

Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

Judge Stephanie E. Joannides, Superior Court, Anchorage

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

II. Summary of Evaluation Information. A survey of 2,927 attorneys in Alaska rated Judge Joannides on sixteen categories that are summarized in the adjacent graph. Attorneys rated Judge Joannides 3.9 on a scale of 5 on overall judicial performance. She scored 3.7 or better in all sixteen categories.

	Attorney Survey	Peace Officer Survey	Juror Survey	Court Employee Survey	Alaska Judicial Observers
Legal Ability	3.8	---	---	---	---
Impartiality	4.1	3.8	4.9	4.3	---
Integrity	4.1	4.0	---	4.3	---
Temperament	4.2	4.2	4.9	4.3	---
Diligence	3.8	3.9	---	4.0	---
Special Skills	3.9	3.9	---	---	---
Overall	3.9	3.9	4.8	4.1	3.8

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

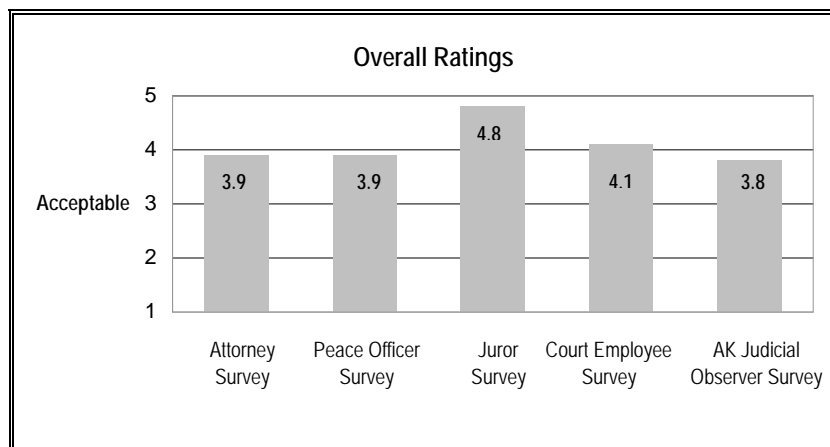
Rating Scale

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

A survey of 1,495 peace and probation officers in Alaska rated Judge Joannides on twelve categories that are summarized in the adjacent graph. Peace and probation officers rated Judge Joannides 3.9 on a scale of 5 on overall judicial performance. She scored 3.7 or better in all twelve categories.

A survey of jurors appearing before Judge Joannides in 2002 and 2003 rated her 4.8 on a scale of 5 on overall performance. A survey of all court employees rated her 4.1 on a scale of 5 on overall performance. The Alaska Judicial Observers, independent community-based volunteer court observers, gave Judge Joannides a 3.8 overall rating on a scale of 5.

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 Stephanie E. Joannides

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November 10, 2003

Stephanie E. Joannides
Name

Superior Court
Court

1. Describe your workload during your present term.

a) * % Civil Cases
 * % Criminal Cases
 10 % Court Administrative
100 % Total
See Attached

b) * # of trials/year
 8 # Administrative Appeals
 2 Criminal Appeals a year
(as pro-tem on Court of Appeals)

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

See Attached

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 1 a), 2 and 3

My three and a half years on the Superior Court bench have proven to be exciting and challenging. While I was on the District Court bench, I was appointed to pro tem on the Superior Court on two separate occasions and once on the Court of Appeals. Since my appointment to the Superior Court Bench in April of 2000, the types of cases assigned to me have also changed a number of times. The changes, respectively, were the result of attempts to accommodate the increased demands of the Therapeutic Court calendar, the reorganization of how felony DUI's were being handled, the change in the presiding judge, and a recent change in the presiding judge's calendar. The frequency of the changes has presented challenges in case transition and management and has continued to hone my skills in a variety of areas.

Describing my caseload by percentage of time spent on different cases presents somewhat of a challenge in light of the number of times my case assignments have changed in this three and a half year period. In an effort to provide you with the requested information, I offer the following.

