

Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

Judge Joel Bolger, Superior Court, Kodiak

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 Bolger 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 | 4.4 | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Impartiality | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 4.8 |
| Integrity | 4.6 | 4.7 | --- | 4.5 | 5.0 |
| Temperament | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 5.0 |
| Diligence | 4.5 | 4.6 | --- | 4.5 | 5.0 |
| Overall | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 5.0 |

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 Bolger on the six categories summarized in the table above, using 5 as the highest rating possible. The attorney rating for Judge Bolger on overall performance was 4.5. Peace and probation officers rated Judge Bolger on five categories, using the 5-point scale above. They gave Judge Bolger a rating of 4.6.

Three other groups also evaluated Judge Bolger's performance, using the same 5-point scale with 5 as the highest rating. Jurors rated him 4.9, court employees gave him 4.5, and social workers, guardians ad litem and CASA volunteers rated him at 5.0.

Recommendation: Vote "YES" to retain Judge Joel Bolger

Contact the Judicial Council at 1029 W. Third Avenue, 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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Alaska Judicial Council Questionnaire

Trial Judge 2006 Candidates for Judicial Retention

November 21, 2005

Joel H. Bolger

Kodiak Superior Court

Name

Court

1. Describe your workload during your present term.

| | | | |
|----|--|----|----------------------------------|
| a) | $\frac{25}{70}$ % Civil Cases | b) | $\frac{12}{21}$ # of trials/year |
| | % Criminal Cases | | # Administrative Appeals |
| | $\frac{5}{100}$ % Court Administrative | | |
| | 100 % Total | | |

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

I currently serve on the Judicial Education Committee, the Mentoring Subcommittee and the Family Law Rules Committee, and I filled in on the Forms Committee for a short time. I am a Magistrate Training Judge for the Third District. In October 2003, I coordinated a one-day judges' conference on pretrial incarceration and release, including a panel presentation that I moderated.

I served as the President of the Alaska Conference of Judges for 2004-05.

I recently joined the American Bar Association, Rural Courts Subcommittee.

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 enjoyed a variety of transitions over the last two years. During the last part of 2003 and all of 2004, I continued to cover the superior court cases in Valdez, while also learning my new responsibilities in Kodiak. I was pleased to get the opportunity to mentor the new Valdez judge, Daniel Shally, when he accepted the position early in 2005.

I have continued to help plan the judicial education conferences and programs as a member of the Judicial Education Committee. In June 2004, I accepted an invitation to give a keynote address on judicial education at the Leadership Institute in Judicial Education at the University of Memphis.

Shortly after my current appointment, Judge Hensley assigned me to a complicated wrongful death case from Dillingham, involving an air crash where ten people died. Motions and hearings in this case have consumed a great deal of my time over the past year; I just completed the five-week jury trial. I feel very fortunate to have had this opportunity to learn about the management of both the pretrial and trial phases of this type of complex litigation.

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.

Thank you for the time and effort you spend evaluating the candidates for judicial retention.

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: Est. of Matson & Christiansen **Case Number:** 3DI-03-112 CI
v. Cessna Aircraft Company

Attorneys Involved:

| | | | |
|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Name | <u>Phillip P. Weidner</u> | Name | <u>Matthew K. Peterson</u> |
| Address | <u>330 L St., Suite 200</u> | Address | <u>711 H St., Suite 620</u> |
| City, State, Zip | <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u> | City, State, Zip | <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u> |
| Name | <u></u> | Name | <u>John B. Thorsness</u> |
| Address | <u></u> | Address | <u>711 H St., Suite 620</u> |
| City, State, Zip | <u></u> | City, State, Zip | <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u> |

Case Number 2

Case Name: Chris Froines **Case Number:** 3VA-00-80 CI
v. Valdez Fisheries Dev. Ass'n.

