

Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

Judge Michael L. Wolverton, Superior Court, Anchorage

Judicial Council Recommendation

The Alaska Judicial Council, a non-partisan citizens commission established by the Alaska constitution, evaluates judges on a number of criteria, including their legal ability, demeanor, their diligence, their ability to manage their caseloads, and their fairness and integrity. The Judicial Council finds Judge Wolverton 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 3,036 attorneys, 1,492 peace and probation officers, social workers/guardians ad litem, and child advocates, jurors, and court employees 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 court system records concerning peremptory challenges, 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; and whether a judge's pay was withheld for an untimely decision. The Council investigated judicial conduct in specific cases. The Council interviewed some judges, attorneys, court staff, and others. The Council 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	4.2	3.6	4.8	4.7	4.0
Integrity	4.4	3.9	---	4.7	4.0
Temperament	4.3	3.6	4.9	4.7	3.5
Diligence	4.0	3.6	---	4.6	4.0
Overall	4.2	3.6	4.9	4.7	4.0

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

Attorneys in Alaska rated Judge Wolverton on the six categories summarized in the table above, using 5 as the highest rating possible. The attorney rating for Judge Wolverton on overall performance was 4.2. Peace and probation officers rated Judge Wolverton on five categories, using the 5-point scale above. They gave Judge Wolverton a rating of 3.6.

Four other groups also evaluated Judge Wolverton's performance, using the same 5-point scale with 5 as the highest rating. Jurors rated him 4.9, court employees gave him 4.7, and social workers, guardians ad litem and CASA volunteers rated him at 4.0. The Alaska Judicial Observers rated him 3.5.

Recommendation: Vote "YES" to retain Judge Michael L. Wolverton

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MICHAEL L. WOLVERTON ANCHORAGE SUPERIOR COURT
Name Court

1. Describe your workload during your present term.

a) 5 % Civil Cases b) ~12 # of trials/year
95 % Criminal Cases 8 # Administrative Appeals
0 % Court Administrative
100 % Total

My caseload consists almost entirely of felony criminal cases.

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

I participate in the monthly criminal bench/bar meetings. I have also been asked to serve as a training judge for Superior Court criminal matters.

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.

In my present term I have focused almost exclusively on serious-felony criminal cases. My present caseload includes 15 pre-trial homicides and at least 7 sexual assaults, among many other felony cases. While I would like to say that I have brought a creative, innovative approach to dealing with a serious felony docket, I can only claim to have brought 26 years of legal experience to deal with my caseload in the most efficient, fair, diligent and just ways that I am capable of performing. I find that the training that we receive at our fall and spring judicial conferences is almost always relevant and extremely useful.

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 nonjudicial 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 .
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 2006 retention elections.

Two years ago I went to Brcko, in Bosnia and Herzegovina, to serve as a training judge for the judicial officers in the relatively new judicial system which has been formed there. In the process I was again struck by the fact (as I have been each time I have trained at the National Judicial College) by what a superb judiciary we have in Alaska. It is an honor to be a member of this society of professionals.

7. Please list the names and case numbers of the three most recent jury cases tried before you, identify the attorneys involved, and show their current addresses. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Case Number 1

Case Name: S.O.A. Case Number: 3AN-SO4-5318CR.
v. HEIDI ROSS

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Trina Sears</u>	Name: <u>Josh Fearman</u>
Address: <u>310 K St. Ste. 520</u>	Address: <u>HC.01 Box 6388</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Palmer, AK 99645</u>

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

Case Number 2

Case Name: S.O.A. Case Number: 3AN-SO4-4360CR
v. DAVID ADAMS

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>John Skidmore</u>	Name: <u>Gayle Brown</u>
Address: <u>310 K St. Ste. 520</u>	Address: <u>750 W. 2nd Ave. Ste 207</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>

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

Case Number 3

Case Name: S.O.A. Case Number: 3AN-SO2-2916CR
v. EDWARD MICHAEL

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Adrienne Bachman</u>	Name: <u>Gary Boberay</u>
Address: <u>310 K St. Ste. 520</u>	Address: <u>900 W. 5th Ave. Ste 200</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>

