

**Alaska Judicial Council
2010 Judicial Retention Performance Evaluation Materials
Judge Eric A. Aarseth
Anchorage Superior Court**

The Judicial Council finds Judge Aarseth to be **Qualified** and recommends unanimously that the public vote **"YES"** to retain him as a superior court judge.

Retention evaluation materials for this judge

1. Voter pamphlet page. 2
This page will appear in the State of Alaska Election Pamphlet sent to each Alaskan household.

2. Judge questionnaire. 3
The judge’s response to a Judicial Council questionnaire.

3. Survey scores in 2010
(To view survey scores for all judges on the ballot go to main 2010 retention page.)

a. Attorney; Peace Officer; Social Worker/Guardians Ad Litem/CASA scores. 10

b. Juror survey scores. 17

c. Court employee survey scores. 18

4. Survey scores in previous retention evaluations
(This judge is standing for retention for the first time)

Retention evaluation materials for all judges on the ballot
(To view these materials go to main 2010 retention page.)

- 1. Peremptory challenges**
Analysis of peremptory challenge rates for judges.
- 2. Recusals**
Evaluation of judge’s record of self-disqualification from cases, or “recusals.”
- 3. Appellate Affirmance Rates**
Analysis of appellate decisions involving each trial judge’s cases.
- 4. Salary Warrant Withholdings**
Evaluation of judge’s record of pay withholding for undecided or uncompleted decisions.

Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

Judge Eric A. Aarseth, Superior Court, Anchorage

Judicial Council Recommendation 2010

The Alaska Judicial Council is a non-partisan citizens' commission established by the Alaska constitution. Alaskan law requires the Council to evaluate judges' performance and authorizes the Council to recommend to voters whether judges should be retained in office. The Judicial Council reviews judges' integrity, diligence, legal ability, fairness, demeanor, ability to manage their caseloads, and overall performance of their judicial responsibilities in and out of the courtroom. The Judicial Council finds Judge Aarseth to be **Qualified** and recommends unanimously that the public vote "YES" to retain him as a superior court judge.

Judicial Council Evaluation

The Judicial Council surveyed thousands of Alaskans including peace and probation officers, court employees, attorneys, jurors, social workers/guardians ad litem, and child advocates about the judges on the ballot. Respondents were asked to rate judicial performance and to submit comments. The Council also reviewed the ratings and observations of the Alaska Judicial Observers, independent community-based volunteers. The Council reviewed the judge's preemptory challenge, recusals, and appellate affirmance and reversal rates; any civil or criminal litigation involving the judge; APOC and court system conflict-of-interest statements; any disciplinary files involving the judge; and whether a judge's pay was withheld for an untimely decision. The Council reviewed other court records and investigated judicial conduct in specific cases. The Council interviewed some judges, attorneys, and court staff, and held a statewide public hearing to obtain comments about judges.

	Attorney Survey	Peace Officer Survey	Juror Survey	Court Employee Survey	Social Workers Guardians ad Litem CASAs
Legal Ability	4.0	---	---	---	---
Impartiality	4.0	3.8	4.9	4.4	4.3
Integrity	4.4	4.0	---	4.5	4.0
Temperament	4.2	3.9	5.0	4.4	4.5
Diligence	4.1	3.8	---	4.3	4.5
Overall	4.0	3.8	4.9	4.5	4.3

Ratings are based on a one to five scale. Five is the best rating and three is "acceptable."

Rating Scale
 5.0 = Excellent
 4.0 = Good
 3.0 = Acceptable
 2.0 = Deficient
 1.0 = Poor

Summary of Survey Information

Survey respondents rated Judge Aarseth on the categories summarized in the table above, using 5 as the highest rating possible. The attorney rating for Judge Aarseth on overall performance was 4.0. Peace and probation officers gave Judge Aarseth a rating of 3.8. Jurors rated him 4.9 overall, court employees gave him 4.5, and social workers, guardians ad litem and CASA volunteers rated him at 4.3. The Alaska Judicial Observers rated him 3.53.