Attorneys Involved:

| | | | |
|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| Name | <u>Michael T. Stehle</u> | Name | <u>Stephen A. McAlpine</u> |
| Address | <u>737 W. 5th Ave., Ste. 206</u> | Address | <u>4141 B St., Suite 202</u> |
| City, State, Zip | <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u> | City, State, Zip | <u>Anchorage, AK 99503</u> |
| Name | <u></u> | Name | <u></u> |
| Address | <u></u> | Address | <u></u> |
| City, State, Zip | <u></u> | City, State, Zip | <u></u> |

Case Number 3

Case Name: State of Alaska **Case Number:** 3KO-04-431 CR
v. Zola Morris

Attorneys Involved:

| | | | |
|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| Name | <u>Joseph S. Slusser</u> | Name | <u>Allan Thielen</u> |
| Address | <u>518 W. Marine Way, Ste. 202</u> | Address | <u>518 W. Marine Way, Ste. 201</u> |
| City, State, Zip | <u>Kodiak, AK 99615</u> | City, State, Zip | <u>Kodiak, Ak 99615</u> |
| Name | <u></u> | Name | <u></u> |
| Address | <u></u> | Address | <u></u> |
| City, State, Zip | <u></u> | City, State, Zip | <u></u> |

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: Andrew L. Nault **Case Number:** 3KO-04-141 CI
v. Sharon R. Nault

Attorneys Involved:

| | | | |
|------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Name | Matthew St. John | Name | Gregory P. Razo |
| Address | 323 Carolyn Street | Address | PO Box 93330 |
| City, State, Zip | Kodiak, Alaska 99615 | City, State, Zip | Anchorage, AK 99509 |
| Name | | Name | |
| Address | | Address | |
| City, State, Zip | | City, State, Zip | |

Case Number 2

Case Name: Oscar Christiansen **Case Number:** 3KO-04-77 CI
v. State of Alaska (PCR)

Attorneys Involved:

| | | | |
|------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| Name | Matthew St. John | Name | J. Michael Gray |
| Address | 323 Carolyn Street | Address | 518 W. Marine Way, Suite 202 |
| City, State, Zip | Kodiak, AK 99615 | City, State, Zip | Kodiak, AK 99615 |
| Name | | Name | |
| Address | | Address | |
| City, State, Zip | | City, State, Zip | |

Case Number 3

Case Name: Mark St. Denny **Case Number:** 3KO-03-346 CI
v. Terri St. Denny

Attorneys Involved:

| | | | |
|------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Name | Dennis F. Principe | Name | Lori A. Colbert |
| Address | 167 Park Avenue | Address | 431 W. 7th Ave., Suite 101 |
| City, State, Zip | Wasilla, AK 99654 | City, State, Zip | Anchorage, AK 99501 |
| 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: Dillingham Air Crash Lit'n. **Case Number:** 3DI-03-112 CI
v. _____

Attorneys Involved:

| | | | |
|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Name | <u>Robert H. Wagstaff</u> | Name | <u>Robert L. Richmond</u> |
| Address | <u>425 G St., Suite 610</u> | Address | <u>360 K St., Suite 200</u> |
| City, State, Zip | <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u> | City, State, Zip | <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u> |
| Name | <u>Neil T. O'Donnell</u> | Name | <u>Matthew D. Jamin</u> |
| Address | <u>420 L St., Suite 500</u> | Address | <u>323 Carolyn Street</u> |
| City, State, Zip | <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u> | City, State, Zip | <u>Kodiak, AK 99615</u> |

Case Number 2

Case Name: Robert Sengmany **Case Number:** 3AN-04-10039 CI
v. State, DHSS

Attorneys Involved:

| | | | |
|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Name | <u>Yale H. Metzger</u> | Name | <u>Ryan Heffernan</u> |
| Address | <u>101 E. 9th Ave., Suite 7A</u> | Address | <u>1031 W 4th Ave., Suite 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: Charter North **Case Number:** 3AN-04-12551 CI
v. State, DHSS

Attorneys Involved:

| | | | |
|------------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| Name | <u>John F. Sullivan</u> | Name | <u>Julia S. Tucker</u> |
| Address | <u>PO Box C-90016</u> | Address | <u>1031 W. 4th Ave., Suite 200</u> |
| City, State, Zip | <u>Bellevue, WA 98009</u> | City, State, Zip | <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u> |
| 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: Dillingham Air Crash Lit'n. **Case Number:** 3DI-03-112 CI
v. (continued)

Attorneys Involved:

| | |
|---|--|
| Name <u>Jeffrey M. Feldman</u> | Name <u>Myron E. Angstman</u> |
| Address <u>500 L St., Suite 400</u> | Address <u>PO Box 585</u> |
| City, State, Zip <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u> | City, State, Zip <u>Bethel, AK 99559</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 _____ |

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: Louis D. Hastings *Case Number:* 3AN-96-4823 CI
v. State of Alaska (PCR)

