED WITH:



Respondents also provided the following suggested topics that *Court Review* cover in the upcoming issues (see Figure 5): expanded ethics and professionalism content, mental health court reform, juvenile law topics, court security, technology, lessons learned from Covid-19, election lawsuits, search warrants for data, innovative court practices, procedural fairness, trauma-informed courts, civils and criminal procedural rules, judicial wellness, bail reform, voir dire, Cyberspace, alternative dispute resolution, court management, implicit bias, risk assessment tools, evidenced-based practices, and political appointments. We welcome submissions on any topics relevant to a judicial audience, but if you have possible articles on these listed topics, we would be especially interested in them.

FIGURE 5. WORD CLOUD OF POSSIBLE FUTURE *COURT REVIEW* TOPIC SUGGESTIONS