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

8. Please list the names and case numbers of the three most recent non-jury cases tried before you, identify the attorneys involved, and show their current addresses. (Attach additional pages if necessary)

Case Number 1

Case Name: S.O.A. Case Number: 3AN-S03-1128 CR
v. DANIEL ORNELAS

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Todd Stange</u>	Name: <u>Sidney Billingslea</u>
Address: <u>310 K St. Ste. 520</u>	Address: <u>733 W 4th Ave. Ste 401</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</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 the names and case numbers of the three most recent cases which did not go to trial, but on which you did significant work (such as settlement conference, hearings, motion work, etc.), identify the attorneys involved, and show their current addresses. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Case Number 1

Case Name: S.O.A. Case Number: 3AN-502-6007CR
v. ROBERT GIBSON

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>John Bandle</u>	Name: <u>John Morrison</u>
Address: <u>310 K St. Ste. 520</u>	Address: <u>900 W. 5th Ave. Ste. 200</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case Name: S.O.A. Case Number: 3AN-503-7805CR
v. DANIEL WACHHOLTZ

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Jennifer Stuart</u>	Name: <u>Judy Scherger</u>
Address: <u>310 K St. Ste. 520</u>	Address: <u>900 W. 5th Ave., Ste. 200</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 3

Case Name: S.O.A. Case Number: 3AN-504-5198
v. RAYMOND WATSON

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Windy East</u>	Name: <u>Dan Lowery</u>
Address: <u>268 E Firweed St 101</u>	Address: <u>900 W. 5th Ave., Ste. 200</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Palmer, AK 99645</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

10. If you deem it helpful to the Council, please list the name, case number and attorneys' names and current addresses of any other cases during your judicial career in which you believe your work was particularly noteworthy. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Case Number 1

Case Name: CRAFT Case Number: 3AN-96-2784GT
v. GENERAL MOTORS

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>William Inwaldson</u>	Name: <u>Daniel A. Gerety</u>
Address: <u>813 W. Third Ave. Ste. 200</u>	Address: <u>1007 W. 3rd Ave. Ste. 400</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>
Name: <u>Robert M. Libbey</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>604 W. 2nd Ave</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case Name: S.O.A. Case Number: 3AN-998-1131CR
v. CARL BROWN

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Sharon Illsley</u>	Name: <u>Sharon Barr</u>
Address: <u>310 K St. Ste. 520</u>	Address: <u>900 W. 5th Ave. Ste. 200</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99510</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>
Name: _____	Name: <u>Stacy Walker</u>
Address: _____	Address: <u>360 K St. Ste. 200</u>
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>

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: _____

44. SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE MICHAEL L. WOLVERTON

A. Alaska Bar Association

Demographic Description (N=452)

	N	%
Type of Practice		
No Response	6	1.3%
Private, Solo	109	24.1%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	70	15.4%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	71	15.7%
Private, Corporate Employee	12	2.6%
State Judge or Judicial Officer	45	9.9%
Government	114	25.2%
Public Service Agency or Organization (not govt)	10	2.2%
Other	15	3.3%
Length of Alaska Practice		
No Response	7	1.5%
5 Years or fewer	34	7.5%
6 to 10 years	39	8.6%
11 to 15 years	54	11.9%
16 to 20 years	65	14.3%
21 years or more	253	55.9%
Gender		
No Response	9	1.9%
Male	300	66.3%
Female	143	31.6%
Cases Handled		
No Response	7	1.5%
Prosecution	38	8.4%
Mainly Criminal	40	8.8%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	112	24.7%
Mainly Civil	236	52.2%
Other	19	4.2%
Location of Practice		
No Response	7	1.5%
First District	21	4.6%
Second District	4	0.8%
Third District	390	86.2%
Fourth District	21	4.6%
Outside of Alaska	9	1.9%

**Evaluation of Judge Michael L. Wolverton:
Alaska Bar Association Members**

Summary of Findings

Judge Michael L. Wolverton was evaluated by 376 Alaska Bar Association members who reported having direct professional experience with the judge. The mean score on *overall evaluation* was 4.2. The highest mean score was obtained on *integrity* (4.4) and the lowest scores were obtained on *legal ability* (4.0) and *diligence* (4.0). Details are present in the two tables that follow.

