

# Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

## Judge Stephanie Rhoades, District 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 Rhoades to be **Qualified** and recommends unanimously that the public vote "YES" to retain her as a district 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	3.8	---	---	---	---
Impartiality	3.6	4.0	4.8	4.2	4.6
Integrity	3.9	4.2	---	4.3	4.7
Temperament	3.3	3.8	4.9	4.0	4.4
Diligence	3.8	4.1	---	4.3	4.6
Overall	3.6	4.0	4.8	4.2	4.6

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 Rhoades on the six categories summarized in the table above, using 5 as the highest rating possible. The attorney rating for Judge Rhoades on overall performance was 3.6. Peace and probation officers rated Judge Rhoades on five categories, using the 5-point scale above. They gave Judge Rhoades a rating of 4.0.

Four other groups also evaluated Judge Rhoades' performance, using the same 5-point scale with 5 as the highest rating. Jurors rated her 4.8, court employees gave her 4.2, and social workers, guardians ad litem and CASA volunteers rated her at 4.6. The Alaska Judicial Observers rated her 3.4.

**Recommendation: Vote "YES" to retain Judge Stephanie Rhoades**

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## Alaska Judicial Council Questionnaire

### Trial Judge 2006 Candidates for Judicial Retention

November 21, 2005

STEPHANIE RHOADES

ANCHORAGE DISTRICT COURT

Name

Court

1. Describe your workload during your present term.

a) $\frac{55}{40}$ % Civil Cases *	b) $\frac{6}{0}$ # of trials/year* (estimate)
	<sup>jury</sup>
	# Administrative Appeals
$\frac{5}{100}$ % Court Administrative *	
100 % Total	

\* See Attached

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

See attached

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ALASKA JUDICIAL COUNCIL QUESTIONNAIRE  
STEPHANIE RHOADES 2006 JUDICIAL RETENTION CANDIDATE

Attachment

Question 1:

The ACS annual report indicates that the filings in the Anchorage district court are approximately 60% civil cases to 40% criminal misdemeanor cases. The district court is master calendared, so each judge is randomly assigned cases in those percentages. Many of the civil filings assigned are resolved by staff and do not require judicial attention. Bench time is devoted primarily to the criminal cases. Few trials are conducted except for Small Claims trials. Most formal civil cases settle, most criminal cases are resolved through plea negotiation and sentence. I try to minimize the amount of administrative time taken from the regular court calendar day. Meetings are sometimes scheduled during the calendar day. Generally, I try to accomplish most of my administrative duties during lunch hours and/or after work or on weekends.

Question 2:

1. Member, **Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Advisory Board** – Appointed by previous Chief Justice Compton - membership ended 2005.
2. Member, **Advisory Committee on Therapeutic Courts** – 2004 – Appointed by Chief Justice Bryner
3. Member, **Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority– Disabilities Justice Workgroup** – sitting at the request of the Deputy Administrative Director
4. Member, **Fall 2004 Judicial Conference Planning Committee**  
Conference title: Managing Cases Involving Persons with Mental Disorders  
Developed curriculum proposal for ACS Administration which resulted in application for and receipt of funding from the Alaska Mental Health Trust for this statewide conference for judges on the above topic. Member of the Conference Planning Committee and Presenter.
5. In addition to the same civil and criminal assignment load as is carried by all other district court judges, I have carried the following duties since last retention:

**COORDINATED RESOURCES PROJECT 1998-present**

Administer the day to day operations, supervise the Project Manager and staff and preside over the Anchorage District Court Coordinated Resource Project (Anchorage mental health court). Perform other administrative duties including program development, developing written policies and procedures, program evaluation, funding development. Develop and present criminal justice/mental health cross training curriculum for team members, project partners and others including judges, lawyers, department of corrections staff, community behavioral health providers, consumers and advocates to coordinate and improve cross-agency service delivery to offenders with mental disabilities. Provided start-up and on-going technical assistance to the newly formed Palmer Coordinated Resources Project. Provide technical assistance to other judges and problem solving court efforts in outlying areas.

## WELLNESS COURTS 2003-2005

Administered the day to day operations, supervised the Project Manager and staff and presided over the Anchorage District Court Wellness Courts for State and Municipal defendants. Performed other administrative duties including program development, development of written policies and procedures, program evaluation, funding development, development of treatment capacity.

### Examples of Presiding duties:

1. Familiar with the impact that substance abuse has on the court system, the lives of participants and their families, and the community at large.
2. Familiar with principles of addiction, co-occurring disorders, and relevant pharmacology, gender, age and cultural issues that may impact a participant's success and applies that knowledge in a therapeutically appropriate manner as a member of the Wellness Court Team and in court hearings.
3. Familiar with Wellness Court (WC) Policies and Procedures, applicable state laws, and the DUI court model.
4. Preside over team pre-meetings and operational meetings, presides over Wellness Court hearings; maintain a therapeutic relationship with participants, monitors participant progress, addresses personal and ancillary issues without losing the aura of judicial authority, implements incentives and sanctions.