Attorneys Involved:

| | |
|--|---|
| Name <u>Linda S. Thomas</u> | Name <u>Michael S. McLaughlin</u> |
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| City, State, Zip <u>Palm Coast, FL 32135</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 _____ |

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 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 _____ |

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| Name _____ | Name _____ |
| Address _____ | Address _____ |
| City, State, Zip _____ | City, State, Zip _____ |

29. SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE JOEL BOLGER

A. Alaska Bar Association

Demographic Description (N=234)

| | N | % |
|--|-----|-------|
| Type of Practice | | |
| No Response | 5 | 2.0% |
| Private, Solo | 49 | 20.1% |
| Private, 2-5 Attorneys | 37 | 15.2% |
| Private, 6+ Attorneys | 37 | 15.2% |
| Private, Corporate Employee | 5 | 2.0% |
| State Judge or Judicial Officer | 49 | 20.1% |
| Government | 46 | 18.9% |
| Public Service Agency or Organization (not govt) | 6 | 2.4% |
| Other | 9 | 3.7% |
| Length of Alaska Practice | | |
| No Response | 5 | 2.0% |
| 5 Years or fewer | 14 | 5.7% |
| 6 to 10 years | 17 | 6.9% |
| 11 to 15 years | 26 | 10.6% |
| 16 to 20 years | 38 | 15.6% |
| 21 years or more | 143 | 58.8% |
| Gender | | |
| No Response | 5 | 2.0% |
| Male | 177 | 72.8% |
| Female | 61 | 25.1% |
| Cases Handled | | |
| No Response | 5 | 2.0% |
| Prosecution | 13 | 5.3% |
| Mainly Criminal | 19 | 7.8% |
| Mixed Criminal & Civil | 83 | 34.1% |
| Mainly Civil | 112 | 46.0% |
| Other | 11 | 4.5% |
| Location of Practice | | |
| No Response | 4 | 1.6% |
| First District | 15 | 6.1% |
| Second District | 7 | 2.8% |
| Third District | 200 | 82.3% |
| Fourth District | 14 | 5.7% |
| Outside of Alaska | 3 | 1.2% |

**Evaluation of Judge Joel Bolger:
Alaska Bar Association Members**

Summary of Findings

Judge Joel Bolger was evaluated by 189 Alaska Bar Association members who reported having direct professional experience with the judge. The mean score on *overall evaluation* was 4.5. The highest mean score was obtained on *integrity* (4.6) and the lowest score was obtained on *legal ability* (4.4). Details are present in the two tables that follow.

| | Poor | | Deficient | | Accept | | Good | | Excellent | | Mean |
|------------------------------|------|------|-----------|------|--------|-------|------|-------|-----------|-------|------|
| | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % | |
| Legal Ability | 1 | 0.5% | 2 | 1.0% | 20 | 10.5% | 55 | 29.1% | 111 | 58.7% | 4.4 |
| Impartiality/Fairness | 4 | 2.1% | 3 | 1.5% | 14 | 7.4% | 48 | 25.5% | 119 | 63.2% | 4.5 |
| Integrity | 1 | 0.5% | 1 | 0.5% | 16 | 8.6% | 37 | 19.8% | 131 | 70.4% | 4.6 |
| Judicial Temperament | 3 | 1.6% | 2 | 1.0% | 13 | 7.0% | 46 | 25.0% | 120 | 65.2% | 4.5 |
| Diligence | 1 | 0.5% | 2 | 1.1% | 16 | 9.0% | 43 | 24.2% | 115 | 64.9% | 4.5 |
| Overall Rating | 1 | 0.5% | 4 | 2.1% | 14 | 7.4% | 46 | 24.5% | 122 | 65.2% | 4.5 |