	Poor		Deficient		Accept		Good		Excellent		Mean
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Legal Ability	4	1.0%	14	3.7%	68	18.0%	165	43.8%	125	33.2%	4.0
Impartiality/Fairness	7	1.8%	18	4.8%	52	13.8%	112	29.8%	186	49.6%	4.2
Integrity	5	1.3%	3	0.8%	45	12.0%	99	26.4%	223	59.4%	4.4
Judicial Temperament	8	2.1%	7	1.8%	53	14.1%	110	29.3%	197	52.5%	4.3
Diligence	14	3.7%	23	6.1%	61	16.3%	131	35.2%	143	38.4%	4.0
Overall Rating	8	2.1%	13	3.4%	58	15.5%	127	34.0%	167	44.7%	4.2

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

**Judge Michael L. Wolverton: Detailed Information Responses
Alaska Bar Association Members**

	Legal Ability		Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Rating	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
Basis for Evaluation of Judge												
No Response	4.3	8	4.3	8	4.3	8	4.3	8	4.1	7	4.3	8
Direct Professional	4.0	376	4.2	375	4.4	375	4.3	375	4.0	372	4.2	373
Professional Reputation	4.1	65	4.2	65	4.3	64	4.2	64	4.1	64	4.1	66
Other Personal Contacts	3.8	6	4.4	8	4.5	8	4.4	8	4.0	7	4.3	8
Type of Practice												
No Response	2.8	4	2.5	4	3.0	4	2.5	4	2.8	4	2.5	4
Private, Solo	4.2	96	4.4	95	4.6	96	4.4	95	4.1	96	4.3	96
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	3.8	60	4.1	60	4.2	60	4.1	59	3.8	59	4.1	60
Private, 6+ Attorneys	4.2	60	4.5	60	4.7	60	4.5	61	4.3	60	4.4	60
Private, Corporate Employee	4.3	10	4.2	10	4.2	10	4.4	10	4.2	9	4.3	10
State Judge or Judicial Officer	4.3	37	4.6	37	4.8	37	4.7	37	4.4	37	4.5	36
Government	3.9	94	3.8	94	4.2	93	4.1	94	3.6	93	3.8	92
Public Service Agency or Organization (not govt)	4.4	5	4.2	5	4.2	5	4.2	5	4.0	5	4.4	5
Other	4.0	10	4.4	10	4.4	10	4.3	10	3.7	9	4.3	10
Years Experience												
No Response	3.0	5	2.6	5	3.0	5	2.6	5	2.8	5	2.6	5
5 Years or fewer	4.0	26	4.1	26	4.5	26	4.1	27	3.8	26	4.2	26
6 to 10 years	4.1	33	4.2	33	4.3	33	4.4	33	4.1	33	4.3	33
11 to 15 years	4.1	47	4.1	47	4.4	46	4.3	47	4.1	46	4.1	46
16 to 20 years	3.9	57	4.0	57	4.2	57	4.1	57	3.7	55	3.9	56
21 years or more	4.1	208	4.3	207	4.5	208	4.4	206	4.1	207	4.3	207
Gender												
No Response	3.2	6	3.2	6	3.5	6	3.2	6	3.2	6	3.2	6
Male	4.0	255	4.2	254	4.4	255	4.3	256	4.0	254	4.1	255
Female	4.2	115	4.3	115	4.5	114	4.3	113	4.0	112	4.3	112
Majority of Practice Consists of												
No Response	2.8	4	2.5	4	3.0	4	2.5	4	2.8	4	2.5	4
Prosecution	3.8	33	3.5	33	4.2	33	3.9	33	3.6	33	3.7	33
Mainly Criminal	4.1	33	4.3	33	4.5	33	4.3	34	3.9	32	4.2	32
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.2	96	4.5	96	4.6	96	4.5	96	4.3	96	4.4	95
Mainly Civil	4.0	195	4.3	194	4.4	194	4.3	193	4.0	193	4.2	194
Other	3.9	15	3.9	15	4.1	15	3.9	15	3.4	14	3.8	15
Location of Practice												
No Response	2.8	4	2.5	4	3.0	4	2.5	4	2.8	4	2.5	4
First District	3.9	15	4.2	15	4.5	15	4.2	15	3.9	15	4.1	14
Second District	4.0	2	3.5	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.5	2	4.0	2
Third District	4.0	336	4.2	335	4.4	335	4.3	335	4.0	332	4.2	334
Fourth District	4.2	12	4.3	12	4.3	12	4.2	12	4.1	12	4.2	12
Outside of Alaska	5.0	7	5.0	7	5.0	7	4.9	7	4.9	7	5.0	7

