

**Alaska Judicial Council  
2008 Judicial Retention Performance Evaluation Materials  
Judge Craig F. Stowers  
Anchorage Superior Court**

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# Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

## Judge Craig F. Stowers, Superior Court, Anchorage

### Judicial Council Recommendation

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### Judicial Council Evaluation

The Judicial Council surveyed 2,884 attorneys and 1,539 peace and probation officers, together with 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 public 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, and 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	4.3	3.9	5.0	4.3	3.8
Integrity	4.6	4.1	---	4.4	4.3
Temperament	4.4	4.1	5.0	4.2	4.1
Diligence	4.4	4.0	---	4.4	4.3
Overall	4.4	4.1	5.0	4.2	3.9

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 Stowers on the six categories summarized in the table above, using 5 as the highest rating possible. The attorney rating for Judge Stowers on overall performance was 4.4. Peace and probation officers rated Judge Stowers on five categories, using the 5-point scale above. They gave Judge Stowers a rating of 4.1.

Four other groups also evaluated Judge Stowers' performance, using the same 5-point scale with 5 as the highest rating. Jurors rated him 5.0 overall, court employees gave him 4.2, and social workers, guardians ad litem and CASA volunteers rated him at 3.9. The Alaska Judicial Observers rated him 3.55.

**Recommendation: Vote "YES" to retain Judge Craig F. Stowers**

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  
2008 Candidates for Judicial Retention**

**November 21, 2008**

Craig F. Stowers

Name

Superior Court - Anchorage

Court

1. Please estimate your workload during your present term.

a)  $\frac{90}{3}$  % civil cases  
% criminal cases  
 $\frac{5}{100}$  % court administrative work  
100 % Total

b)  $\frac{1-2}{150}$  # of jury trials/year  
# of non-jury trials/year  
 $\frac{5-10}{}$  # of administrative appeals/year

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

See attached addendum

No. 2.

I am a member and/or active participant on:

- \*Judicial Education Committee (2006 to present)
  
- \*Probate Rules Sub-committee re: involuntary civil commitment and administration of psychotropic medications (2007 to present)
  
- \*ACS-Anchorage Campus Security Committee (2005 to present)
  
- \*Ad hoc committee re: Boney Courthouse holding cells (2007)
  
- \*Presiding Judge Christen's ad hoc committee re: in-court clerk training/assignments (2007 to present)
  
- \*Alaska Bar Association Family Law Section CLE presenter (5-3-05, 12-4-07)
  
- \*Alaska Bar Association Off the Record CLE presentation (2-1-06)
  
- \*Training Court Custody Investigators (4-5-07)
  
- \*Alaska Bar Association CLE co-presenter (evidence – 5-3-07 annual convention)
  
- \*Judicial Conference CJE presenter/facilitator (2 sessions: May 2007 Spring Judicial Conference re: courtroom control and contempt; October 2007 Judicial Conference re: involuntary administration of Psychotropic medications/commitment)

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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 served as a Superior Court Judge for a little over three years as of the date of completion of this retention questionnaire. I have worked very hard to master both the substantive law and the very large caseload I inherited from my retired predecessor. I believe I have made excellent progress in my learning curve and performance, though with great humility I still consider myself to be a relatively "new" judge, with much yet to learn. I am very happy in every aspect of my work, and I am committed to being the very best judge I can possibly be, and to providing the very best service I can to the public, the attorneys and litigants who come before me, and to the Court System.

Though my assigned area of responsibility is civil, I have obtained some experience in criminal law matters by virtue of my responsibility to cover the Kodiak Superior Court when Judge Bolger is preempted or disqualifies himself from cases. I dedicate 1 week every other month for Kodiak matters, and I also calendar Kodiak matters on my regular calendar whenever the need arises.

I have a deep interest in continuing judicial and legal education, both personally, and institutionally. I have read and studied voraciously regarding my own personal development as a judge, and I serve on the Supreme Court's Judicial Education Committee (and have facilitated and presented several substantive judicial training sessions). I have also conducted training or presentations at several Alaska Bar CLE functions, and for Court System staff.

Two areas of special focus for me have been to actively foster high standards of professionalism and courtesy in the courtroom, and to develop expertise and make myself available for judicial settlement conferences (including CINA cases) in my own cases and for other judges.