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

**Judge Joel Bolger: 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 | 4.0 | 1 | 4.0 | 1 | 4.0 | 1 | 4.0 | 1 | 4.0 | 1 | 4.0 | 1 |
| Direct Professional | 4.4 | 189 | 4.5 | 188 | 4.6 | 186 | 4.5 | 184 | 4.5 | 177 | 4.5 | 187 |
| Professional Reputation | 4.4 | 47 | 4.4 | 47 | 4.5 | 47 | 4.4 | 47 | 4.3 | 43 | 4.4 | 47 |
| Other Personal Contacts | 4.5 | 4 | 4.6 | 5 | 4.6 | 5 | 4.6 | 5 | 4.3 | 3 | 4.6 | 5 |
| Type of Practice | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| No Response | 4.4 | 5 | 4.6 | 5 | 4.4 | 5 | 4.4 | 5 | 4.2 | 5 | 4.4 | 5 |
| Private, Solo | 4.2 | 41 | 4.2 | 41 | 4.3 | 41 | 4.3 | 41 | 4.3 | 39 | 4.3 | 40 |
| Private, 2-5 Attorneys | 4.4 | 32 | 4.3 | 32 | 4.6 | 32 | 4.4 | 32 | 4.5 | 32 | 4.4 | 32 |
| Private, 6+ Attorneys | 4.6 | 26 | 4.8 | 26 | 4.9 | 25 | 4.9 | 24 | 4.9 | 24 | 4.8 | 26 |
| Private, Corporate Employee | 4.4 | 5 | 4.2 | 5 | 4.2 | 5 | 4.2 | 5 | 4.0 | 4 | 4.2 | 5 |
| State Judge or Judicial Officer | 4.8 | 35 | 4.8 | 34 | 4.9 | 35 | 4.7 | 34 | 4.8 | 32 | 4.8 | 35 |
| Government | 4.3 | 37 | 4.4 | 37 | 4.5 | 36 | 4.4 | 35 | 4.5 | 33 | 4.4 | 37 |
| Public Service Agency or Organization (not govt) | 4.8 | 4 | 4.5 | 4 | 5.0 | 3 | 4.8 | 4 | 4.5 | 4 | 4.7 | 3 |
| Other | 4.3 | 4 | 4.5 | 4 | 4.5 | 4 | 4.5 | 4 | 4.5 | 4 | 4.5 | 4 |
| Years Experience | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| No Response | 4.2 | 5 | 4.4 | 5 | 4.3 | 4 | 4.3 | 4 | 4.0 | 4 | 4.2 | 5 |
| 5 Years or fewer | 4.3 | 12 | 4.3 | 12 | 4.3 | 11 | 4.1 | 13 | 4.3 | 12 | 4.2 | 12 |
| 6 to 10 years | 4.5 | 15 | 4.1 | 14 | 4.5 | 15 | 4.4 | 15 | 4.5 | 14 | 4.5 | 15 |
| 11 to 15 years | 4.4 | 20 | 4.4 | 20 | 4.6 | 20 | 4.4 | 20 | 4.5 | 20 | 4.4 | 20 |
| 16 to 20 years | 4.3 | 29 | 4.3 | 29 | 4.4 | 29 | 4.4 | 28 | 4.3 | 27 | 4.4 | 29 |
| 21 years or more | 4.5 | 108 | 4.6 | 108 | 4.7 | 107 | 4.6 | 104 | 4.7 | 100 | 4.6 | 106 |
| Gender | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| No Response | 4.4 | 5 | 4.6 | 5 | 4.4 | 5 | 4.4 | 5 | 4.2 | 5 | 4.4 | 5 |
| Male | 4.4 | 136 | 4.5 | 135 | 4.6 | 134 | 4.5 | 133 | 4.5 | 128 | 4.6 | 135 |
| Female | 4.5 | 48 | 4.4 | 48 | 4.6 | 47 | 4.5 | 46 | 4.5 | 44 | 4.4 | 47 |
| Majority of Practice Consists of | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| No Response | 4.4 | 5 | 4.6 | 5 | 4.4 | 5 | 4.4 | 5 | 4.2 | 5 | 4.4 | 5 |
| Prosecution | 4.6 | 9 | 4.4 | 9 | 4.8 | 8 | 4.8 | 8 | 4.8 | 8 | 4.7 | 9 |
| Mainly Criminal | 4.5 | 15 | 4.4 | 15 | 4.5 | 15 | 4.3 | 16 | 4.5 | 14 | 4.4 | 15 |
| Mixed Criminal & Civil | 4.6 | 66 | 4.6 | 65 | 4.7 | 66 | 4.5 | 64 | 4.6 | 62 | 4.6 | 66 |
| Mainly Civil | 4.3 | 85 | 4.4 | 85 | 4.6 | 83 | 4.5 | 82 | 4.4 | 80 | 4.4 | 83 |
| Other | 4.4 | 9 | 4.6 | 9 | 4.6 | 9 | 4.6 | 9 | 4.6 | 8 | 4.6 | 9 |
| Location of Practice | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| No Response | 4.3 | 4 | 4.5 | 4 | 4.3 | 4 | 4.3 | 4 | 4.0 | 4 | 4.3 | 4 |
| First District | 4.0 | 8 | 4.4 | 8 | 4.6 | 8 | 4.1 | 8 | 4.4 | 7 | 4.3 | 8 |
| Second District | 5.0 | 4 | 5.0 | 4 | 5.0 | 4 | 5.0 | 3 | 5.0 | 4 | 5.0 | 4 |
| Third District | 4.5 | 161 | 4.5 | 160 | 4.6 | 158 | 4.5 | 157 | 4.5 | 151 | 4.5 | 160 |
| Fourth District | 4.3 | 10 | 4.4 | 10 | 4.6 | 10 | 4.7 | 10 | 4.4 | 9 | 4.8 | 9 |
| Outside of Alaska | 5.0 | 2 | 5.0 | 2 | 5.0 | 2 | 5.0 | 2 | 5.0 | 2 | 5.0 | 2 |