### Examples of Administrative duties:

1. Daily supervision of Project Manager, complete annual merit evaluation.
2. Indirect supervision of Memorandum of Agreement with Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP) - regarding the Case Coordinator position for the State of Alaska (SOA) Wellness Court (WC).
3. Indirect supervision of Municipal Prosecutor Case Coordinator for Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) Wellness Court.
4. Indirect supervision of full time clerical staffer for the district court therapeutic courts.
5. Track and submit hours spent performing WC duties to ACS Admin for National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) grant matching requirements.
6. Provide overall project policy and administrative oversight.
7. Draft and maintain written policies and procedures, assure compliance of all team members to them, effectively lead the team to develop additional consensus-driven policies, procedures and forms as needed.
8. Oversee implementation of data collection instrument, data collection and provide input for internal court system and external evaluation efforts.
9. Identify needed cross-training for Wellness Court team members.
10. Participate in regular relevant cross-training with Wellness Court team members.
11. Participate in judicial education and/or other legal trainings as necessary.
12. Participate in public relations and outreach as necessary.
13. Coordinate with the ACS Therapeutic Courts Coordinator and ACS Administration to maintain relationships with key stakeholders and partnership agencies (MOA,

SOA, G&L, PDA, DOC, Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC), Southcentral Foundation (SCF), Partners for Progress (PFP) and others), continue collaborative problem-solving when necessary, develop necessary resources, provide reports and input for grant requirements and other budget questions, attain sufficient treatment capacity to serve both courts, coordinate communication and facilitate relationship with Partners for Progress (the Non-Profit funding partner for the WCs).

14. Develop community resources to address participant's ancillary needs
15. Host visitors from federal, state, local government, among others.
16. Acts as spokesperson & liaison to the community and colleagues on the program; provide mentorship to developing courts statewide.
17. Provide training to new or replacement judges.

Copies of the Policies and Procedures written in the last year are attached.

#### **CORONER DUTIES 1998-September 2005**

Until recently, I was responsible for all judicial function Coroner duties: determination of whether dead bodies were unclaimed and required Order for burial and/or public administration of any property or estate, Presumptive Death Hearings and Death Inquests. These duties were reassigned to two other judges in September, 2005.

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.

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ALASKA JUDICIAL COUNCIL QUESTIONNAIRE  
STEPHANIE RHOADES 2006 JUDICIAL RETENTION CANDIDATE

Question 3:

The reasons I sought this job in 1992 remain the reasons that I love it. The position of district court judge is one of the best public service law jobs available.

My education was geared toward public service work. I grew up in a welfare class family that encountered legal entanglements typical to the poorer classes. My entire goal in pursuing a legal education was to become a vehicle to provide access to justice for people who otherwise would not be able to afford an advocate.

I sought a position in the district court because it is the court where most Alaskans who have contact with the justice system will have that contact. It is the court where pro per filings are highest, where the issues presented can be minimal, yet very emotionally charged – or complex, yet poorly understood, researched and presented by the proponent. It is the court where those who commit their first less serious crimes are theoretically more amenable to rehabilitation. It is the court where many criminal prosecutors and defense attorneys begin their practice, learn their professions, and hone their skills.

I find tremendous satisfaction with my role in that I believe I have been successful in providing access to justice for litigants who do not understand the legal system. I empathize with those who are emotionally charged about their issues and concerned that they will not find justice. I have learned to diffuse the emotional litigant and provide a positive venue for explanation of the law, for mediation, settlement or just adjudication with a clear explanation depending upon the needs and desires of the litigants.

The role of district court judge demands a high level of legal education and experience, research, reasoning and adjudicative skills. To be a successful district court judge, however, one must be contented that on most days on the district court bench, high level legal skills will take a back seat to high level basic communication, organization and problem-solving skills and good old fashioned empathy and patience. It is highly satisfying to me to utilize this combination of skills to the degree that each is needed.

I believe my empathy and ability to communicate effectively and patiently with non-professionals are well above those of most judges. However, I have been less effective in masking my patience with ill-prepared or poorly skilled legal professionals whose lack of preparation negatively affects not only their clients but others on the calendar. I have made a concerted effort to improve my ability to communicate more patiently and effectively with these attorneys. My approach in dealing with these instances are now directed toward managing around the problems they present and using such instances to help the attorneys involved better understand their professional responsibilities and improve their are skills. I hope these interactions can serve to constructively guide rather than simply express criticism or impatience with failings.

The district court is a high volume court. Often the work is repetitive, but I am a focused person who likes to be productive. I manage my assignments in an organized fashion that allows me to feel productive and provide litigants with timely decisions on which they may act.

In the remainder of my application, I have addressed specific contributions I have made since my last retention, increases in legal knowledge and judicial skills and other measures of my abilities to continue to serve in this position.



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.

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

N/A

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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.

