

Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

Judge Patricia Collins, Superior Court, Juneau

I. Judicial Council Evaluation. The Alaska Judicial Council, a non-partisan citizens commission established by the Alaska Constitution, finds Judge Collins to be *Qualified* and recommends unanimously (5-0) that the public vote "YES" to retain her as a superior court judge.

II. Summary of Evaluation Information. A survey of 2,860 attorneys in Alaska rated Judge Collins on sixteen categories that are summarized in the adjacent graph. Attorneys rated Judge Collins 4.5 on a scale of 5 on overall judicial performance. She scored highest in the category of "settlement skills" (4.8). She scored 4.4 or better in all sixteen categories.

	Attorney Survey	Peace Officer Survey	Juror Survey	Court Employee Survey
Legal Ability	4.4	---	---	---
Impartiality	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.9
Integrity	4.7	4.6	---	4.9
Temperament	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.8
Diligence	4.6	4.6	---	4.7
Special Skills	4.7	4.6	---	---
Overall	4.5	4.7	4.8	4.8

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

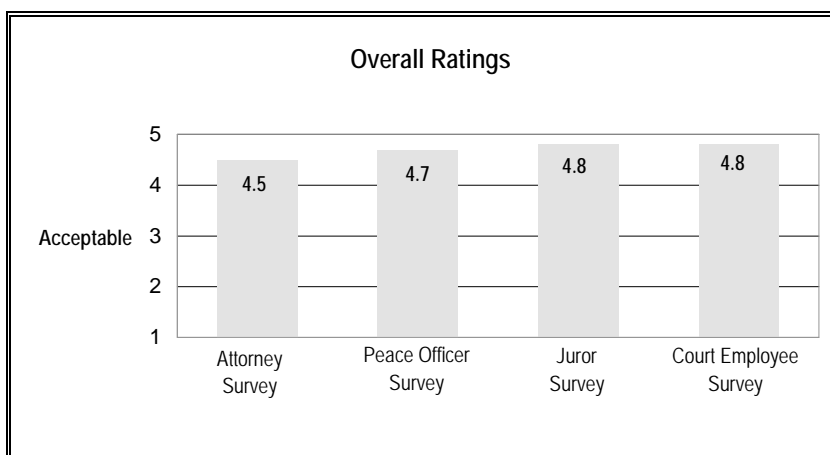
Rating Scale

5.0 = Excellent
 4.0 = Good
 3.0 = Acceptable
 2.0 = Deficient
 1.0 = Unacceptable

A survey of 1,704 peace and probation officers in Alaska rated Judge Collins on twelve categories that are summarized in the adjacent graph. Peace and probation officers rated Judge Collins 4.7 on a scale of 5 on overall judicial performance. She scored highest (4.8) in the categories of "conduct free from impropriety," and "courtesy." She scored 4.5 or better in all categories.

A survey of all jurors appearing before Judge Collins in 2000 and 2001 rated her 4.8 on a scale of 5 on overall performance. A survey of all court employees rated her 4.8 on a scale of 5 on overall performance.

The Council also completed a background investigation including a court records check, a disciplinary records check, a review of conflict of interest statements submitted to the court system and a review of financial disclosure statements submitted to the Alaska Public Offices Commission. Attorneys, peace officers, court employees and jurors were asked to submit written comments about the judge. The Council actively encouraged the public to comment, both in writing and in a statewide public hearing teleconference.



Recommendation: Vote "YES" to retain Judge Collins

Contact the Judicial Council at 1029 W. 3rd, Suite 201, Anchorage, AK 99501 (telephone: (907) 279-2526) for more detailed information, or review the information on our Internet site at:

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Trial Judge 2002 Candidates for Judicial Retention

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November 16, 2001

Patricia Collins

Juneau Superior Court

Name

Court

1. Describe your workload during your present term.

a) 47 % Civil Cases b) 20 # of trials/year
48 % Criminal Cases 5 # Administrative Appeals
5 % Court Administrative
100 % Total

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

Co-Chair, Gender Equality Section; Member, Fairness & Access Implementation Committee; Chair, Rural Access Task Force; Member, Local Dispute Resolution Committee; Member, Pro Se Center Advisory Committee; Member, Family Rules Committee, Judicial Conference Planning Committee; Member, UAS Paralegal Advisory Committee

3. On a separate sheet of paper 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.

RESPONSE TO QUESTION #3 - ASSESSMENT OF JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE

It is an honor to work as a Superior court judge. While the learning curve has been a steep one, I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve my community and state in such a an interesting and challenging job. I have worked very hard to be patient, prepared and thorough in my work. I have also considered it my duty and privilege to work with the various court/Bar committees mentioned earlier to continue to try to improve my skills and the overall judicial system.

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 X.

- b) been involved in a nonjudicial capacity in any legal proceeding whether as a party or otherwise? Yes X No _____.

- c) engaged in the practice of law (other than as a judge)? Yes _____ No X.

- d) held office in any political party? Yes _____ No X.

- e) held any other local state or federal office? Yes _____ No X.

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

(b) I was a witness in a civil action, Pierce v. Catalina Yachts, IJU-94-2213 CI on approximately October 31, 2001 regarding my representation of the Pierces in their early efforts to make warranty requests to Catalina in approximately 1993. The Pierces recovered approximately \$10,000 in damages from Catalina following jury trial. The case is, I believe, still pending decision on costs and fees.

Please provide any other information which you believe would assist the Council in conducting its evaluations and in preparing its recommendations for the 2002 retention elections.

5. 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.)