Recommendation: Vote "YES" to retain Judge Eric A. Aarseth

**Alaska Judicial Council
Questionnaire**

**Trial Judge
2010 Candidates for Judicial Retention**

October 22, 2009

Eric A. Aarseth	Anchorage - Superior
Name	Court

1. Please estimate your workload during your present term.

a) $\frac{2}{88}$ % civil cases	b) $\frac{15}{1}$ # of jury trials/year
$\frac{88}{10}$ % criminal cases	$\frac{1}{10}$ # of non-jury trials/year
$\frac{10}{100}$ % court administrative work	$\frac{10}{100}$ # of administrative appeals/year
100 % Total	

Administrative appeals doesn't include PCR's,

2. Please describe your participation on court/bar committees or other administrative activities during your current term of office.

I am one of two committing magistrate training judges. I have presented at the magistrate conference. I participate in the criminal bench/bar meetings. I have participated in a panel on criminal proceedings to educate the media. I have participated in evidence cranium at the Alaska Bar Convention and have also addressed the new attorneys admitted to the bar. I have lead a Young Attorneys bench/bar.

*Alaska Judicial Council
Trial Judge Questionnaire
Retention*

3. Please assess, in one or two paragraphs, your judicial performance during your present term. Appropriate areas of comment could include: satisfaction with your judicial role, specific contributions to the judiciary or the field of law, increases in legal knowledge and judicial skills, or other measures of judicial abilities that you believe to be important.

I have had the privilege to have primarily a criminal case load during my past four years on the bench. I'm encouraged by the hard work of the criminal bar in Anchorage and the surrounding communities. I have been working hard to encourage respect between the prosecution and defense sides of the criminal bar - a position the Alaska Court System will be more visibly encouraging at upcoming joint conferences.

The job has in most respects measured up to what I imagined it would be. I think one of the most important areas I've improved on is finding that balance between patience and keeping the case load moving. With so little open time on your calendar, there is a constant tension between closing out the evidence and giving counsel sufficient time to brief and create the necessary record. I think I have a better understanding that "courtroom control" is not necessarily about making sure the attorneys mind their "p's and q's" but making sure the courtroom time is used efficiently and ensuring the everyone has an opportunity to have their say.

Alaska Judicial Council
Trial Judge Questionnaire
Retention

4. During your most recent term as a judge, have you:
- a) had a tax lien filed or other collection procedure instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities? Yes No
 - b) been involved in a non-judicial capacity in any legal proceeding whether as a party or otherwise? Yes No
 - c) engaged in the practice of law (other than as a judge)? Yes No
 - d) held office in any political party? Yes No
 - e) held any other local state or federal office? Yes No
 - f) had any complaints, charges or grievances filed against you with the Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct, the Alaska Bar Association, or with the Alaska Court System that resulted in public proceedings or sanctions? Yes No

5. If your answer to any of the questions above is "yes," please give full details, including dates, facts, case numbers and outcomes.

6. Please provide any other information which you believe would assist the Council in conducting its evaluations and in preparing its recommendations for the 2010 retention elections.

I am a member of the Alaska Air National Guard but not in the capacity of an attorney (i.e. Judge Advocate).

7. Please list your three most recent jury trials including case names and numbers. Please list the names, current addresses, including zip codes and suite numbers where applicable, and phone numbers of each attorney involved in these trials. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Case Number 1

Case Name: STATE OF ALASKA **Case Number:** 3AN 09-6523 CR
v. TONY SMART

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>CLINTON CAMPION</u>	Name: <u>MICHAEL SCHWAIGER</u>
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Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case Name: Patricia Campbell **Case Number:** 3AN 08-8623 CI
v. Karen Dearlove

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Michael Flanigan</u>	Name: <u>Stacy Walker</u>
Address: <u>1029 W 3rd Ave, Ste 250</u>	Address: <u>329 E. St, Ste 200</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>ANCHORAGE, AK 99501</u> <u>907 279-9999</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>ANCHORAGE, AK 99501</u> <u>907 279-9255</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 3