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**ALASKA JUDICIAL COUNCIL QUESTIONNAIRE  
STEPHANIE RHOADES 2006 JUDICIAL RETENTION CANDIDATE**

Question 6:

In addition to regularly scheduled Alaska Court System judicial education, I have also participated in the following:

**NATIONAL JUDICIAL COLLEGE**  
Co-Occurring Mental and Substance Abuse Disorders\*  
Discussion Leader and attendee  
May, 2002

Creating an Active Learning Environment  
Invitee  
September, 2004

Co-Occurring Mental and Substance Abuse Disorders  
Curriculum Developer, Faculty  
September, 2004  
August, 2005

Managing Cases Involving Persons with Mental Disabilities  
Faculty Member, Curriculum Development  
June, 2003  
September, 2004  
October, 2005

Institutionalizing Problem-Solving Practices in All Courts:  
A Working Summit  
Invitee/Participant  
May, 2005

\*The National Judicial College, under a grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, created a model curriculum for judges on the issue of co-occurring mental and substance abuse disorders. I co-developed this curriculum with Judge Peggy Hora and NJC Program Attorney Robin Wosje. Many criminal cases involve alcohol and other drug addictions as well as major mental disorders. Judges who handle such cases should have an understanding of substance abuse, mental and co-occurring substance use disorders as they confront these issues in their daily practice. This curriculum is available in a CD format that enables judicial educators to present an effective and interactive three hour session on these subjects. A copy is attached.

**ANCHORAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
Crisis Intervention Team Training (Memphis Model)  
Trainer  
June, 2002

**NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL**  
National Convention: Building Communities of Hope  
Forum Keynote and Workshop Presenter  
June, 2002

**STATE OF ALASKA, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH &  
SOCIAL SERVICES**

Children's Mental Health Conference

Attendee and Presenter

October, 2002

**2002 NATIONAL GAINS CENTER CONFERENCE**

Expanding Access to Community Based Mental Health & Substance  
Abuse Services for People with Co-Occurring Disorders in Contact  
with the Justice System

Attendee

November, 2002

**FOUNDATIONS ASSOCIATES**

4th Annual Statewide Conference on Co-Occurring Disorders

Presenter

March, 2003

**COURTWATCH**

Sentencing Presentation

Presenter

March, 2003

**3RD ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

From Institutions to the Community

Presenter

April, 2003

**NATIONAL DRUG COURT INSTITUTE**

Incentives and Sanctions Training

Attendee

May, 2003

**ALASKA COURT SYSTEM**

Judicial Mentoring Training

Attendee

October, 2003

**ALASKA COURT SYSTEM 2<sup>ND</sup>/4<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
MAGISTRATE'S CONFERENCE, Fairbanks, AK**

The Mentally Ill Defendant

Presenter

November, 2003

**2004 NATIONAL GAINS CENTER REGIONAL  
CONFERENCE**

From Science to Services: Emerging Best Practices for People in  
Contact With the Justice System

Presenter

May, 2004

**ALASKA COURT SYSTEM FALL JUDICIAL  
CONFERENCE**

Managing Cases Involving Persons with Mental Disorders

Developed curriculum proposal which resulted in funding from the Alaska Mental Health Trust for a 2004 Fall statewide conference for judges on the above topic. Worked on the planning committee to plan and coordinate this two day conference.

Curriculum development, Presenter

September, 2004

**ALASKA COURT SYSTEM STATEWIDE  
MASTER/MAGISTRATE CONFERENCE**

Co-occurring Disorders and What to Do About Them

Curriculum development, Presenter

November, 2004

**THE JOHNSON FOUNDATION WINGSPREAD  
CONFERENCE CENTER**

National Summit on Mental Health Courts

Invitee/Participant

June, 2005

**ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY PROVIDERS'  
CONFERENCE**

Working Effectively with First Responders and Achieving  
Appropriate Outcomes

Curriculum development, Presenter

September, 2005

**STATE OF ALASKA, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH &  
SOCIAL SERVICES/FAS STEERING COMMITTEE  
2005 FAS SUMMIT**

Honoring our Past, Shaping Our Future

Structuring Probation Orders for Individuals with FASD

Panelist

November, 2005

The following awards were bestowed on me since last retention:

**FOUNDATION FOR IMPROVEMENT OF JUSTICE, INC.,  
SUWANEE, GEORGIA**

2004 Paul H. Chapman Award

Personal award of \$10,000 donated to the Coordinated Resources Project flex-fund account to be used for emergency needs of court participants with mental disorders.

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS,  
ALASKA CHAPTER**

2004 Southcentral Region Citizen of the Year Award

2004 State-wide Citizen of the Year Award

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**PARTNERS FOR PROGRESS**

2005 Leadership Award for dedicated and effective leadership in the development of justice that protects and heals

**THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

2005 Community Outreach Award

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

**ANCHORAGE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES COMPEER VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

Volunteer

The program matches volunteers from the community with people who have serious mental disorders. Compeer volunteers agree to spend at least one hour per week with their individual match to help combat the isolation, loneliness and lack of self-esteem experienced by persons with serious mental disorders through peer companionship and friendship.