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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 non-judicial 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
  - f) had any complaints, charges or grievances filed against you with the Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct, the Alaska Bar Association, or with the Alaska Court System that resulted in public proceedings or sanctions?     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 2008 retention elections.

I have been extraordinarily privileged to have been given the opportunity to serve as a Superior Court Judge for the State of Alaska. I sought the position because I wanted to use my knowledge and abilities to help people resolve their disputes. After three years on the bench, I am more convinced than ever that being a judge gives me unique opportunities to interact with people in ways that often help them resolve (or have resolved for them) their disputes or problems in fair and beneficial ways. I always look for win-win outcomes if they are possible. I urge litigants and attorneys to pause and evaluate whether their case might be better resolved through mediation or settlement.

6. Continued:

I care deeply about the people who appear before me. I care about the children who are the subject of many of my cases. I want the attorneys who practice before me to feel they serve an honored and vital role in the outcomes of their cases. I urge them to practice high standards of professionalism. I want litigants to know that they are respected and heard. I want to be the best judge I can be. All my life, I have striven to make a positive difference in all that I do. In my position as judge, I have worked harder than ever before to continue to be, and to do, the best that I can. I am committed to continuing my work if I am given the privilege to do so.

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7. Please list your three most recent jury trials including case names and numbers. Please list the names, current addresses, including zip codes and suite numbers where applicable, and phone numbers of each attorney involved in these trials. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

**Case Number 1**

*Case*  
**Name:** Kim Sears *Case Number:* 3AN-04-6928CI  
*v.* Alan Baker and GCI, et al.,

**Attorneys Involved:**

Name: Hugh Fleischer - 907-264-6635 Name: Wayne Watson - 907-277-3861  
Address: 310 K Street, Suite 200 Address: 310 K Street, Suite 306  
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**Case Number 2**

*Case*  
**Name:** Aaron Murfitt, et al., *Case Number:* 3AN-04-8836CI  
*v.* H & J Corporation, et al.,

**Attorneys Involved:**

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Name: Douglas O. Moody - 334-4435 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Case Number 3**

*Case*  
**Name:** Sharon Kayoukluk, et al., *Case Number:* 3AN-05-7933CI  
*v.* Anchor Arms Motel, et al.,

**Attorneys Involved:**

Name: James Davis - 222-4504 Name: W. Sherman Ernouf - 274-3385  
Address: 1016 W. Sixth Ave., Suite 200 Address: 207 E. Northern Lights, #200  
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99503

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_



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8. Please list your three most recent non-jury trials including case names and numbers. Please list the names, current addresses, including zip codes and suite numbers where applicable, and phone numbers of each attorney involved in your three most recent non-jury trials. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

**Case Number 1**

*Case*  
**Name:** Timothy Miller *Case Number:* 3AN-05-4531CI  
*v.* Anchorage School District

**Attorneys Involved:**

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Address: 525 W. Third Ave., Suite 104 Address: 3000 A Street, Suite 300  
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99503

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Case Number 2**

*Case*  
**Name:** Tom Leydon, et al., *Case Number:* 3AN-06-7115CI  
*v.* Rodriguez Cuautemas, et al.,

**Attorneys Involved:**

Name: David Edgren - 272-3325 Name: William Choquette-274-4626  
Address: 750 E. Fireweed, Suite 201 Address: 629 L Street, Suite 101  
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99503 City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Case Number 3**

*Case*  
**Name:** Municipality of Anchorage *Case Number:* 3AN-05-10962CI  
*v.* Anchorage Historical Properti

**Attorneys Involved:**

Name: Robert Owens - 343-4545 Name: Barbara Norris - 279-6621  
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City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99519 City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Please list your three most recent cases, including case names and numbers, which did not go to trial, but on which you did significant work (such as settlement conference, hearings, motion work, etc.). Please list the names, current addresses, including zip codes and suite numbers where applicable, and phone numbers of each attorney involved in your three most recent non-jury trials. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

**Case Number 1**

*Case*  
**Name:** ITMO: E.G. and S.G. **Case Number:** 3AN-04-0358/359CN  
v. \_\_\_\_\_

**Attorneys Involved:**

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Address: <u>900 W. 5th Ave., Suite 200</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: _____

**Case Number 2**

*Case*  
**Name:** State of Alaska **Case Number:** 3KO-07-00495CR  
v. Dominick Oberle

**Attorneys Involved:**

Name: <u>Steve Wallace-907-486-5744</u>	Name: <u>Suzanne Rapoza-907-486-8114</u>
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City, State, Zip: <u>Kodiak, AK 99615</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Kodiak, AK 99615</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

**Case Number 3**

*Case*  
**Name:** Ibrahim Mamudi **Case Number:** 3AN-05-7008CI  
v. Bret L. Mason, M.D.