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

29. SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE JOEL BOLGER

B. Peace and Probation Officers

Demographic Description (N=36)

| | N | % |
|---|----|-------|
| Type of Work | | |
| No Response | 1 | 2.7% |
| State Law Enforcement Officer | 7 | 19.4% |
| Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer | 20 | 55.5% |
| Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) | -- | 0.0% |
| Probation/Parole Officer | 8 | 22.2% |
| Other | -- | 0.0% |
| Length of Alaska Experience | | |
| No Response | 1 | 2.7% |
| 5 Years or fewer | 13 | 36.1% |
| 6 to 10 years | 10 | 27.7% |
| 11 to 15 years | 8 | 22.2% |
| 16 to 20 years | 3 | 8.3% |
| 21 years or more | 1 | 2.7% |
| Gender | | |
| No Response | 1 | 2.7% |
| Male | 29 | 80.5% |
| Female | 6 | 16.6% |
| Location of Practice | | |
| No Response | 1 | 2.7% |
| First District | 2 | 5.5% |
| Second District | 1 | 2.7% |
| Third District | 32 | 88.8% |
| Fourth District | -- | 0.0% |
| Outside of Alaska | -- | 0.0% |
| Community Population | | |
| No Response | 1 | 2.7% |
| Under 2,000 | -- | 0.0% |
| Between 2,000 and 35,000 | 27 | 75.0% |
| Over 35,000 | 8 | 22.2% |

**Evaluation of Judge Joel Bolger
Peace and Probation Officers**

Summary of Findings

Judge Joel Bolger was evaluated by 28 Peace and Probation Officers who reported having direct professional experience with the judge. The mean score on *overall evaluation* was 4.6. The highest mean score was obtained on *integrity* (4.7) and the lowest score was obtained on *impartiality/fairness* (4.4). Details are present in the two tables that follow.

| | Poor | | Deficient | | Accept | | Good | | Excellent | | Mean |
|------------------------------|------|------|-----------|------|--------|-------|------|-------|-----------|-------|------|
| | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % | |
| Impartiality/Fairness | -- | 0.0% | -- | 0.0% | 3 | 10.7% | 10 | 35.7% | 15 | 53.5% | 4.4 |
| Integrity | -- | 0.0% | -- | 0.0% | -- | 0.0% | 8 | 28.5% | 20 | 71.4% | 4.7 |
| Judicial Temperament | -- | 0.0% | -- | 0.0% | 2 | 7.1% | 11 | 39.2% | 15 | 53.5% | 4.5 |
| Diligence | -- | 0.0% | -- | 0.0% | -- | 0.0% | 11 | 39.2% | 17 | 60.7% | 4.6 |
| Overall Rating | -- | 0.0% | -- | 0.0% | -- | 0.0% | 12 | 42.8% | 16 | 57.1% | 4.6 |