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:** MOA *Case Number:* 3AN-05-9359 CR  
v. Timon Petla

*Attorneys Involved:*

<b>Name:</b> <u>Jennifer Messick, MOA</u>	<b>Name:</b> <u>Henry Graper III</u>
<b>Address:</b> <u>632 W. 6th Ave, S 210</u>	<b>Address:</b> <u>737 M Street</u>
<b>City, State, Zip:</b> <u>Anchorage, Alaska 99501</u>	<b>City, State, Zip:</b> <u>Anchorage, Alaska 99501</u>
<b>Name:</b> _____	<b>Name:</b> _____
<b>Address:</b> _____	<b>Address:</b> _____
<b>City, State, Zip:</b> _____	<b>City, State, Zip:</b> _____

**Case Number 2**

*Case*  
**Name:** MOA *Case Number:* 3AN-05-5957 CR  
v. Ronald Allridge

*Attorneys Involved:*

<b>Name:</b> <u>Tina Otto, MOA</u>	<b>Name:</b> <u>Michael Logue</u>
<b>Address:</b> <u>632 W. 6th Ave, S 210</u>	<b>Address:</b> <u>737 M Street</u>
<b>City, State, Zip:</b> <u>Anchorage, Alaska 99501</u>	<b>City, State, Zip:</b> <u>Anchorage, Alaska 99501</u>
<b>Name:</b> _____	<b>Name:</b> _____
<b>Address:</b> _____	<b>Address:</b> _____
<b>City, State, Zip:</b> _____	<b>City, State, Zip:</b> _____

**Case Number 3**

*Case*  
**Name:** MOA *Case Number:* 3AN-04-8080 CR  
v. Christina Hill

*Attorneys Involved:*

<b>Name:</b> <u>Daniel Shorey, DAO</u>	<b>Name:</b> <u>Kit Karjala, PDA</u>
<b>Address:</b> <u>310 K Street, S 520</u>	<b>Address:</b> <u>900 W. 5th Ave, S 200</u>
<b>City, State, Zip:</b> <u>Anchorage, Alaska 99501</u>	<b>City, State, Zip:</b> <u>Anchorage, Alaska 99501</u>
<b>Name:</b> _____	<b>Name:</b> _____
<b>Address:</b> _____	<b>Address:</b> _____
<b>City, State, Zip:</b> _____	<b>City, State, Zip:</b> _____

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: MOA Case Number: 3AN-05-5019 CR  
v. Sulejman Miftari

*Attorneys Involved:*

Name: <u>Michael Shaffer, MOA</u>	Name: <u>James Gould, GLG</u>
Address: <u>632 W. 6th Ave, S 210</u>	Address: <u>737 M Street</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, Alaska 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, Alaska 99501</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

**Case Number 2**

*Case*  
Name: MOA Case Number: 3AN-05-6106 CR  
v. Christopher Nason

*Attorneys Involved:*

Name: <u>Michael Shaffer, MOA</u>	Name: <u>James Gould, GLG</u>
Address: <u>632 W. 6th Ave, S 210</u>	Address: <u>737 M Street</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, Alaska 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, Alaska 99501</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

**Case Number 3**

*Case*  
Name: Edwin Krueger Case Number: 3AN-05-2440 SC  
v. MOA

*Attorneys Involved:*

Name: <u>Plaintiff - pro per</u>	Name: <u>Dean Gates, MOA</u>
Address: _____	Address: <u>POB 196650</u>
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, Alaska 99519-6650</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:** MOA *Case Number:* 3AN-04-02310 CR  
*v.* Daniel Tonty

**Attorneys Involved:**

<b>Name:</b> <u>Connie Carson, former MOA</u>	<b>Name:</b> <u>Karen Weimer</u>
<b>Address:</b> <u>13031 Galveston Circle</u>	<b>Address:</b> <u>310 K Street, S. 200</u>
<b>City, State, Zip:</b> <u>Anchorage, Alaska 99516</u>	<b>City, State, Zip:</b> <u>Anchorage, Alaska 99501</u>
<b>Name:</b> _____	<b>Name:</b> _____
<b>Address:</b> _____	<b>Address:</b> _____
<b>City, State, Zip:</b> _____	<b>City, State, Zip:</b> _____

**Case Number 2**

*Case*  
**Name:** MOA *Case Number:* 3AN-04-1067 CR  
*v.* Tyrone Milton

**Attorneys Involved:**

<b>Name:</b> <u>Christine Thorsen, MOA</u>	<b>Name:</b> <u>Judith Conte</u>
<b>Address:</b> <u>623 6th Ave, S. 210</u>	<b>Address:</b> <u>POB 91127</u>
<b>City, State, Zip:</b> <u>Anchorage, Alaska 99501</u>	<b>City, State, Zip:</b> <u>Anchorage, Alaska 99509</u>
<b>Name:</b> _____	<b>Name:</b> _____
<b>Address:</b> _____	<b>Address:</b> _____
<b>City, State, Zip:</b> _____	<b>City, State, Zip:</b> _____