Case Name: STATE OF ALASKA **Case Number:** 3AN 09-2896 CR
v. Robert Meethan

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Joseph Kovac</u>	Name: <u>Reginald Christie</u>
Address: <u>310 K ST, Ste 520</u>	Address: <u>900 W. 5TH Ste 200</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>ANCHORAGE, AK 99501</u> <u>907 269-6345</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>ANCHORAGE, AK 99501</u> <u>907 334-4404</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

8. Please list your three most recent non-jury trials including case names and numbers. Please list the names, current addresses, including zip codes and suite numbers where applicable, and phone numbers of each attorney involved in your three most recent non-jury trials. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Case Number 1

Case
Name: IN THE MATTER OF: **Case Number:** 3AN 08-39 DL
v. H. H. DOB 8/14/93

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>JOAN WILSON</u>	Name: <u>GEORGE DAVENPORT</u>
Address: <u>310 K ST</u>	Address: <u>900 W 4TH ST</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>ANCHORAGE, AK 99501</u> <u>907 269-4333</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>ANCHORAGE, AK 99501</u> <u>907 334-4421</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case
Name: _____ **Case Number:** _____
v. _____

Attorneys Involved:

Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 3

Case
Name: _____ **Case Number:** _____
v. _____

Attorneys Involved:

Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

9. Please list your three most recent cases, including case names and numbers, which did not go to trial, but on which you did significant work (such as settlement conference, hearings, motion work, etc.). Please list the names, current addresses, including zip codes and suite numbers where applicable, and phone numbers of each attorney involved in your three most recent non-jury trials. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Case Number 1

Case Name: STATE OF ALASKA Case Number: 3AN 09-4163 CR
 v. JEFFREY GRAEBER

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>AARON SPERBECK</u>	Name: <u>BRENDAN KELLEY</u>
Address: <u>310 K ST, Ste 520</u>	Address: <u>900 W 5TH AVE Ste 525</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>ANCHORAGE, AK 99501</u> <u>907 269-6447</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>ANCHORAGE, AK 99501</u> <u>907 269-3500</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case Name: STATE OF ALASKA Case Number: 3AN 08-13656 CR
 v. JERRY BLUEFORD

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>JOSH KINDRED</u>	Name: <u>JOHN MURTAGH</u>
Address: <u>310 K ST, Ste 520</u>	Address: <u>1101 W. 7TH AVE</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>ANCHORAGE, AK 99501</u> <u>907 269-6300</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>ANCHORAGE, AK 99501</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 3

Case Name: STATE OF ALASKA Case Number: 3AN 08-7399 CR
 v. WILLIAM LITTLE

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>DANIEL STOREY</u>	Name: <u>CHESTER GILMORE</u>
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Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

10. *Optional:* If you deem it helpful to the Council, please list up to three other cases during your past term in which you believe your work was particularly noteworthy. Please list the names, current addresses, including zip codes and suite numbers where applicable, and phone numbers of each attorney involved in these cases. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Case Number 1

Case Name: IN THE MATTER OF Case Number: 3AN 07-10274 CR
v. DANIEL LONG 3AN 09-190 DL

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Paul Miovas
Address: 310 K St, Ste 520
City, State, Zip: ANCHORAGE, AK 99501
907 269-6314
Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____

Name: JOHN BERNITE
Address: 900 W 5th Ste 200
City, State, Zip: ANCHORAGE, AK 99501
907 334-4457
Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case Name: Patricia Campbell Case Number: 3AN 08-8623 Ci
v. KAREN Dearlove

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Michael Flanigan
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City, State, Zip: ANCHORAGE, AK 99501
907 279-9999
Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____

Name: Stacy Walker
Address: 329 F. St. Ste 200
City, State, Zip: ANCHORAGE, AK 99501
907 299-9255
Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 3

Case Name: State of Alaska Case Number: 3AN 07-B602 CR
v. Christopher Rogers

Attorneys Involved:

Name: ADRIENNE BACHMAN
Address: 310 K St, Ste 520
City, State, Zip: ANCHORAGE, AK 99501
907 269-6355
Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____

Name: DAVID WEBER
Address: 900 W 5th, Ste 200
City, State, Zip: ANCHORAGE, AK 99501
907 334-4465
Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____

Third Judicial District Eric A. Aarseth - Anchorage Superior Court

Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores

Summary of survey information

Judge Aarseth's detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated him 4.0 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated him 3.8 overall, and social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASA volunteers rated him 4.3 overall.