Superior Court judges in Anchorage are usually assigned a full time criminal or full time civil rotation. Criminal rotations include delinquencies and some administrative appeals. Civil rotations include general civil matters, domestic relations cases, CINA cases and some administrative appeals. In January 2002, I transferred from a full-time civil caseload, during which time I also presided over Felony Drug Court cases one

afternoon a week to a caseload that included both felony therapeutic courts, all felony DUI's, CINA cases, and administrative appeals. In January 2003, after Judge Hensley became Presiding Judge of the Anchorage trial court, I was transferred to a felony criminal caseload which included felony criminal matters, delinquency cases, administrative appeals and both felony therapeutic courts. In December 2003, I transferred to a caseload that includes some felony criminal cases, a civil judge's full domestic relations caseload¹, Rule 11 change of pleas every Monday afternoon, one Friday morning of open sentencing Change of Plea hearings per month, administrative appeals and both felony therapeutic courts. As a result, my percentages have shifted a number of times.

My work on the therapeutic courts has been very rewarding. In addition to my work with various state and private agencies involved with the therapeutic courts, I participated on local judicial education committees and presented to schools and other groups about therapeutic justice (and traditional justice) models. On a national level, I have been a speaker at the national conference sponsored by the National Drug Court Institute/National Association of Drug Professionals in Reno, Nevada. A couple of years ago I was appointed to the National Congress of State Drug Courts and am a member, along with Judge Wannamaker, on the DUI Drug Court subcommittee of the Board of the NDCI. In February of this year, I will speak about DUI Drug Courts at a meeting in Boston sponsored by the Nation Highway Transportation Association. This meeting will include approximately 30-35 individuals from a number of eastern states looking to begin or improve their therapeutic courts.

¹ Judge Volland's civil caseload was split between Judge Hensley and myself. Judge Hensley is now assigned all non-domestic matters and I am assigned all domestic matters.

I especially enjoy speaking to young people about the law and did so during Law Day. I frequently have grade school children conduct mock trials in my court room. This last year, I was the chair of the Color of Justice Program. The Color of Justice Program was the brainchild of the National Association of Women Judges to encourage minority middle and high school age students to consider the law and judgeships as career goals. The program focuses on career preparation, panel discussions with judges and lawyers sharing personal and professional insights, and small group discussions. The Color of Justice Program was organized in cooperation with Seattle University Law School, Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc., Judge Cutler representing the National Association of Women Judges and the Alaska Trial Court. It was a full day program, held in July of 2003, that included many local attorneys, professors from Seattle University Law School, Anchorage and Palmer judges and over 60 participants. We hope to make it a yearly event.

I feel that my judicial performance continues to improve. Every day I face new challenges that present situations and issues worthy of evaluation and re-evaluation. I continue to strive for excellence and continue to participate in various educational programs. At times, it has been challenging to switch from the conciliatory role of a therapeutic court judge to a more adversarial format. In addition, the administrative demands of the therapeutic court have often presented challenges to the calendaring of cases being processed in a traditional method. I have found that all of these factors have provided me an opportunity to evaluate the processing of cases which has sometimes resulted in creative solutions. I look forward to improving my performance every year.

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 _____ No X.

 - 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.

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.)

<i>Name of Case</i>	<i>Case Number</i>
1 ITMO B.S.	#AN99-201CP

Attorneys Involved

Name: James Darnell
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Name: _____
Address: _____

Name: Jeanne LaVonne
Address: 900 W. 8th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Name: _____
Address: _____

<i>Name of Case</i>	<i>Case Number</i>
2 SOA v. Janene Guidroz	3AN-01-9726CR

Attorneys Involved

Name: Marcelle McDannel
Address: 310 K Street Ste 520
Anchorage, AK 99501

Name: _____
Address: _____

Name: Daniel Lowery
Address: 900 W. 5th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Name: _____
Address: _____

<i>Name of Case</i>	<i>Case Number</i>
3 SOA v. Orrin Jez	3AN-01-8051CR

Attorneys Involved

Name: Sharon Marshall
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Anchorage, AK 99501

Name: _____
Address: _____

Name: Andrew Lambert
Address: 711 H Street, Ste 450
Anchorage, AK 99501

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.)