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

Judge Joel Bolger: 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 | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 |
| Direct Professional | 4.4 | 28 | 4.7 | 28 | 4.5 | 28 | 4.6 | 28 | 4.6 | 28 |
| Professional Reputation | 3.4 | 7 | 3.6 | 7 | 3.6 | 7 | 3.6 | 7 | 3.4 | 7 |
| Other Personal Contacts | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 |
| Type of Work | | | | | | | | | | |
| No Response | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 |
| State Law Enforcement Officer | 4.0 | 5 | 4.4 | 5 | 4.2 | 5 | 4.4 | 5 | 4.2 | 5 |
| Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer | 4.5 | 17 | 4.8 | 17 | 4.5 | 17 | 4.6 | 17 | 4.6 | 17 |
| Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 |
| Probation/Parole Officer | 4.4 | 5 | 4.6 | 5 | 4.4 | 5 | 4.6 | 5 | 4.6 | 5 |
| Other | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 |
| Years Experience | | | | | | | | | | |
| No Response | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 |
| 5 Years or fewer | 4.5 | 10 | 4.6 | 10 | 4.4 | 10 | 4.6 | 10 | 4.6 | 10 |
| 6 to 10 years | 4.6 | 7 | 4.9 | 7 | 4.7 | 7 | 4.7 | 7 | 4.7 | 7 |
| 11 to 15 years | 4.0 | 7 | 4.7 | 7 | 4.3 | 7 | 4.4 | 7 | 4.3 | 7 |
| 16 to 20 years | 4.5 | 2 | 4.5 | 2 | 4.0 | 2 | 4.5 | 2 | 4.5 | 2 |
| 21 years or more | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 |
| Gender | | | | | | | | | | |
| No Response | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 |
| Male | 4.4 | 23 | 4.7 | 23 | 4.5 | 23 | 4.6 | 23 | 4.6 | 23 |
| Female | 4.5 | 4 | 4.8 | 4 | 4.3 | 4 | 4.8 | 4 | 4.5 | 4 |
| Location of Practice | | | | | | | | | | |
| No Response | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 |
| First District | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 |
| Second District | 4.0 | 1 | 4.0 | 1 | 4.0 | 1 | 4.0 | 1 | 4.0 | 1 |
| Third District | 4.4 | 25 | 4.7 | 25 | 4.4 | 25 | 4.6 | 25 | 4.6 | 25 |
| Fourth District | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 |
| Outside of Alaska | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 |
| Community Population | | | | | | | | | | |
| No Response | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 |
| Under 2,000 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 |
| Between 2,000 and 35,000 | 4.5 | 22 | 4.7 | 22 | 4.5 | 22 | 4.6 | 22 | 4.6 | 22 |
| Over 35,000 | 4.2 | 5 | 4.8 | 5 | 4.4 | 5 | 4.6 | 5 | 4.4 | 5 |

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

29. SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE JOEL BOLGER

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

Demographic Description (N=5)

| | | N | % |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| Type of Work | | | |
| | No Response | -- | 0 |
| | Social Worker | 2 | 40.0% |
| | Guardian ad Litem | 2 | 40.0% |
| | CASA Volunteer | -- | 0 |
| | Other | 1 | 20.0% |
| Length of Alaska Experience | | | |
| | No Response | -- | 0 |
| | 5 Years or fewer | 2 | 40.0% |
| | 6 to 10 years | 1 | 20.0% |
| | 11 to 15 years | -- | 0 |
| | 16 to 20 years | 2 | 40.0% |
| | 21 years or more | -- | 0 |
| Gender | | | |
| | No Response | -- | 0 |
| | Male | 1 | 20.0% |
| | Female | 4 | 80.0% |
| Location of Practice | | | |
| | No Response | -- | 0 |
| | First District | -- | 0 |
| | Second District | -- | 0 |
| | Third District | 5 | 100.0% |
| | Fourth District | -- | 0 |
| | Outside of Alaska | -- | 0 |
| Community Population | | | |
| | No Response | -- | 0 |
| | Under 2,000 | -- | 0 |
| | Between 2,000 and 35,000 | 4 | 80.0% |
| | Over 35,000 | 1 | 20.0% |

**Evaluation of Judge Joel Bolger
Social Workers, Guardians Ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers**

Summary of Findings

Judge Joel Bolger was evaluated by five Social Workers, Guardians ad Litem, and CASA volunteers who reported having direct professional experience with the judge. The mean score on *overall evaluation* was 5.0. The highest mean scores were obtained on *integrity* (5.0), *judicial temperament* (5.0) and *diligence* (5.0) and the lowest score was obtained on *impartiality/fairness* (4.8). Details are present in the two tables that follow.