	Attorney Survey N=141	Peace Officer Survey N=48	Social Workers Guardians ad Litem CASAs N=3
Legal Ability	4.0	--	--
Impartiality	4.0	3.8	4.3
Integrity	4.4	4.0	4.0
Temperament	4.2	3.9	4.5
Diligence	4.1	3.8	4.5
Overall	4.0	3.8	4.3

The Judicial Council's Evaluation Process

State law requires the Judicial Council to evaluate each judge standing for retention, and to report its evaluations to the voters. The three surveys reported here are an important part of the Council's evaluations. The Council also considers survey ratings by jurors and court employees, public comments, and the ratings by the independent citizen volunteers at Alaska Judicial Observers. Along with the personal observations of the hundreds of people who had direct professional experience with the judge, the Council reviews any litigation involving the judge, conflict of interest records, public disciplinary files, and indicators of judicial performance such as appellate affirmances and reversals, and peremptory challenges and recusals. All of the evaluation information about the judge is on the Council's website at www.ajc.state.ak.us.

Superior Court Judge Eric A. Aarseth**A. Alaska Bar Association****Demographic Description**

	N	%
Type of Practice		
No Response	2	1.2%
Private, Solo	22	13.7%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	12	7.5%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	10	6.2%
Private, Corporate Employee	--	0.0%
Judge or Judicial Officer	44	27.3%
Government	65	40.4%
Public Service agency or organization (not Govt)	2	1.2%
Other	4	2.5%
Length of Alaska Practice		
No Response	5	3.1%
5 Years or fewer	22	13.7%
6 to 10 years	15	9.3%
11 to 15 years	15	9.3%
16 to 20 years	21	13.0%
21 years or more	83	51.6%
Gender		
No Response	3	1.9%
Male	94	58.4%
Female	64	39.8%
Cases Handled		
No Response	4	2.5%
Prosecution	22	13.7%
Mainly Criminal	32	19.9%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	57	35.4%
Mainly Civil	42	26.1%
Other	4	2.5%
Location of Practice		
No Response	3	1.9%
First District	3	1.9%
Second District	1	.6%
Third District	146	90.7%
Fourth District	8	5.0%
Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%

Judge Eric A. Aarseth: Detailed Information Responses Alaska Bar Association Members