**Case Number 3**

*Case*  
**Name:** MOA *Case Number:* 3AN-03-10424 CR  
*v.* Gregory Redfearn

**Attorneys Involved:**

<b>Name:</b> <u>Dan Wilkerson, DAO</u>	<b>Name:</b> <u>James Gorton</u>
<b>Address:</b> <u>310 K Street, S. 520</u>	<b>Address:</b> <u>737 M Street</u>
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<b>Address:</b> _____	<b>Address:</b> _____
<b>City, State, Zip:</b> _____	<b>City, State, Zip:</b> _____



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:** Multiple Fed cases **Case Number:** Too numerous to list  
**v.** heard weekly

**Attorneys Involved:**

**Name:** Steve Jones, Ak Law Offices, Inc. **Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** 921 W. 6th Ave, S. 200 **Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City, State, Zip:** Anchorage, Alaska 99501 **City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**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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**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**57. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE STEPHANIE RHOADES**

**A. Alaska Bar Association**

**Demographic Description (N=457)**

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	8	1.7%
Private, Solo	104	22.7%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	77	16.8%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	70	15.3%
Private, Corporate Employee	12	2.6%
State Judge or Judicial Officer	49	10.7%
Government	109	23.8%
Public Service Agency or Organization (not govt)	10	2.1%
Other	18	3.9%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	8	1.7%
5 Years or fewer	47	10.2%
6 to 10 years	40	8.7%
11 to 15 years	63	13.7%
16 to 20 years	67	14.6%
21 years or more	232	50.7%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	9	1.9%
Male	312	68.2%
Female	136	29.7%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	8	1.7%
Prosecution	39	8.5%
Mainly Criminal	37	8.0%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	117	25.6%
Mainly Civil	233	50.9%
Other	23	5.0%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	7	1.5%
First District	23	5.0%
Second District	8	1.7%
Third District	390	85.3%
Fourth District	22	4.8%
Outside of Alaska	7	1.5%

**Evaluation of Judge Stephanie Rhoades:  
Alaska Bar Association Members**

**Summary of Findings**

Judge Stephanie Rhoades was evaluated by 385 Alaska Bar Association members 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 score was obtained on *judicial temperament* (3.3). Details are present in the two tables that follow.

	Poor		Deficient		Accept		Good		Excellent		Mean
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
<b>Legal Ability</b>	13	3.3%	27	7.0%	95	24.7%	147	38.2%	102	26.5%	3.8
<b>Impartiality/Fairness</b>	24	6.2%	43	11.1%	96	24.9%	129	33.5%	93	24.1%	3.6
<b>Integrity</b>	15	3.9%	18	4.7%	85	22.3%	126	33.0%	137	35.9%	3.9
<b>Judicial Temperament</b>	42	10.9%	62	16.1%	104	27.1%	100	26.1%	75	19.5%	3.3
<b>Diligence</b>	13	3.5%	25	6.7%	92	24.8%	126	34.0%	114	30.8%	3.8
<b>Overall Rating</b>	23	6.0%	45	11.7%	97	25.3%	122	31.8%	96	25.0%	3.6