| | Poor | | Deficient | | Accept | | Good | | Excellent | | Mean |
|------------------------------|------|------|-----------|------|--------|------|------|-------|-----------|--------|------|
| | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % | |
| Impartiality/Fairness | -- | 0.0% | -- | 0.0% | -- | 0.0% | 1 | 20.0% | 4 | 80.0% | 4.8 |
| Integrity | -- | 0.0% | -- | 0.0% | -- | 0.0% | -- | 0.0% | 5 | 100.0% | 5.0 |
| Judicial Temperament | -- | 0.0% | -- | 0.0% | -- | 0.0% | -- | 0.0% | 5 | 100.0% | 5.0 |
| Diligence | -- | 0.0% | -- | 0.0% | -- | 0.0% | -- | 0.0% | 5 | 100.0% | 5.0 |
| Overall Rating | -- | 0.0% | -- | 0.0% | -- | 0.0% | -- | 0.0% | 5 | 100.0% | 5.0 |

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

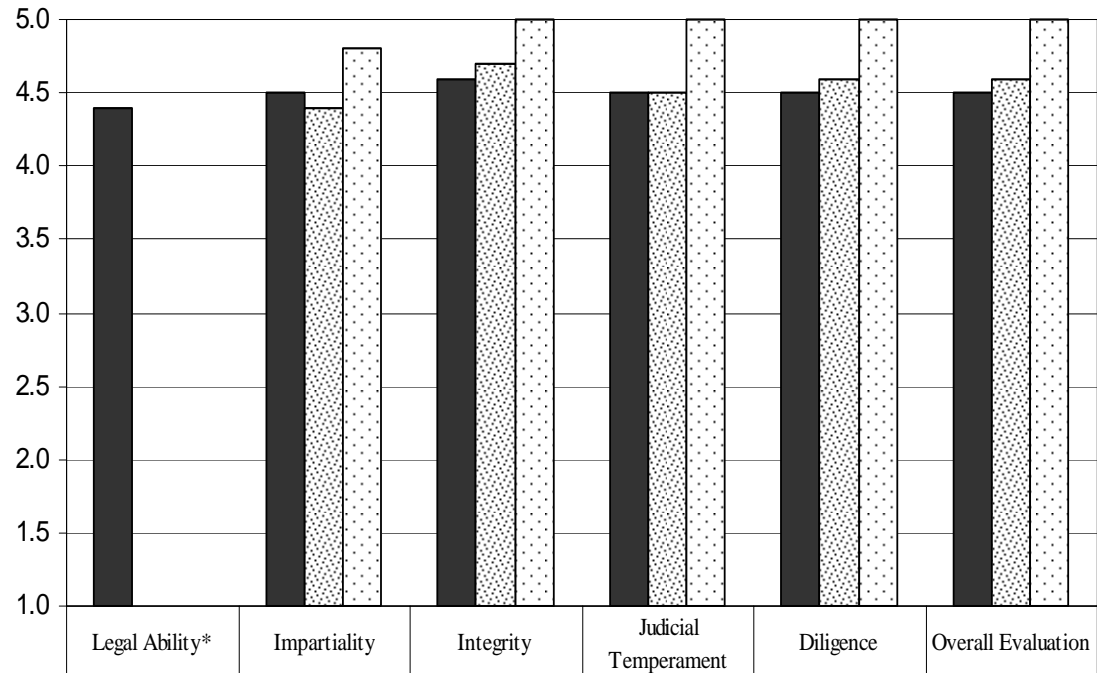
**Judge Joel Bolger: Detail Information on Responses
Social Workers, Guardians Ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers**

| | 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 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 |
| Direct Professional | 4.8 | 5 | 5.0 | 5 | 5.0 | 5 | 5.0 | 5 | 5.0 | 5 |
| Professional Reputation | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 |
| Other Personal Contacts | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 |
| Type of Work | | | | | | | | | | |
| No Response | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 |
| Social Worker | 4.5 | 2 | 5.0 | 2 | 5.0 | 2 | 5.0 | 2 | 5.0 | 2 |
| Guardian ad Litem | 5.0 | 2 | 5.0 | 2 | 5.0 | 2 | 5.0 | 2 | 5.0 | 2 |
| CASA Volunteer | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 |
| 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 | 4.5 | 2 | 5.0 | 2 | 5.0 | 2 | 5.0 | 2 | 5.0 | 2 |
| 6 to 10 years | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 |
| 11 to 15 years | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 |
| 16 to 20 years | 5.0 | 2 | 5.0 | 2 | 5.0 | 2 | 5.0 | 2 | 5.0 | 2 |
| 21 years or more | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 |
| Gender | | | | | | | | | | |
| No Response | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 |
| Male | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 |
| Female | 4.8 | 4 | 5.0 | 4 | 5.0 | 4 | 5.0 | 4 | 5.0 | 4 |
| 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 | 4.8 | 5 | 5.0 | 5 | 5.0 | 5 | 5.0 | 5 | 5.0 | 5 |
| 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 | 4.8 | 4 | 5.0 | 4 | 5.0 | 4 | 5.0 | 4 | 5.0 | 4 |
| Over 35,000 | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 |