1. *Name of Case* Fikes v. Torres *Case Number* 3AN-00-8978CI

Attorneys Involved

Name: Alexis Foote
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Anchorage, AK 99515

Name: Mary-Ellen Meddleton
Address: 711 H Street, Ste 350
Anchorage, AK 99501

Name: _____
Address: _____

Name: _____
Address: _____

2. *Name of Case* ITMO C.M. *Case Number* 3AN-00-537PR

Attorneys Involved

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Anchorage, AK 99501

Name: Ernest Schlereth
Address: 225 E. Fireweed Lane, Ste 301
Anchorage, AK 99503

Name: _____
Address: _____

Name: _____
Address: _____

3. *Name of Case* Chamberlain v. Chamberlain *Case Number* 3AN-00-12328CI

Attorneys Involved

Name: Gary Eschbacher
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Name: Kenneth Kirk
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Anchorage, AK 99501

Name: Elizabeth Still
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Anchorage, AK 99501

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.)

1

Name of Case

Stowers v. Stowers

Case Number

3AN-00-5376CI

Attorneys Involved

Name: Peter Mysing
Address: 608 Petersen Way
Kenai, AK 99611

Name: _____
Address: _____

Name: Janet Platt
Address: 711 M Street, Ste 101
Anchorage, AK 99501

Name: _____
Address: _____

2

Name of Case

Ames v. Ames

Case Number

3AN-01-11590CI

Attorneys Involved

Name: Lester Syren
Address: Box 112141
Anchorage, AK 99511

Name: _____
Address: _____

Name: Kimberly Stohr
Address: 828 E Street
Anchorage, AK 99501

Name: _____
Address: _____

3

Name of Case

Luckow v. Nathanson

Case Number

3AN-00-9387CI

Attorneys Involved

Name: Vanessa White
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Anchorage, AK 99501

Name: _____
Address: _____

Name: Max Gruenberg
Address: 880 H Street, Ste 201
Anchorage, AK 99501

Name: _____
Address: _____

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**
Felony Therapeutic Courts/Drug and DUI

Attorneys Involved

Name: Dan Wilkerson
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Name: Phillip Moberly
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Name: Cathy Easter
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Anchorage, AK 99501
Connie Aschenbrenner
900 W. 5th Avenue
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2

Name of Case **Case Number**
ITMO N.W. & M.W. 3KB-02-17PR & 3KB-02-11

Attorneys Involved

Name: Frank Cahill
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Name: Calvin Rick Jones
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Anchorage, AK 99517

Harold Snow
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Name: Una Gandbhir
Address: 415 W. 8th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Name: Roy Longacre
Address: 425 G Street, Ste 910
Anchorage, AK 99501

3

Name of Case **Case Number**

Attorneys Involved

Name: _____
Address: _____

Name: _____
Address: _____

Name: _____
Address: _____

Name: _____
Address: _____

F. SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE STEPHANIE E. JOANNIDES

1. ALASKA BAR ASSOCIATION

Demographic Description of all Alaska Bar Association Respondents (N=448)

a. <u>Type of Practice:</u>	Private, solo	24.6%
	Private, office of 2-5 attorneys	20.1%
	Private, office of 6 or more attorneys	17.6%
	Private corporate employee	1.3%
	State judge or judicial officer	8.3%
	Government	21.7%
	Public service agency or organization	1.1%
	Other	1.1%
	No Answer	4.2%
b. <u>Years of Experience:</u>	5 Years or fewer	6.3%
	6-10 Years	15.0%
	11-15 Years	12.5%
	16-20 Years	20.5%
	21 Years or more	42.2%
	No Answer	3.6%
c. <u>Gender:</u>	Male	63.6%
	Female	32.8%
	No Answer	3.6%
d. <u>Cases Handled:</u>	Prosecution	6.7%
	Mainly criminal	6.9%
	Mixed criminal and civil	21.0%
	Mainly civil	58.7%
	Other	2.5%
	No Answer	4.2%
e. <u>Location of Practice:</u>	First District	5.4%
	Second District	0.7%
	Third District	87.1%
	Fourth District	2.5%
	Outside Alaska	0.7%
	No Answer	3.8%

Summary of Findings:

Judge Stephanie E. Joannides was evaluated by 387 Alaska Bar Association members who reported having direct professional experience with this judge. Of these 387 respondents, 153 (39.5%) had substantial and recent experience, 111 (28.7%) had moderate experience, 72 (18.6%) had limited experience, and 50 (12.9%) did not indicate level of experience. The mean score on the overall evaluation item was 3.9. The highest mean scores were obtained on *conduct free from impropriety or appearance of impropriety* (4.2), *courtesy, freedom from arrogance* (4.2), and *human understanding and compassion* (4.2). The lowest mean score was obtained on *reasonable promptness in making decisions* (3.7). Details are presented in the two tables that follow.

