# Some evidence on the impact of lay members at the EAT: tables and figures 

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## Appeals received and disposed of 2011-2012

|  | Total | Brought <br> by <br> employers | Brought by <br> employees |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Appeals received | $\mathbf{2 , 1 7 2}$ |  |  |
| Appeals disposed of: | $\mathbf{2 , 2 1 7}$ |  |  |
| Rejected - out of time | 283 |  |  |
| Rejected - no reasonable prospect of success | 1,040 |  |  |
| Withdrawn prior to registration | 179 |  |  |
| Withdrawn after registration | 128 | 65 | 63 |
| Struck out | 26 |  |  |
| Dismissed at PH | 55 | 8 | 47 |
| $\quad$ as \% of those heard: | 35.5 | 21.6 | 39.8 |
| Disposed of at FH | 506 | 202 | 304 |
| \% of which: |  |  |  |
| $-\quad$ Dismissed | 47.2 | 42.1 | 50.7 |
| $-\quad$ Allowed | 21.3 | 29.2 | 16.1 |
| $\quad$ Allowed and remitted | 31.4 | 28.7 | 33.2 |

[^0]Success rates of appeals disposed of at EAT, 1999-2011


[^1]Incidence of judges siting alone at EAT, 2001-2012


## Success rates at full hearings by appellant type and judge alone

|  | Appellant Type |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Employee | Employer | Total |
| Judge alone | $55.4 \%$ | $64.6 \%$ | $58.8 \%$ |
| With lay members | $43.9 \%$ | $57.9 \%$ | $48.8 \%$ |
| Total | $45.8 \%$ | $59.1 \%$ | $50.5 \%$ |

Notes: Based on estimation sample ( $n=4804$ ).

## Logit estimates of appellant success

| Variable | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Constant | $\begin{aligned} & \hline-0.246^{* * *} \\ & (0.040) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline-0.270 \\ & (0.202) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline-0.240 \\ & (0.354) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline-0.177 \\ & (0.357) \end{aligned}$ |
| Tribunal composition: With members $\times$ Employee (ref) |  |  |  |  |
| With members $\times$ Employer | $\begin{aligned} & 0.564^{* * *} \\ & (0.067) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.427^{* * *} \\ & (0.073) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.436^{* * *} \\ & (0.074) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.421^{* * *} \\ & (0.074) \end{aligned}$ |
| Judge alone $\times$ Employee | $\begin{aligned} & 0.463^{* * *} \\ & (0.097) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.467^{* * *} \\ & (0.107) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.449 * * * \\ & (0.112) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.444^{* * *} \\ & (0.113) \end{aligned}$ |
| Judge alone $\times$ Employer | $\begin{aligned} & 0.845^{* * *} \\ & (0.127) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.588^{* * *} \\ & (0.140) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.582^{* * *} \\ & (0.144) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.551^{* * *} \\ & (0.145) \end{aligned}$ |
| Representation: <br> Appellant unrepresented $\times$ respondent unrepresented (ref) |  |  |  |  |
| Appellant unrepresented $\times$ respondent represented |  | $\begin{aligned} & -0.319^{*} \\ & (0.188) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.339^{*} \\ & (0.189) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.313^{*} \\ & (0.189) \end{aligned}$ |
| Appellant represented $\times$ respondent unrepresented |  | $\begin{gathered} 0.324 \\ (0.197) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.313 \\ (0.198) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.316 \\ (0.198) \end{gathered}$ |
| Appellant represented $\times$ respondent represented |  | $\begin{gathered} 0.153 \\ (0.177) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.143 \\ (0.178) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.143 \\ (0.178) \end{gathered}$ |
| Counsel: <br> Appellant no counsel $\times$ respondent no counsel (ref) |  |  |  |  |
| Appellant no counsel $\times$ respondent counsel |  | $\begin{aligned} & -0.308^{* * *} \\ & (0.095) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.306^{* * *} \\ & (0.096) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.300^{* * *} \\ & (0.096) \end{aligned}$ |
| Appellant counsel $\times$ respondent no counsel |  | $\begin{aligned} & 0.339 * * * \\ & (0.097) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.345^{* * *} \\ & (0.097) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.339 * * * \\ & (0.097) \end{aligned}$ |
| Appellant counsel $\times$ respondent counsel |  | $\begin{aligned} & -0.175^{*} \\ & (0.091) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.167^{*} \\ & (0.091) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.170^{*} \\ & (0.091) \end{aligned}$ |
| Other controls: |  |  |  |  |
| Rule 3.10 hearing held |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & -0.254^{* *} \\ & (0.110) \end{aligned}$ |
| Preliminary hearing held |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & -0.019 \\ & (0.070) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Main topic dummies (19) | No | No | Yes | Yes |
| Year dummies (10) | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Observations | 4,804 | 4,804 | 4,804 | 4,804 |

Notes: Standard errors in parentheses; *** p<0.01, ** $p<0.05$, * $p<0.10$. Models (2)-(4) also include controls for multiple appellants and multiple respondents, scheduled length of hearing and registered on Scottish database.

# Frequency of lay member contribution to judges' part in decision-making process - judges 

| Contributions | Frequency (\%) |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Often | Some- <br> times | Rarely | Never |
| Make judge articulate reasoning | 18 | 41 | 34 | 7 |
| Spot important points that would otherwise be missed | 9 | 56 | 31 | 4 |
| Assess the evidence and/or find the facts | 50 | 36 | 11 | 3 |
| Test judges' assumptions and/or reasoning | 20 | 57 | 19 | 4 |
| Bring workplace knowledge/expertise | 39 | 47 | 13 | 1 |

Notes: Base is 190 for each statement except for first and fourth statements where bases are 188 and 189 respectively.

## Usefulness of lay members in stages of decision-making process



Notes: Bases are 187, 188, 189, 188, 190 and 190 respectively due to item non-responses and one respondent who indicated a negative contribution for the first four items (excluded from the calculation of percentages).


[^0]:    Source: Adapted from Ministry of Justice (2012), Tables 13-16.

[^1]:    Source: Authors' calculations from ETS Annual Reports and subsequent statistics (various dates).