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

## Judge Stephanie Rhoades: 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
<b>Basis for Evaluation of Judge</b>												
No Response	3.3	15	3.3	15	3.3	13	2.6	15	3.2	15	3.1	15
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>383</b>
Professional Reputation	4.0	55	3.9	56	4.1	55	4.0	55	4.1	54	3.9	56
Other Personal Contacts	4.7	3	4.8	5	4.8	5	4.8	4	5.0	4	4.8	4
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response	3.0	8	2.9	8	3.0	8	2.9	8	3.0	8	3.0	8
Private, Solo	3.8	94	3.7	94	3.9	95	3.4	94	3.7	93	3.6	94
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	3.4	69	3.3	69	3.6	68	3.2	68	3.6	68	3.3	69
Private, 6+ Attorneys	3.9	58	3.6	58	4.1	58	3.4	59	3.9	53	3.7	57
Private, Corporate Employee	3.4	10	3.2	10	3.6	10	3.1	10	3.5	10	3.3	10
State Judge or Judicial Officer	4.3	41	4.1	42	4.3	42	3.6	40	4.4	39	4.1	41
Government	3.7	85	3.4	85	3.9	84	2.9	85	3.7	83	3.5	85
Public Service Agency or Organization (not govt)	4.4	8	4.3	8	4.5	6	3.6	8	4.7	7	4.1	8
Other	3.9	11	3.5	11	4.5	10	3.8	11	4.6	9	3.8	11
<b>Years Experience</b>												
No Response	3.3	8	3.1	8	3.3	8	3.1	8	3.3	8	3.3	8
5 Years or fewer	3.7	38	3.4	38	3.7	37	2.7	39	3.6	38	3.3	38
6 to 10 years	3.5	35	3.1	35	3.7	34	2.9	35	3.5	33	3.3	35
11 to 15 years	3.6	54	3.5	55	3.8	55	3.1	55	3.7	53	3.4	55
16 to 20 years	3.7	50	3.6	50	3.8	50	3.2	49	3.6	48	3.5	48
21 years or more	3.9	199	3.8	199	4.1	197	3.5	197	4.0	190	3.8	199
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response	3.4	8	3.3	8	3.4	8	3.3	8	3.4	8	3.4	8
Male	3.7	272	3.6	273	3.9	271	3.3	271	3.8	261	3.6	270
Female	3.9	104	3.6	104	3.9	102	3.1	104	3.9	101	3.6	105
<b>Majority of Practice Consists of</b>												
No Response	3.4	8	3.3	8	3.4	8	3.3	8	3.4	8	3.4	8
Prosecution	3.7	35	3.3	35	3.8	35	2.6	35	3.6	35	3.3	35
Mainly Criminal	3.8	30	3.5	31	3.9	31	2.9	32	3.8	30	3.5	31
Mixed Criminal & Civil	3.9	99	3.7	100	3.9	99	3.4	98	3.9	98	3.7	100
Mainly Civil	3.8	196	3.6	195	3.9	192	3.4	194	3.8	184	3.6	193
Other	3.7	16	3.4	16	4.1	16	3.4	16	4.0	15	3.6	16
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response	3.3	7	3.1	7	3.3	7	3.1	7	3.3	7	3.3	7
First District	4.1	16	4.1	15	4.5	15	4.0	15	4.4	14	4.1	16
Second District	5.0	4	4.8	5	5.0	5	4.7	3	5.0	4	5.0	4
Third District	3.7	335	3.5	336	3.9	332	3.2	336	3.8	323	3.5	334
Fourth District	4.2	17	3.8	17	4.1	17	3.4	17	3.8	17	3.9	17
Outside of Alaska	4.2	5	4.2	5	4.4	5	4.0	5	4.0	5	4.2	5

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=70)**

	N	%
<b>Type of Work</b>		
No Response	--	0
State Law Enforcement Officer	20	28.5%
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	33	47.1%
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	16	22.8%
Other	1	1.4%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>		
No Response	1	1.4%
5 Years or fewer	12	17.1%
6 to 10 years	14	20.0%
11 to 15 years	19	27.1%
16 to 20 years	8	11.4%
21 years or more	16	22.8%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	--	0
Male	52	74.2%
Female	18	25.7%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	--	0
First District	2	2.8%
Second District	--	0
Third District	66	94.2%
Fourth District	2	2.8%
Outside of Alaska	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>		
No Response	--	0
Under 2,000	1	1.4%
Between 2,000 and 35,000	9	12.8%
Over 35,000	60	85.7%

## Evaluation of Judge Stephanie Rhoades Peace and Probation Officers

### Summary of Findings

Judge Stephanie Rhoades was evaluated by 55 Peace and Probation Officers who reported having direct professional experience with the judge. The mean score on *overall evaluation* was 4.0. The highest mean score was obtained on *integrity* (4.2) and lowest score was obtained on *judicial temperament* (3.8). Details are present in the two tables that follow.

	Poor		Deficient		Accept		Good		Excellent		Mean
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
<b>Impartiality/Fairness</b>	1	1.8%	4	7.4%	10	18.5%	20	37.0%	19	35.1%	4.0
<b>Integrity</b>	--	0	--	0	13	24.5%	14	26.4%	26	49.0%	4.2
<b>Judicial Temperament</b>	3	5.7%	3	5.7%	11	21.1%	19	36.5%	16	30.7%	3.8
<b>Diligence</b>	1	1.9%	1	1.9%	9	17.6%	19	37.2%	21	41.1%	4.1
<b>Overall Rating</b>	1	1.8%	4	7.2%	9	16.3%	22	40.0%	19	34.5%	4.0

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

## Judge Stephanie Rhoades: 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
<b>Basis for Evaluation of Judge</b>										
No Response	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>55</b>
Professional Reputation	4.1	14	4.1	14	4.0	14	4.1	14	4.0	14
Other Personal Contacts	3.0	1	4.0	1	--	0	4.0	1	4.0	1
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
State Law Enforcement Officer	3.9	18	4.2	18	3.9	18	4.2	17	3.9	18
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	4.0	26	4.3	25	3.9	24	4.2	24	4.0	27
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	3.8	9	4.0	9	3.3	9	3.9	9	3.8	9
Other	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Years Experience</b>										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	5.0	1
5 Years or fewer	4.0	10	4.5	10	4.1	9	4.6	8	4.2	10
6 to 10 years	3.7	13	3.8	12	3.3	13	3.7	12	3.6	13
11 to 15 years	4.0	14	4.3	14	4.0	13	4.1	14	4.1	14
16 to 20 years	4.7	6	5.0	6	4.5	6	4.7	6	4.5	6
21 years or more	3.8	11	4.0	11	3.5	11	4.0	11	3.7	11
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Male	3.9	42	4.2	41	3.7	40	4.1	39	3.9	43
Female	4.3	12	4.4	12	4.1	12	4.3	12	4.2	12
<b>Location of Practice</b>										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
First District	4.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	3.9	51	4.2	50	3.8	49	4.1	48	4.0	52
Fourth District	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	5.0	2	4.5	2
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Under 2,000	4.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Between 2,000 and 35,000	4.2	5	4.6	5	4.0	5	4.4	5	4.3	6
Over 35,000	3.9	48	4.2	47	3.8	46	4.1	45	3.9	48