**Evaluation of Superior Court Judge Stephanie E. Joannides:
Alaska Bar Association Members**

	<i>Poor</i>		<i>Deficient</i>		<i>Acceptable</i>		<i>Good</i>		<i>Excellent</i>		<i>Mean</i>
	<i>Num</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Num</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Num</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Num</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Num</i>	<i>%</i>	
Legal Ability											
Legal and factual analysis	10	2.6	38	10.0	78	20.6	148	39.1	105	27.7	3.8
Knowledge of substantive law	11	3.0	35	9.7	79	21.9	129	35.7	107	29.6	3.8
Knowledge of evidence and procedure	13	3.7	27	7.6	75	21.2	127	35.9	112	31.6	3.8
Impartiality											
Equal treatment of all parties	14	3.7	28	7.5	53	14.1	112	29.9	168	44.8	4.0
Sense of basic fairness and justice	6	1.6	23	6.3	60	16.3	107	29.1	172	46.7	4.1
Integrity											
Conduct free from impropriety or appearance of impropriety	9	2.4	16	4.3	63	16.8	106	28.2	182	48.4	4.2
Makes decisions without regard to possible public criticism	10	2.9	27	7.8	52	15.0	107	30.8	151	43.5	4.0
Judicial Temperament											
Courtesy, freedom from arrogance	10	2.7	17	4.5	50	13.3	92	24.4	208	55.2	4.2
Human understanding and compassion	6	1.6	16	4.4	49	13.4	106	29.0	189	51.6	4.2
Diligence											
Reasonable promptness in making decisions	21	5.9	36	10.1	66	18.5	125	35.1	108	30.3	3.7
Willingness to work diligently; preparation for hearings	15	4.3	26	7.4	56	16.0	119	34.0	134	38.3	3.9
Special Skills											
Ability to control courtroom	18	5.3	26	7.7	64	18.9	114	33.7	116	34.3	3.8
Settlement skills	8	3.3	18	7.3	49	19.9	84	34.1	87	35.4	3.9
Consideration of all relevant factors in sentencing	7	3.7	20	10.5	33	17.3	55	28.8	76	39.8	3.9
Talent and ability for cases involving children and families	7	3.5	15	7.4	31	15.3	67	33.2	82	40.6	4.0
Overall Evaluation											
Overall evaluation of judge	14	3.7	34	9.1	55	14.7	142	38	129	34.5	3.9

NOTE: Results are based on respondents who reported having direct professional experience with this judge.

**Ratings on the “Overall Evaluation” Item for Superior Court Judge Stephanie E. Joannides:
Alaska Bar Association Members**