**Attorneys Involved:**

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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: _____

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10. *Optional:* If you deem it helpful to the Council, please list up to three other cases during your past term in which you believe your work was particularly noteworthy. Please list the names, current addresses, including zip codes and suite numbers where applicable, and phone numbers of each attorney involved in these cases. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

**Case Number 1**

*Case Name:* Aleutian Spray Fisheries *Case Number:* 3AN-05-8871CI  
 v. Kjetil Solberg, et al.,

**Attorneys Involved:**

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City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99503</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

**Case Number 2**

*Case Name:* Citizens for Ethical Government *Case Number:* 3AN-05-12133CI  
 v. SOA, Div. of Elections

**Attorneys Involved:**

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City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: _____

**Case Number 3**

*Case Name:* Green Party of Alaska *Case Number:* 3AN-03-9936CI  
 v. SOA, Div. of Elections

**Attorneys Involved:**

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

**33. SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE CRAIG F. STOWERS****A. Alaska Bar Association****Demographic Description (N=254)**

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	6	2.3%
Private, Solo	63	24.8%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	67	26.3%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	48	18.8%
Private, Corporate Employee	3	1.1%
Judge or Judicial Officer	29	11.4%
Government	33	12.9%
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	1	0.3%
Retired	4	1.5%
Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	13	5.1%
5 Years or fewer	13	5.1%
6 to 10 years	17	6.6%
11 to 15 years	28	11.0%
16 to 20 years	38	14.9%
21 years or more	145	57.0%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	8	3.1%
Male	178	70.0%
Female	68	26.7%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	7	2.7%
Prosecution	2	0.7%
Mainly Criminal	8	3.1%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	63	24.8%
Mainly Civil	165	64.9%
Other	9	3.5%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	6	2.3%
First District	3	1.1%
Second District	2	0.7%
Third District	233	91.7%
Fourth District	8	3.1%
Outside of Alaska	2	0.7%

**Evaluation of Judge Craig F. Stowers:  
Alaska Bar Association Members**

**Summary of Findings**

Judge Craig F. Stowers was evaluated by 219 Alaska Bar Association members who reported having direct professional experience with the judge. The mean score on *overall evaluation* was 4.4. The highest mean score was obtained on *integrity* (4.6) and the lowest mean score was obtained on *impartiality/fairness* (4.3). Details are presented in the two tables that follow.

	Poor		Deficient		Accept		Good		Excellent		Mean
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
<b>Legal Ability</b>	2	0.9%	6	2.7%	16	7.3%	73	33.4%	121	55.5%	4.4
<b>Impartiality\Fairness</b>	4	1.8%	9	4.1%	23	10.5%	60	27.3%	123	56.1%	4.3
<b>Integrity</b>	2	0.9%	5	2.2%	15	6.8%	45	20.6%	151	69.2%	4.6
<b>Judicial Temperament</b>	2	0.9%	8	3.7%	23	10.6%	50	23.2%	132	61.3%	4.4
<b>Diligence</b>	4	1.8%	9	4.2%	18	8.4%	55	25.7%	128	59.8%	4.4
<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	4	1.8%	7	3.2%	15	6.9%	69	31.7%	122	56.2%	4.4