	Legal Ability		Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
Basis for Evaluation												
No Response		3		2		6		4		4		0
Direct Professional	4.0	138	4.0	139	4.4	135	4.2	137	4.1	137	4.0	141
Professional Reputation	4.0	11	4.2	11	4.2	9	3.9	11	4.0	10	4.0	11
Other Personal Contacts	4.6	5	5.0	4	5.0	6	4.8	6	4.8	4	4.4	7
Type of Practice												
No Response		0		0		1		0		0		0
Private, Solo	4.1	21	4.2	21	4.4	21	4.3	21	4.2	21	4.1	21
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	4.0	11	3.9	11	4.4	10	4.3	11	4.1	11	4.2	11
Private, 6+ Attorneys	4.0	7	4.1	7	4.1	7	4.0	7	4.0	7	4.0	7
Private, Corporate Employee	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.2	37	4.4	37	4.6	36	4.5	36	4.2	37	4.3	37
Government	3.7	57	3.5	58	4.2	56	4.0	57	3.8	56	3.8	60
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	3.0	1	2.0	1	4.0	1	3.0	1	4.0	1	3.0	1
Other	4.3	3	4.7	3	5.0	3	4.7	3	5.0	3	4.7	3
Years of Practice in Alaska												
No Response		1		1		1		2		2		0
5 Years or fewer	4.0	21	3.4	21	4.1	21	4.0	21	4.1	21	3.8	21
6 to 10 years	3.9	12	3.8	12	4.5	11	3.8	12	3.8	12	3.9	12
11 to 15 years	3.9	14	3.6	14	4.3	12	4.2	14	4.1	14	4.0	15
16 to 20 years	3.8	19	3.9	20	4.2	19	4.3	19	4.1	19	4.0	20
21 years or more	4.0	68	4.3	68	4.5	68	4.3	67	4.1	67	4.2	69
Gender												
No Response		2		1		3		2		1		0
Male	4.0	79	4.1	80	4.5	78	4.3	79	4.2	80	4.2	81
Female	3.8	57	3.7	57	4.1	55	4.0	56	3.9	55	3.8	58
Cases Handled												
No Response		1		0		1		2		2		0
Prosecution	4.1	20	4.1	20	4.5	20	4.1	20	3.9	20	4.2	21
Mainly Criminal	3.9	31	3.6	31	4.2	29	4.2	31	4.1	31	3.9	31
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.0	51	4.1	51	4.4	50	4.3	51	4.2	51	4.1	51
Mainly Civil	3.7	30	4.0	31	4.3	30	4.2	29	3.9	29	3.9	31
Other	4.0	3	3.3	3	4.0	3	3.3	3	4.3	3	3.3	4
Location of Practice												
No Response		3		2		6		3		4		0
First District	3.5	2	3.5	2	4.0	2	4.0	1	3.5	2	3.5	2
Second District	4.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Third District	3.9	125	4.0	126	4.4	122	4.2	125	4.1	124	4.0	128
Fourth District	4.1	8	3.9	8	4.3	8	3.8	8	3.9	8	4.1	8
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

Superior Court Judge Eric A. Aarseth**B. Peace and Probation Officers****Demographic Description**

		N	%
Type of Work			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	21	35.6%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	19	32.2%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	18	30.5%
	Other	1	1.7%
Length of Alaska Experience			
	No Response	1	1.7%
	5 Years or fewer	12	20.3%
	6 to 10 years	9	15.3%
	11 to 15 years	18	30.5%
	16 to 20 years	10	16.9%
	21 years or more	9	15.3%
Gender			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	48	81.4%
	Female	11	18.6%
Location of Work			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	3	5.1%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	56	94.9%
	Fourth District	--	0.0%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
Community Population			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Under 2,000	1	1.7%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	10	16.9%
	Over 35,000	48	81.4%

Judge Eric A. Aarseth
Peace and Probation Officers

	Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
Basis for Evaluation										
No Response		1		1		1		0		0
Direct Professional	3.8	47	4.0	47	3.9	47	3.8	48	3.8	48
Professional Reputation	4.4	8	4.5	8	4.7	7	4.5	8	4.4	8
Other Personal Contacts	3.7	3	3.7	3	3.7	3	3.7	3	3.7	3
Type of Work										
No Response		1		1		1		0		0
State Law Enforcement Officer	4.2	16	4.4	16	3.9	16	4.0	17	4.0	17
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	3.9	14	4.1	14	4.1	14	4.0	14	3.9	14
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	3.3	16	3.5	16	3.6	16	3.3	16	3.3	16
Other	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Length of Experience										
No Response		1		1		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	2.8	10	3.0	10	2.7	10	2.6	10	2.6	10
6 to 10 years	4.0	7	4.1	7	4.0	7	4.0	7	4.1	7
11 to 15 years	4.1	15	4.3	15	4.2	14	4.1	15	4.1	15
16 to 20 years	4.2	6	4.5	6	4.5	6	4.2	6	4.0	6
21 years or more	4.0	8	4.3	8	3.9	9	4.0	9	3.9	9
Gender										
No Response		1		1		1		0		0
Male	3.9	38	4.1	38	3.9	38	3.9	39	3.9	39
Female	3.3	9	3.7	9	3.6	9	3.3	9	3.3	9
Location of Work										
No Response		1		1		1		0		0
First District	4.7	3	4.7	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	4.7	3
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	3.7	44	4.0	44	3.8	44	3.7	45	3.7	45
Fourth District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Community Population										
No Response		0		0		1		0		0
Under 2,000	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Between 2,000 and 35,000	3.3	6	3.5	6	3.8	5	3.8	6	3.5	6
Over 35,000	3.8	40	4.1	40	3.8	41	3.7	41	3.8	41