	Total		Poor	Deficient	Acceptable	Good	Excellent
<i>Demographics</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
Basis for Evaluation							
No Answer	18	4.2	5.6	-	11.1	33.3	50.0
Direct Professional Experience	374	3.9	3.7	9.1	14.7	38.0	34.5
Professional Reputation	56	4.0	1.8	3.6	14.3	53.6	26.8
Social Contacts	3	4.3	-	-	-	66.7	33.3
Type of Practice							
No Answer	15	4.0	6.7	6.7	6.7	40.0	40.0
Solo	94	4.2	1.1	3.2	12.8	40.4	42.6
2 – 5 Attorneys	78	4.1	2.6	5.1	15.4	37.2	39.7
6+ Attorneys	66	3.8	1.5	9.1	21.2	45.5	22.7
Corporate	2	3.5	-	-	50.0	50.0	-
Judge or Judicial Officer	31	3.9	6.5	9.7	3.2	45.2	35.5
Government	82	3.4	8.5	20.7	17.1	26.8	26.8
Public Service	4	4.5	-	-	-	50.0	50.0
Other	2	5.0	-	-	-	-	100.0
Years of Experience							
No Answer	12	4.1	8.3	8.3	-	33.3	50.0
5 Years or fewer	23	3.7	8.7	17.4	8.7	30.4	34.8
6 – 10 Years	53	3.7	5.7	15.1	13.2	34.0	32.1
11 – 15 Years	50	3.7	4.0	6.0	30.0	38.0	22.0
16 – 20 Years	82	4.1	1.2	6.1	11.0	45.1	36.6
21 Years or more	154	4.0	3.2	8.4	14.3	37.0	37.0
Gender							
No Answer	11	4.0	9.1	9.1	-	36.4	45.5
Male	247	3.9	3.6	8.1	15.8	38.1	34.4
Female	116	3.9	3.4	11.2	13.8	37.9	33.6
Cases Handled							
No Answer	15	4.0	6.7	6.7	-	53.3	33.3
Prosecution	28	2.8	10.7	39.3	25.0	7.1	17.9
Criminal	30	4.3	3.3	-	10.0	33.3	53.3
Criminal and Civil	79	4.1	3.8	3.8	12.7	41.8	38.0
Civil	216	3.9	2.8	8.8	15.7	40.7	31.9
Other	6	4.5	-	-	16.7	16.7	66.7
Location of Practice							
No Answer	13	4.0	7.7	7.7	7.7	30.8	46.2
First District	15	4.0	-	6.7	13.3	53.3	26.7
Second District	3	4.0	-	-	-	100.0	-
Third District	332	3.9	3.9	9.3	15.4	37.7	33.7
Fourth District	8	4.1	-	12.5	12.5	25.0	50.0
Outside Alaska	3	5.0	-	-	-	-	100.0
Amount of Experience							
No Answer	48	4.2	2.1	4.2	12.5	35.4	45.8
Substantial	149	3.7	8.1	12.8	14.8	28.2	36.2
Moderate	109	4.1	0.9	8.3	10.1	45.0	35.8
Limited	67	3.9	-	6.0	22.4	50.7	20.9

F. SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE STEPHANIE E. JOANNIDES

2. PEACE AND PROBATION OFFICERS

Demographic Description of all Peace and Probation Officer Respondents (N=68)

a. <u>Type of Work:</u>	State Law Enforcement Officer	32.4%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	39.7%
	Village Public Safety Officer	1.5%
	Probation-Patrol Officer	23.5%
	Other	1.5%
	No Answer	1.5%
b. <u>Years of Experience:</u>	5 Years or fewer	16.2%
	6-10 Years	35.3%
	11-15 Years	11.8%
	16-20 Years	17.6%
	21 Years or more	17.6%
	No Answer	1.5%
c. <u>Gender:</u>	Male	72.1%
	Female	26.5%
	No Answer	1.5%
d. <u>Location of Work:</u>	First District	1.5%
	Second District	0.0%
	Third District	94.1%
	Fourth District	2.9%
	Outside Alaska	0.0%
	No Answer	1.5%
e. <u>Community Population:</u>	Under 2,000	2.9%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	8.8%
	35,000 or over	85.3%
	No Answer	2.9%

Summary of Findings:

Judge Stephanie E. Joannides was evaluated by 56 Peace and Probation Officers who reported having direct professional experience with this judge. Of these 56 respondents, 16 (28.6%) had substantial and recent experience, 16 (28.6%) had moderate experience, 18 (32.1%) had limited experience, and 6 (10.7%) did not indicate level of experience. The mean score on the overall evaluation item was 3.9. The highest mean score was obtained on *courtesy, freedom from arrogance* (4.2). The lowest mean score was obtained on *consideration of all relevant factors in sentencing* (3.7). Details are presented in the two tables that follow.