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

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B. Peace and Probation Officers

Demographic Description (N=77)

	N	%
Type of Work		
No Response	--	0
State Law Enforcement Officer	17	22.0%
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	32	41.5%
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	27	35.0%
Other	1	1.2%
Length of Alaska Experience		
No Response	--	0
5 Years or fewer	15	19.4%
6 to 10 years	15	19.4%
11 to 15 years	19	24.6%
16 to 20 years	9	11.6%
21 years or more	19	24.6%
Gender		
No Response	--	0
Male	57	74.0%
Female	20	25.9%
Location of Practice		
No Response	--	0
First District	2	2.5%
Second District	1	1.2%
Third District	73	94.8%
Fourth District	1	1.2%
Outside of Alaska	--	0
Community Population		
No Response	--	0
Under 2,000	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	10	12.9%
Over 35,000	67	87.0%

**Evaluation of Judge Michael L. Wolverton
Peace and Probation Officers**

Summary of Findings

Judge Michael L. Wolverton was evaluated by 57 Peace and Probation Officers who reported having direct professional experience with the judge. The mean score on *overall evaluation* was 3.6. The highest mean score was obtained on *integrity* (3.9) and the lowest scores were obtained on *impartiality/fairness* (3.6), *judicial temperament* (3.6) and *diligence* (3.6). Details are present in the two tables that follow.

	Poor		Deficient		Accept		Good		Excellent		Mean
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Impartiality/Fairness	3	5.2%	8	14.0%	13	22.8%	17	29.8%	16	28.0%	3.6
Integrity	1	1.8%	4	7.4%	15	27.7%	16	29.6%	18	33.3%	3.9
Judicial Temperament	4	7.0%	7	12.2%	13	22.8%	19	33.3%	14	24.5%	3.6
Diligence	2	3.6%	7	12.7%	14	25.4%	19	34.5%	13	23.6%	3.6
Overall Rating	2	3.5%	9	15.7%	12	21.0%	20	35.0%	14	24.5%	3.6

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

Judge Michael L. Wolverton: Detailed Information on Responses Peace and Probation Officers

	Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Rating	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
Basis for Evaluation of Judge										
No Response	4.2	5	4.4	5	4.2	5	4.4	5	4.4	5
Direct Professional	3.6	57	3.9	54	3.6	57	3.6	55	3.6	57
Professional Reputation	3.7	19	3.9	19	4.0	17	3.8	18	3.8	19
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Type of Work										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
State Law Enforcement Officer	3.4	15	3.9	14	3.5	15	3.4	15	3.3	15
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	3.5	23	3.8	21	3.6	23	3.7	21	3.6	23
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	3.8	18	3.9	18	3.6	18	3.7	18	3.8	18
Other	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Years Experience										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
5 Years or fewer	4.2	13	4.3	12	3.9	13	4.0	12	4.2	13
6 to 10 years	3.5	13	3.5	12	3.5	13	3.4	12	3.5	13
11 to 15 years	3.3	11	4.0	10	3.2	11	3.5	11	3.3	11
16 to 20 years	3.7	7	4.0	7	3.9	7	4.0	7	3.7	7
21 years or more	3.3	13	3.6	13	3.5	13	3.3	13	3.4	13
Gender										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Male	3.5	40	3.7	37	3.4	40	3.4	38	3.5	40
Female	4.0	17	4.2	17	4.1	17	4.1	17	4.0	17
Location of Practice										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	1.0	1	--	0	1.0	1	1.0	1	1.0	1
Third District	3.6	55	3.8	53	3.6	55	3.6	53	3.6	55
Fourth District	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Community Population										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Under 2,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	3.8	5	4.4	5	3.6	5	3.6	5	3.8	5
Over 35,000	3.6	52	3.8	49	3.6	52	3.6	50	3.6	52