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

Superior Court Judge Eric A. Aarseth**C. Social Workers, Guardians ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers****Demographic Description**

		N	%
Type of Work			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Social Worker	1	25.0%
	Guardian ad Litem	1	25.0%
	CASA Volunteer	2	50.0%
	Other	--	0.0%
Length of Alaska Experience			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	1	25.0%
	6 to 10 years	1	25.0%
	11 to 15 years	1	25.0%
	16 to 20 years	--	0.0%
	21 years or more	1	25.0%
Gender			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	--	0.0%
	Female	4	100%
Location of Work			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	--	0.0%
	Fourth District	4	100%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
Community Population			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Under 2,000	--	0.0%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	--	0.0%
	Over 35,000	4	100%

Judge Eric A. Aarseth
Social Workers, Guardians ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers

	Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
Basis for Evaluation										
No Response		0		0		1		1		0
Direct Professional	4.3	3	4.0	3	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.3	3
Professional Reputation	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Type of Work										
No Response		0		0		1		1		0
Social Worker	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Guardian ad Litem	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
CASA Volunteer	4.0	2	3.5	2	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	2
Length of Experience										
No Response		0		0		0		1		0
5 Years or fewer	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	--	0	4.0	1
6 to 10 years	4.0	1	3.0	1	--	0	4.0	1	4.0	1
11 to 15 years	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
16 to 20 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
21 years or more	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Gender										
No Response		0		0		1		1		0
Male	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Female	4.3	3	4.0	3	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.3	3
Location of Work										
No Response		0		0		1		1		0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	4.3	3	4.0	3	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.3	3
Fourth District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Community Population										
No Response		0		0		1		1		0
Under 2,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Over 35,000	4.3	3	4.0	3	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.3	3

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

Juror Survey Results 2010 Retention Evaluation Eric A. Aarseth												
		Distribution of Ratings										
Survey Category	Mean	Excellent		Good		Acceptable		Deficient		Poor		Total Returned
		%	(n)	%	(n)	%	(n)	%	(n)	%	(n)	
Impartiality/Fairness	4.9	92%	168	7%	12	2%	3	0%	0	0%	0	183
Respectful/Courteous	5.0	96%	175	4%	7	1%	1	0%	0	0%	0	183
Attentive during Proceedings	4.8	85%	156	13%	24	2%	3	0%	0	0%	0	183
Control over Proceedings	4.9	95%	173	3%	6	2%	4	0%	0	0%	0	183
Intelligence/Skill as a Judge	4.9	93%	170	6%	11	1%	2	0%	0	0%	0	183
Overall Evaluation	4.9	93%	171	6%	10	1%	2	0%	0	0%	0	183

Court Employee Survey Results 2010 Retention Evaluation Eric A. Aarseth									
Question	Excellent % (n)	Good % (n)	Acceptable % (n)	Deficient % (n)	Poor % (n)	Mean	Total Responses		
Impartiality/Fairness	55% 35	36% 23	5% 3	3% 2	2% 1	4.4	64		
Integrity	64% 46	29% 21	4% 3	1% 1	1% 1	4.5	72		
Judicial Temperament	60% 42	27% 19	7% 5	4% 3	1% 1	4.4	70		
Diligence	53% 37	33% 23	11% 8	1% 1	1% 1	4.3	70		
Overall Evaluation	60% 42	31% 22	6% 4	1% 1	1% 1	4.5	70		