**Evaluation of Superior Court Judge Stephanie E. Joannides:
Peace and Probation Officers**

	<i>Poor</i>		<i>Deficient</i>		<i>Acceptable</i>		<i>Good</i>		<i>Excellent</i>		<i>Mean</i>
	<i>Num</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Num</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Num</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Num</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Num</i>	<i>%</i>	
Impartiality											
Equal treatment of all parties	2	3.6	5	8.9	17	30.4	10	17.9	22	39.3	3.8
Sense of basic fairness and justice	2	3.6	5	8.9	16	28.6	11	19.6	22	39.3	3.8
Integrity											
Conduct free from impropriety or appearance of impropriety	2	3.6	2	3.6	12	21.8	13	23.6	26	47.3	4.1
Makes decisions without regard to possible public criticism	3	5.6	2	3.7	12	22.2	15	27.8	22	40.7	3.9
Judicial Temperament											
Courtesy, freedom from arrogance	1	1.8	2	3.6	11	20.0	14	25.5	27	49.1	4.2
Human understanding and compassion	3	5.4	1	1.8	8	14.3	18	32.1	26	46.4	4.1
Diligence											
Reasonable promptness in making decisions	3	5.9	2	3.9	14	27.5	15	29.4	17	33.3	3.8
Willingness to work diligently; preparation for hearings	2	4.3	1	2.2	11	23.9	15	32.6	17	37.0	4.0
Special Skills											
Ability to control courtroom	3	5.7	1	1.9	13	24.5	15	28.3	21	39.6	3.9
Consideration of all relevant factors in sentencing	4	8.0	5	10.0	12	24.0	12	24.0	17	34.0	3.7
Talent and ability for cases involving children and families	3	8.6	-	-	5	14.3	12	34.3	15	42.9	4.0
Overall Evaluation											
Overall evaluation of judge	2	3.6	4	7.1	12	21.4	17	30.4	21	37.5	3.9

NOTE: Results are based on respondents who reported having direct professional experience with this judge.

**Ratings on the “Overall Evaluation” Item for Superior Court Judge Stephanie E. Joannides:
Peace and Probation Officers**

	Total		Poor	Deficient	Acceptable	Good	Excellent
<i>Demographics</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
Basis for Evaluation							
No Answer	9	3.7	-	11.1	33.3	33.3	22.2
Direct Professional Experience	56	3.9	3.6	7.1	21.4	30.4	37.5
Professional Reputation	11	3.6	27.3	-	9.1	9.1	54.5
Social Contacts	1	4.0	-	-	-	100.0	-
Type of Work							
No Answer	1	4.0	-	-	-	100.0	-
State Officer	18	4.4	5.6	-	5.6	27.8	61.1
Municipal/Borough	20	3.7	-	15.0	25.0	40.0	20.0
Village Public Safety Officer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Probation/Parole Officer	16	3.6	6.3	6.3	37.5	18.8	31.3
Other	1	5.0	-	-	-	-	100.0
Years of Experience							
No Answer	1	4.0	-	-	-	100.0	-
5 Years or fewer	9	3.7	11.1	11.1	22.2	11.1	44.4
6 – 10 Years	22	3.8	-	4.5	36.4	31.8	27.3
11 – 15 Years	7	4.6	-	-	-	42.9	57.1
16 – 20 Years	7	4.4	-	-	14.3	28.6	57.1
21 Years or more	10	3.5	10.0	20.0	10.0	30.0	30.0
Gender							
No Answer	1	4.0	-	-	-	100.0	-
Male	39	4.0	-	7.7	23.1	30.8	38.5
Female	16	3.7	12.5	6.3	18.8	25.0	37.5
Location of Work							
No Answer	1	4.0	-	-	-	100.0	-
First District	1	4.0	-	-	-	100.0	-
Second District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Third District	52	3.9	3.8	7.7	23.1	26.9	38.5
Fourth District	2	4.5	-	-	-	50.0	50.0
Outside Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Population in Community							
No Answer	2	4.5	-	-	-	50.0	50.0
Under 2,000	1	4.0	-	-	-	100.0	-
2,000-35,000	6	4.2	-	-	33.3	16.7	50.0
Over 35,000	47	3.9	4.3	8.5	21.3	29.8	36.2
Amount of Experience							
No Answer	6	4.3	-	-	-	66.7	33.3
Substantial	16	3.9	6.3	12.5	12.5	18.8	50.0
Moderate	16	3.9	6.3	6.3	25.0	18.8	43.8
Limited	18	3.8	-	5.6	33.3	38.9	22.2