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

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C. Social Workers, Guardians ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers

Demographic Description (N=3)

		N	%
Type of Work			
	No Response	--	0
	Social Worker	1	33.3%
	Guardian ad Litem	2	66.6%
	CASA Volunteer	--	0
	Other	--	0
Length of Alaska Experience			
	No Response	--	0
	5 Years or fewer	--	0
	6 to 10 years	1	33.3%
	11 to 15 years	--	0
	16 to 20 years	2	66.6%
	21 years or more	--	0
Gender			
	No Response	--	0
	Male	1	33.3%
	Female	2	66.6%
Location of Practice			
	No Response	--	0
	First District	--	0
	Second District	--	0
	Third District	3	100.0%
	Fourth District	--	0
	Outside of Alaska	--	0
Community Population			
	No Response	--	0
	Under 2,000	--	0
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	--	0
	Over 35,000	3	100.0%

**Evaluation of Judge Michael L. Wolverton
Social Workers, Guardians Ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers**

Summary of Findings

Judge Michael L. Wolverton was evaluated by two Social Workers, Guardians Ad Litem, and CASA volunteers who reported having direct professional experience with the judge. The mean score on *overall evaluation* was 4.0. The highest mean scores were obtained on *impartiality/fairness* (4.0), *integrity* (4.0) and *diligence* (4.0) and the lowest score was obtained on *judicial temperament* (3.5). Details are present in the two tables that follow.

	Poor		Deficient		Accept		Good		Excellent		Mean
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Impartiality/Fairness	--	0	--	0	1	50.0%	--	0	1	50.0%	4.0
Integrity	--	0	--	0	1	50.0%	--	0	1	50.0%	4.0
Judicial Temperament	--	0	--	0	1	50.0%	1	50.0%	--	0	3.5
Diligence	--	0	--	0	1	50.0%	--	0	1	50.0%	4.0
Overall Rating	--	0	--	0	1	50.0%	--	0	1	50.0%	4.0

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

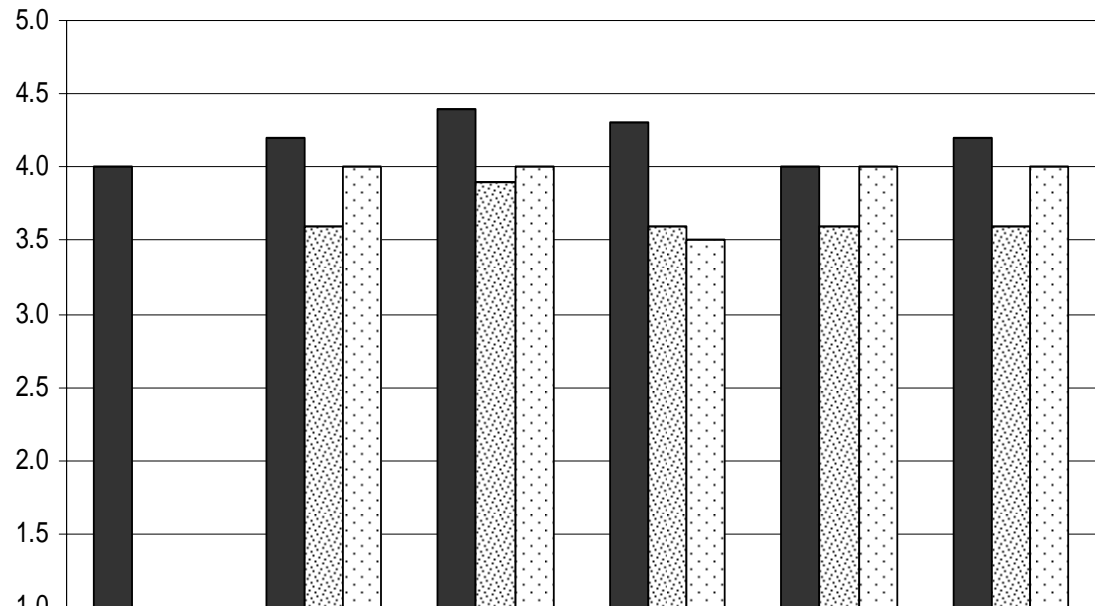
**Judge Michael L. Wolverton: Detail Information on Responses
Social Workers, Guardians Ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers**