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=11)**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	1	9.0%
	Social Worker	7	63.6%
	Guardian ad Litem	2	18.1%
	CASA Volunteer	1	9.0%
	Other	--	0
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	1	9.0%
	5 Years or fewer	2	18.1%
	6 to 10 years	5	45.4%
	11 to 15 years	--	0
	16 to 20 years	3	27.2%
	21 years or more	--	0
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	1	9.0%
	Male	2	18.1%
	Female	8	72.7%
<b>Location of Practice</b>			
	No Response	1	9.0%
	First District	--	0
	Second District	--	0
	Third District	9	81.8%
	Fourth District	1	9.0%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>			
	No Response	1	9.0%
	Under 2,000	--	0
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	1	9.0%
	Over 35,000	9	81.8%



**Evaluation of Judge Stephanie Rhoades  
Social Workers, Guardians Ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers**

**Summary of Findings**

Judge Stephanie Rhoades was evaluated by nine Social Workers, Guardians ad Litem, and CASA volunteers who reported having direct professional experience with the judge. The mean score on *overall evaluation* was 4.6. The highest mean score was obtained on *integrity* (4.7) and the lowest score was obtained on *judicial temperament* (4.4). Details are present in the two tables that follow.

	Poor		Deficient		Accept		Good		Excellent		Mean
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
<b>Impartiality/Fairness</b>	--	0	--	0	1	11.1%	2	22.2%	6	66.6%	4.6
<b>Integrity</b>	--	0	--	0	1	11.1%	1	11.1%	7	77.7%	4.7
<b>Judicial Temperament</b>	--	0	--	0	2	22.2%	1	11.1%	6	66.6%	4.4
<b>Diligence</b>	--	0	--	0	1	11.1%	2	22.2%	6	66.6%	4.6
<b>Overall Rating</b>	--	0	--	0	1	11.1%	2	22.2%	6	66.6%	4.6

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

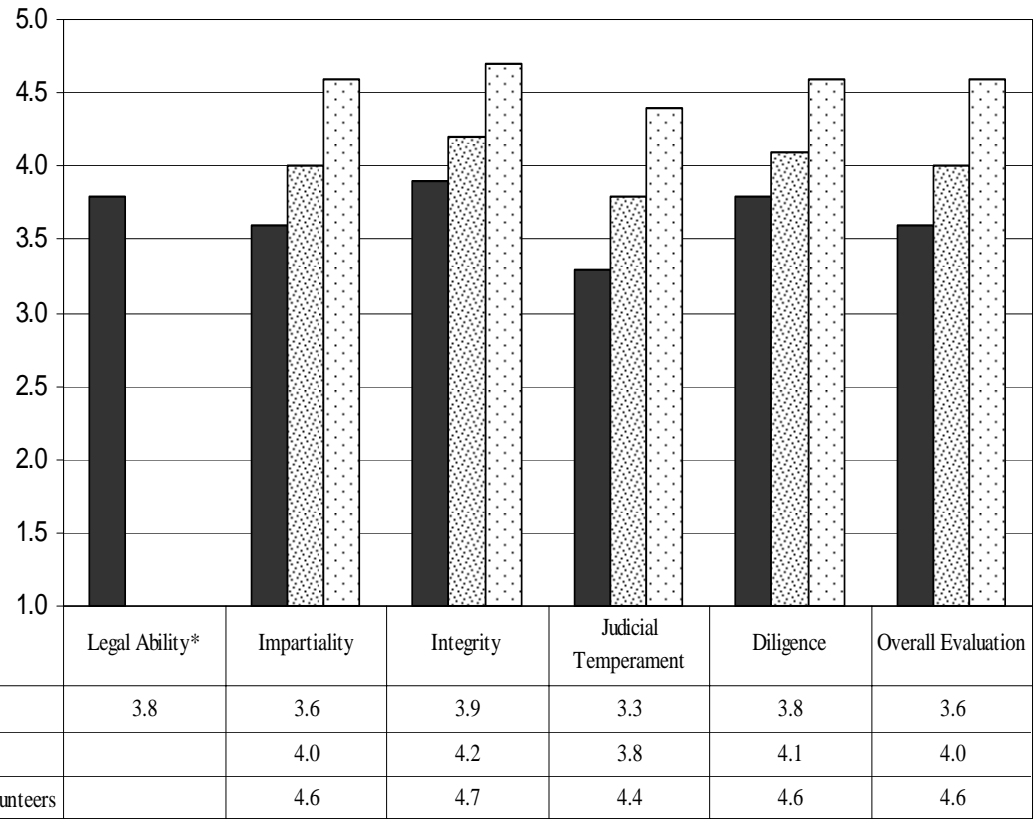
**Judge Stephanie Rhoades: Detail Information on Responses  
Social Workers, Guardians Ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers**

	Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Rating	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation of Judge</b>										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>9</b>
Professional Reputation	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Social Worker	4.3	6	4.5	6	4.2	6	4.3	6	4.3	6
Guardian ad Litem	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
CASA Volunteer	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Years Experience</b>										
No Response	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
5 Years or fewer	4.5	2	5.0	2	4.0	2	4.5	2	4.5	2
6 to 10 years	4.3	4	4.3	4	4.3	4	4.3	4	4.3	4
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
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Male	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2
Female	4.7	6	4.8	6	4.5	6	4.7	6	4.7	6
<b>Location of Practice</b>										
No Response	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	4.5	8	4.6	8	4.4	8	4.5	8	4.5	8
Fourth District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
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	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Over 35,000	4.5	8	4.6	8	4.4	8	4.5	8	4.5	8

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

### District Court Judge Stephanie Rhoades

*Average Ratings from All Groups Surveyed*



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

<b>Juror Survey Results 2006 Retention Evaluation Stephanie Rhoades</b>											
		<b>Distribution of Ratings</b>									
<b>Survey Category</b>	<b>Mean</b>	<b>Excellent % (n)</b>	<b>Good % (n)</b>	<b>Acceptable % (n)</b>	<b>Deficient % (n)</b>	<b>Poor % (n)</b>	<b>Total Returned = 42</b>				
<b>Impartiality/Fairness</b>	<b>4.8</b>	76% 32	19% 8	2% 1	0% 0	0% 0	41				
<b>Respectful/Courteous</b>	<b>4.9</b>	91% 38	7% 3	2% 1	0% 0	0% 0	42				
<b>Attentive during Proceedings</b>	<b>4.7</b>	71% 30	26% 11	2% 1	0% 0	0% 0	42				
<b>Control over Proceedings</b>	<b>4.7</b>	76% 32	19% 8	2% 1	0% 0	2% 1	42				
<b>Intelligence/Skill as a Judge</b>	<b>4.7</b>	79% 33	17% 7	2% 1	2% 1	0% 0	42				
<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	<b>4.8</b>	83% 35	12% 5	5% 2	0% 0	0% 0	42				

<p align="center"><b>Court Employee Survey Results 2006 Retention Evaluation Stephanie Rhoades</b></p>												
		<p align="center"><b>Distribution of Ratings</b></p>										
<b>Survey Category</b>	<b>Mean</b>	<b>Excellent</b>		<b>Good</b>		<b>Acceptable</b>		<b>Deficient</b>		<b>Poor</b>		<b>Total Returned = 78</b>
		<b>%</b>	<b>(n)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>(n)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>(n)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>(n)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>(n)</b>	
<b>Impartiality/Fairness</b>	<b>4.2</b>	42%	33	37%	29	13%	10	4%	3	0%	0	75
<b>Integrity</b>	<b>4.3</b>	50%	39	32%	25	12%	9	3%	2	0%	0	75
<b>Judicial Temperament</b>	<b>4.0</b>	39%	30	32%	25	17%	13	8%	6	3%	2	76
<b>Diligence</b>	<b>4.3</b>	47%	37	32%	25	12%	9	3%	2	1%	1	74
<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	<b>4.2</b>	44%	34	37%	29	10%	8	5%	4	0%	0	75

Judge Stephanie Rhoades  
 Prior Scores Summary  
 Retention 2006  
 Appointed 07/8/92 to Anchorage District Court

<b>Bar Survey</b>						
2006 Retention	3.8	3.6	3.9	3.3	3.8	3.6
2004 Interim	3.6	3.4	3.8	3.1	3.7	3.4
2002 Retention	3.7	3.5	3.8	3.4	3.9	3.6
1998 Retention	3.6	3.1	3.5	3.1	3.6	3.2
1994 Retention	3.5	3.1	3.5	3.1	3.7	3.2
	Legal Ability	Impartiality	Integrity	Judicial Temperament	Diligence	<b>Overall Performance</b>

<b>Peace &amp; Probation Officer Survey</b>					
2006 Retention	4.0	4.2	3.8	4.1	4.0
2004 Interim	4.0	4.1	3.9	4.0	4.0
2002 Retention	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.3
1998 Retention	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.9
1994 Retention	4.0	3.9	3.8	4.0	3.9
	Impartiality	Integrity	Judicial Temperament	Diligence	<b>Overall Performance</b>