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3. SOCIAL WORKERS/GUARDIANS AD LITEM/CASA VOLUNTEERS

Demographic Description of all Social Workers/GAL/CASA Respondents (N=8)

a.	<u>Type of Work:</u>	Social Worker	50.0%
		Guardian ad Litem	0.0%
		CASA Volunteer	50.0%
		Other	0.0%
		No Answer	0.0%
b.	<u>Years of Experience:</u>	5 Years or fewer	75.0%
		6-10 Years	12.5%
		11-15 Years	12.5%
		16-20 Years	0.0%
		21 Years or more	0.0%
		No Answer	0.0%
c.	<u>Gender:</u>	Male	0.0%
		Female	100.0%
		No Answer	0.0%
d.	<u>Location of Work:</u>	First District	0.0%
		Second District	0.0%
		Third District	100.0%
		Fourth District	0.0%
		Outside Alaska	0.0%
		No Answer	0.0%
e.	<u>Community Population:</u>	Under 2,000	0.0%
		Between 2,000 and 35,000	0.0%
		35,000 or over	100.0%
		No Answer	0.0%

Summary of Findings:

Judge Stephanie E. Joannides was evaluated by a total of 7 Social Workers, Guardians ad Litem, and CASA volunteers who reported having direct professional experience with this judge. Of these 7 respondents, 2 (28.6%) had substantial and recent experience, 3 (42.9%) had moderate experience, 1 (14.3%) had limited experience, and 1 (14.3%) did not indicate level of experience. The mean score on the overall evaluation item was 3.3. The highest mean scores were obtained on *human understanding and compassion* (4.0) and *ability to control courtroom* (4.0). The lowest mean score was obtained on *talent and ability for cases involving children and families* (3.0). Details are presented in the two tables that follow.

**Evaluation of Superior Court Judge Stephanie E. Joannides:
Social Workers/Guardians ad Litem/CASA Volunteers**

	<i>Poor</i>		<i>Deficient</i>		<i>Acceptable</i>		<i>Good</i>		<i>Excellent</i>		
	<i>Num</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Num</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Num</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Num</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Num</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Mean</i>
Impartiality											
Equal treatment of all parties	1	14.3	2	28.6	-	-	2	28.6	2	28.6	3.3
Sense of basic fairness and justice	1	14.3	2	28.6	-	-	2	28.6	2	28.6	3.3
Integrity											
Conduct free from impropriety or appearance of impropriety	1	14.3	2	28.6	-	-	2	28.6	2	28.6	3.3
Judicial Temperament											
Courtesy, freedom from arrogance	-	-	3	42.9	1	14.3	1	14.3	2	28.6	3.3
Human understanding and compassion	-	-	-	-	2	33.3	2	33.3	2	33.3	4.0
Diligence											
Reasonable promptness in making decisions	1	14.3	2	28.6	-	-	2	28.6	2	28.6	3.3
Willingness to work diligently; preparation for hearings	1	20.0	-	-	-	-	2	40.0	2	40.0	3.8
Special Skills											
Ability to control courtroom	-	-	1	20.0	-	-	2	40.0	2	40.0	4.0
Settlement skills	-	-	3	42.9	-	-	2	28.6	2	28.6	3.4
Talent and ability for cases involving children and families	1	16.7	2	33.3	1	16.7	-	-	2	33.3	3.0
Overall Evaluation											
Overall evaluation of judge	1	14.3	2	28.6	-	-	2	28.6	2	28.6	3.3

NOTE: Results are based on respondents who reported having direct professional experience with this judge.

**Ratings on the “Overall Evaluation” Item for Superior Court Judge Stephanie E. Joannides:
Social Workers/Guardians ad Litem/CASA Volunteers**