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

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

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Average Ratings from All Groups Surveyed



	Legal Ability*	Impartiality	Integrity	Judicial Temperament	Diligence	Overall Evaluation
■ Alaska Bar Association	4.0	4.2	4.4	4.3	4.0	4.2
▨ Peace and Probation Officers		3.6	3.9	3.6	3.6	3.6
▩ Social Workers/ GALs/CASA Volunteers		4.0	4.0	3.5	4.0	4.0

*Legal Ability items are only completed by Alaska Bar Association members.

Juror Survey Results 2006 Retention Evaluation Michael L. Wolverton											
		Distribution of Ratings									
Survey Category	Mean	Excellent % (n)	Good % (n)	Acceptable % (n)	Deficient % (n)	Poor % (n)	Total Returned = 124				
Impartiality/Fairness	4.8	86% 106	14% 17	0% 0	0% 0	1% 1					
Respectful/Courteous	4.9	93% 115	6% 7	0% 0	0% 0	1% 1					
Attentive during Proceedings	4.8	88% 109	11% 13	1% 1	0% 0	1% 1					
Control over Proceedings	4.9	90% 112	9% 11	0% 0	0% 0	1% 1					
Intelligence/Skill as a Judge	4.9	90% 112	9 11	0% 0	0% 0	1% 1					
Overall Evaluation	4.9	90% 111	10% 12	0% 0	0% 0	1% 1					

Court Employee Survey Results 2006 Retention Evaluation Michael L. Wolverton												
		Distribution of Ratings										
Survey Category	Mean	Excellent % (n)	Good % (n)	Acceptable % (n)	Deficient % (n)	Poor % (n)	Total Returned = 70					
Impartiality/Fairness	4.7	69% 48	24% 17	4% 3	0% 0	0% 0	68					
Integrity	4.7	73% 51	20% 14	4% 3	0% 0	0% 0	68					
Judicial Temperament	4.7	74% 52	17% 12	6% 4	0% 0	0% 0	68					
Diligence	4.6	69% 48	23% 16	6% 4	0% 0	0% 0	68					
Overall Evaluation	4.7	74% 52	19% 13	4% 3	0% 0	0% 0	68					

Judge Michael L. Wolverton
 Prior Scores Summary
 Retention 2006
 Appointed 12/04/96 to Anchorage Superior Court
 Appointed 8/26/88 to Anchorage District Court

Bar Survey						
2006 Retention	4.0	4.2	4.4	4.3	4.0	4.2
2004 Interim	4.0	4.2	4.4	4.2	4.0	4.1
2000 Retention	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.0	4.1
1994 Retention	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.3
1990 Retention	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.4	--	4.3
	Legal Ability	Impartiality	Integrity	Judicial Temperament	Diligence	Overall Performance

Peace & Probation Officer Survey					
2006 Retention	3.6	3.9	3.6	3.6	3.6
2004 Interim	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.3
2000 Retention	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.2
1994 Retention	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.1
1990 Retention	4.0	4.2	4.1	--	4.0
	Impartiality	Integrity	Judicial Temperament	Diligence	Overall Performance