Federal Judicial Center - Songer Merge File for U.S. District Court Judges[1]

This file contains data to merge biographical data on U.S. District Court judges from the Federal Judicial Center (FJC, http://www.fjc.gov/history/home.nsf/page/judges.html)[2] with data from the Songer et al NSF data base on cases (Songer, Kuersten and Haire, 2007) (http://www.wmich.edu/nsf-coa/). Because it includes the unique judge identifier codes used by both data sets, using this file will enable the user to merge the extant FJC data the Songer case-by-case data easily. This file can also be used to merge with the (Zuk, Barrow and Gryski, 2009) et al database on judicial attributes (currently found at (http://www.cas.sc.edu/poli/juri/attributes.htm), although the FJC contains much of the same information as the Zuk et al database.

The variables included in this dataset are:

- `Songer.Code` - Code assigned to a judge by the Songer et al team in its coding of cases. Used subsequently by the Zuk et al data. Can be used to merge.
- `Judge.Identification.Number` - Unique code assigned to a judge by the FJC. Can be used to merge.
- `Judge.Last.Name` - Judge's last name
- `Judge.First.Name` - Judge's first name
- `Judge.Middle.Name` - Judge's middle or, in some cases, middle initial
- `Suffix` - Name suffix, e.g., "Jr."
- `Court.Name` - Name of the court, e.g., "U. S. District Court, District of Massachusetts"
- `Court.Type` - Court type, e.g., "USDC" (United States District Court)
- `President.Name` - Name of appointing President

References

Songer, Donald, Ahslyn K. Kuersten and Susan B. Haire. 2007. "The United States Courts of Appeals Database.". 1

Zuk, Gary, Deborah J. Barrow and Gerard Gryski. 2009. "Multi-User Database on the Attributes of United States Distric Court Judges, 1801-2000.". ICPSR 4553, Ann Arbor, MI: Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research. 1

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[2] The data can be exported from http://www.fjc.gov/history/home.nsf/page/export.html.