<i>Demographics</i>	Total		Poor	Deficient	Acceptable	Good	Excellent
	<i>n</i>	<i>Mean</i>	%	%	%	%	%
Basis for Evaluation							
No Answer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Direct Professional Experience	7	3.3	14.3	28.6	-	28.6	28.6
Professional Reputation	1	5.0	-	-	-	-	100.0
Social Contacts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Type of Work							
No Answer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Social Worker	4	2.5	25.0	50.0	-	-	25.0
Guardian ad Litem	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CASA Volunteer	3	4.3	-	-	-	66.7	33.3
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Years of Experience							
No Answer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 Years or fewer	5	3.4	-	40.0	-	40.0	20.0
6 – 10 Years	1	1.0	100.0	-	-	-	-
11 – 15 Years	1	5.0	-	-	-	-	100.0
16 – 20 Years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21 Years or more	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gender							
No Answer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Male	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Female	7	3.3	14.3	28.6	-	28.6	28.6
Location of Work							
No Answer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
First District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Second District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Third District	7	3.3	14.3	28.6	-	28.6	28.6
Fourth District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Outside Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Population of Community							
No Answer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Under 2,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2,000-35,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Over 35,000	7	3.3	14.3	28.6	-	28.6	28.6
Amount of Experience							
No Answer	1	4.0	-	-	-	100.0	-
Substantial	2	3.0	50.0	-	-	-	50.0
Moderate	3	2.7	-	66.7	-	33.3	-
Limited	1	5.0	-	-	-	-	100.0

**Table 9:
Juror Survey Results for Stephanie E. Joannides
2004 Alaska Judicial Council Retention Juror Survey**

Question	Excellent % (n)	Good % (n)	Acceptable % (n)	Deficient % (n)	Unacceptable % (n)	Mean	Total returned = 94
Was the judge fair and impartial to all sides in the case?	90% 85	10% 9	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	4.9	94
Was the judge respectful and courteous?	98% 92	2% 2	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	4.98	94
Was the judge attentive during proceedings?	77% 72	23% 22	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	4.8	94
Did the judge exercise appropriate control over the proceedings?	80% 75	18% 17	1% 1	1% 1	0% 0	4.8	94
How would you evaluate the judge's intelligence and skill as a judge?	82% 77	18% 17	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	4.8	94
How would you evaluate the judge overall?	82% 77	18% 17	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	4.8	94

**Table 8: Court Employee Survey Results for Stephanie E. Joannides
2004 Alaska Judicial Council Retention Court Employee Survey**

Question	Excellent % (n)	Good % (n)	Acceptable % (n)	Deficient % (n)	Poor % (n)	Mean	Total returned = 75
Does this judge treat court staff with respect?	47% 34	32% 23	15% 11	6% 4	1% 1	4.2	73
Does this judge treat other people with respect?	54% 37	27% 18	15% 10	4% 3	0% 0	4.3	68
Does this judge manage the caseload and staff capably and effectively?	37% 22	30% 18	17% 10	8% 5	8% 5	3.8	60
Does this judge work diligently and act promptly on matters that need attention?	48% 30	23% 14	13% 8	10% 6	7% 4	3.97	62
Does this judge act with integrity?	54% 35	29% 19	12% 8	2% 1	3% 2	4.3	65
Does this judge act with fairness and impartiality?	53% 34	31% 20	8% 5	5% 3	3% 2	4.3	64
Does this judge have the ability to control the courtroom?	58% 34	22% 13	9% 5	5% 3	7% 4	4.2	59
Overall evaluation of the judge's performance.	49% 33	28% 19	12% 8	9% 6	3% 2	4.1	68



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Judicial Council Members
FROM: Staff
DATE: April 22, 2004
RE: Comparison of Previous Survey Results - Stephanie E. Joannides

Judge Joannides is standing for retention in 2004. The table on the following page compares retention survey scores for Judge Joannides.

Judge Joannides previously stood for retention in 1996. She was evaluated with the other non-retention judges in 1998 and 2002.

Judge Joannides applied for and was appointed to the Anchorage District Court in 1994. She applied for and was appointed to the Anchorage Superior Court in 2000.

Judge Stephanie E. Joannides Appointed to Anchorage Superior Court 4/10/00								
	2004 Retention Superior Ct.		2002 Retention Preview Superior Ct.		1998 Retention Preview District Ct.		1996 Retention District Ct.	
	Bar	PPO	Bar	PPO	Bar	PPO	Bar	PPO
Legal Ability	3.8	—	3.8	—	4.0	—	4.1	—
Impartiality	4.1	3.8	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.2
Integrity	4.1	4.0	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.3
Judicial Temperament	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.2	4.2
Diligence	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.2
Special Skills	3.9	3.9	—	—	—	—	4.3	4.2
Overall Performance	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.1