1

Name of Case
State vs. Jose Mateu

Case Number
1KE-S00-869 CR

Attorneys Involved

Name: Steven West
Address: 415 Main St., Room 304
Ketchikan, AK 99901

Name: Louis Menendez
Address: 227 7th Street
Juneau, AK 99801

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

2

Name of Case
State vs. Matthew Smith

Case Number
1JU-00-1467 CR

Attorneys Involved

Name: Sue McLean
Address: P.O. Box 110300
Juneau, AK 99811

Name: Louis Menendez
Address: 227 7th Street
Juneau, AK 99801

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

3

Name of Case
State vs. John Armstrong

Case Number
1JU-00-1532 CR

Attorneys Involved

Name: David Brower
Address: P.O. Box 110300
Juneau, AK 99811

Name: Louis Menendez
Address: 227 7th Street
Juneau, AK 99801

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

6. 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.)

<i>Name of Case</i>	<i>Case Number</i>
1 <u>Skaflestad et al v. Huna Totem</u>	<u>1JU-00-463 CI</u>

Attorneys Involved

Name: Fred Triem
Address: P.O. Box 129
Petersburg, AK 99833

Name: Dan Bruce
Address: 9309 Glacier Hwy Suite A201
Juneau, AK 99801

Name: Bruce Gagnon
Address: 420 L Street, Suite 500
Anchorage, AK 99501

Name: Barbara Zan Nault
Address: 9309 Glacier Hwy, Suite A201
Juneau, AK 99801

<i>Name of Case</i>	<i>Case Number</i>
2 <u>Ek v. Peterson</u>	<u>1JU-00-1467 CI</u>

Attorneys Involved

Name: Tyna Ek (pro se)
Address: 710 Ninth Avenue
Seattle, Wa. 98104

Name: Doug Mertz
Address: 319 Seward St, Suite 5
Juneau, AK 99801

Name: _____
Address: _____

Name: _____
Address: _____

<i>Name of Case</i>	<i>Case Number</i>
3 <u>In Re: N.M., J.M., S.M.</u>	<u>1JU-99-58, 59, 60 CP</u>

Attorneys Involved

Name: Brad Brinkman
Address: P.O. Box 110300
Juneau, AK 99811

Name: Roger Snippen
Address: P.O. Box 23084
Juneau, AK 99802

Name: Rob Meachum
Address: P.O. Box 110300
Juneau, AK 99811

Name: _____
Address: _____

7. 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.)

(motion practice and settlement conferences)

1

<i>Name of Case</i>	<i>Case Number</i>
<u>Eyre v. State</u>	<u>1JU-98-2216 CI</u>

Attorneys Involved

Name: Tom Nave
Address: 227 7th Street
Juneau, AK 99801

Name: Mauri Long
Address: 510 L Street, Suite 603
Anchorage, AK 99501

Name: Julie Willoughby
Address: 350 No. Franklin St.
Juneau, AK 99801

Name: Pat Gullufson
Address: P.O. Box 110300
Juneau, AK 99811

2

<i>Name of Case</i>	<i>Case Number</i>
<u>Cameron v. Adventure Sports</u>	<u>1JU-99-897 CI</u>

Attorneys Involved

Name: Blake Call
Address: 550 W. 7th Ave, Ste. 1100
Anchorage, AK 99501

Name: Deborah Holbrook
Address: 301 E. Third St.
Juneau, AK 99801

Name: Mike Lessmeier
Address: 431 N Franklin St, Ste 400
Juneau, AK 99801

Name: Steve Hempel
Address: 319 Seward St., Suite 10
Juneau, AK 99801

Bob Blasco
801 W. 10th Ave. Juneau

3

<i>Name of Case</i>	<i>Case Number</i>
<u>Felix v. Channel Construction</u>	<u>1JU-00-1728</u>

(settlement conference)

Attorneys Involved

Name: Keith Levy
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Juneau, AK 99801

Name: Bill Council
Address: 424 No. Franklin St.
Juneau, AK 99801

Name: Bob Blasco
Address: 801 W. 10th St, Sute 300
Juneau, AK 99801

Name: Susan Cox
Address: P.O. Box 110300
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302 Gold Street
Juneau, AK 99801

8. 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.)

1

Name of Case

Case Number

Attorneys Involved

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

2

Name of Case

Case Number

Attorneys Involved

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

3

Name of Case

Case Number

Attorneys Involved

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

MEMORANDUM

TO: Judicial Council Members
FROM: Staff
DATE: April 24, 2002
RE: Comparison of Previous Survey Results - Patricia A. Collins

Patricia A. Collins is standing for retention in 2002. The table on the following page compares retention and selection survey scores for Judge Collins. Changes in the form and content of the various surveys should be noted carefully in making any comparisons.

Judge Collins previously stood for retention as a district court judge in 1998. She was evaluated with the other non-retention judges in 1996 and 2000.

Judge Collins applied for and was appointed to the Ketchikan District Court in 1995. She applied for and was appointed to the Juneau Superior Court in 1999.

Judge Patricia A. Collins
 Appointed to Juneau Superior Court 03/27/99

	<i>2002 Retention</i>		<i>2000 Interim</i>		<i>1999 Juneau Superior</i>	<i>1998 Retention</i>		<i>1996 Interim</i>		<i>1995 Ketchikan District</i>
	<i>Bar</i>	<i>PPO</i>	<i>Bar</i>	<i>PPO</i>		<i>Bar</i>	<i>PPO</i>	<i>Bar</i>	<i>PPO</i>	
Legal Ability/Professional Competence	4.4	----	4.6	----	4.5	4.4	----	4.6	----	4.4
Impartiality/Fairness	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.4	----	----	4.5
Integrity/Good Character	4.7	4.6	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.5	----	----	4.5
Judicial Temperament	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.4	4.5
Diligence	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	----	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.4	----
Special Skills	4.7	4.6	----	----	----	4.7	4.2	----	----	----
Experience	----	----	----	----	4.6	----	----	----	----	4.4
Overall Performance	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.5