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

Superior Court Judge Joel Bolger

Average Ratings from All Groups Surveyed



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

| <p style="text-align: center;">Juror Survey Results 2006 Retention Evaluation Joel H. Bolger</p> | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | | Distribution of Ratings | | | | | | | | | |
| Survey Category | Mean | Excellent % (n) | Good % (n) | Acceptable % (n) | Deficient % (n) | Poor % (n) | Total Returned = 33 | | | | |
| Impartiality/Fairness | 4.8 | 85% 28 | 15% 5 | 0% 0 | 0% 0 | 0% 0 | | | | | |
| Respectful/Courteous | 4.9 | 94% 31 | 6% 2 | 0% 0 | 0% 0 | 0% 0 | | | | | |
| Attentive during Proceedings | 4.9 | 91% 30 | 9% 3 | 0% 0 | 0% 0 | 0% 0 | | | | | |
| Control over Proceedings | 4.9 | 88% 29 | 12% 4 | 0% 0 | 0% 0 | 0% 0 | | | | | |
| Intelligence/Skill as a Judge | 4.9 | 85% 28 | 12% 4 | 0% 0 | 0% 0 | 0% 0 | | | | | |
| Overall Evaluation | 4.9 | 94% 31 | 6% 2 | 0% 0 | 0% 0 | 0% 0 | | | | | |

| <p align="center">Court Employee Survey Results 2006 Retention Evaluation Joel Bolger</p> | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|--|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | | <p align="center">Distribution of Ratings</p> | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Survey Category</p> | <p>Mean</p> | <p>Excellent % (n)</p> | <p>Good % (n)</p> | <p>Acceptable % (n)</p> | <p>Deficient % (n)</p> | <p>Poor % (n)</p> | <p>Total Returned = 34</p> | | | | |
| <p>Impartiality/Fairness</p> | <p>4.4</p> | <p>59% 20</p> | <p>32% 11</p> | <p>6% 2</p> | <p>0% 0</p> | <p>3% 1</p> | | | | | |
| <p>Integrity</p> | <p>4.5</p> | <p>65% 22</p> | <p>24% 8</p> | <p>6% 2</p> | <p>3% 1</p> | <p>0% 0</p> | | | | | |
| <p>Judicial Temperament</p> | <p>4.4</p> | <p>50% 17</p> | <p>29% 10</p> | <p>9% 3</p> | <p>3% 1</p> | <p>0% 0</p> | | | | | |
| <p>Diligence</p> | <p>4.5</p> | <p>62% 21</p> | <p>24% 8</p> | <p>6% 2</p> | <p>3% 1</p> | <p>0% 0</p> | | | | | |
| <p>Overall Evaluation</p> | <p>4.5</p> | <p>59% 20</p> | <p>29% 10</p> | <p>6% 2</p> | <p>3% 1</p> | <p>0% 0</p> | | | | | |

Judge Joel H. Bolger
 Prior Scores Summary
 Retention 2006
 Appointed 09/02/03 to Kodiak Superior Court
 Appointed 7/3/97 to Valdez District Court

| Bar Survey | | | | | | |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| 2006 Retention | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 |
| 2002 Interim | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 |
| 2000 Retention | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.5 |
| | Legal Ability | Impartiality | Integrity | Judicial Temperament | Diligence | Overall Performance |

| Peace & Probation Officer Survey | | | | | |
|---|--------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| 2006 Retention | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.6 |
| 2002 Interim | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.8 |
| 2000 Retention | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.4 |
| | Impartiality | Integrity | Judicial Temperament | Diligence | Overall Performance |