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

## Judge Craig F. Stowers: Detailed Information Responses Alaska Bar Association Members

	Legal Ability		Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>												
No Response	4.4	7	4.4	7	4.4	7	4.0	7	4.6	7	4.4	7
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>217</b>
Professional Reputation	4.3	24	4.2	25	4.4	25	4.1	23	4.3	23	4.4	24
Other Personal Contacts	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.0	1	4.5	2
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response	4.8	4	5.0	4	5.0	4	4.8	4	4.3	4	4.8	4
Private, Solo	4.4	53	4.3	54	4.6	53	4.4	53	4.3	52	4.3	53
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	4.5	63	4.5	63	4.6	63	4.6	63	4.5	63	4.5	63
Private, 6+ Attorneys	4.3	39	4.1	39	4.3	39	4.1	38	4.1	39	4.2	39
Private, Corporate Employee	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.7	26	4.6	26	4.7	26	4.5	26	4.7	23	4.7	26
Government	4.0	29	3.9	29	4.4	29	4.3	27	4.3	29	4.1	28
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Retired	4.5	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response	4.5	11	4.5	11	4.6	11	4.5	11	4.5	10	4.5	11
5 Years or fewer	4.6	11	4.6	11	4.6	11	4.5	11	4.5	11	4.6	11
6 to 10 years	4.2	15	3.9	15	4.1	15	4.1	14	4.3	14	4.0	15
11 to 15 years	4.2	26	4.2	26	4.3	26	4.4	25	4.1	26	4.2	26
16 to 20 years	4.2	35	3.9	35	4.4	35	4.2	34	4.3	33	4.1	34
21 years or more	4.5	120	4.5	121	4.7	120	4.5	120	4.4	120	4.5	120
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response	4.8	5	5.0	5	5.0	5	4.6	5	4.4	5	4.8	5
Male	4.5	156	4.4	157	4.6	157	4.4	155	4.4	154	4.4	156
Female	4.2	57	4.1	57	4.4	56	4.3	55	4.3	55	4.2	56
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response	4.6	5	4.8	5	4.8	5	4.8	5	4.3	4	4.6	5
Prosecution	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Mainly Criminal	4.7	7	4.6	7	4.7	7	4.5	6	4.3	8	4.7	7
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.3	57	4.2	57	4.4	57	4.3	56	4.4	54	4.2	57
Mainly Civil	4.4	142	4.4	143	4.6	142	4.4	141	4.4	141	4.4	141
Other	4.1	7	4.1	7	4.6	7	4.7	7	4.7	7	4.3	7
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response	4.8	4	5.0	4	5.0	4	4.8	4	4.3	4	4.8	4
First District	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	4.7	3	5.0	3	5.0	3
Second District	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
Third District	4.4	201	4.3	202	4.6	201	4.4	198	4.4	197	4.4	200
Fourth District	3.5	6	3.2	6	3.3	6	3.3	6	3.3	6	3.2	6
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.

**33. SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE CRAIG F. STOWERS****B. Peace and Probation Officers****Demographic Description (N=20)**

	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>		
No Response	--	0.0%
State Law Enforcement Officer	8	40.0%
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	7	35.0%
Village Public Safety Officer (VSPO)	--	0.0%
Probation/Parole Officer	5	25.0%
Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>		
No Response	1	5.0%
5 Years or fewer	6	30.0%
6 to 10 years	2	10.0%
11 to 15 years	2	10.0%
16 to 20 years	7	35.0%
21 years or more	2	10.0%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	--	0.0%
Male	13	65.0%
Female	7	35.0%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	--	0.0%
First District	--	0.0%
Second District	--	0.0%
Third District	20	100.0%
Fourth District	--	0.0%
Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>		
No Response	--	0.0%
Under 2,000	--	0.0%
Between 2,000 and 35,000	3	15.0%
Over 35,000	17	85.0%

## Evaluation of Judge Craig F. Stowers: Peace and Probation Officers

### Summary of Findings

Judge Craig F. Stowers was evaluated by 15 Peace and Probation Officers who reported having direct professional experience with the judge. The mean score on *overall evaluation* was 4.1. The highest mean scores were obtained on *integrity* and *judicial temperament* (4.1) and the lowest mean score was obtained on *impartiality/fairness* (3.9). Details are presented in the two tables that follow.

	Poor		Deficient		Accept		Good		Excellent		Mean
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
<b>Impartiality/Fairness</b>	1	7.1%	--	0.0%	4	28.5%	3	21.4%	6	42.8%	3.9
<b>Integrity</b>	1	6.6%	--	0.0%	3	20.0%	3	20.0%	8	53.3%	4.1
<b>Judicial Temperament</b>	1	6.6%	--	0.0%	4	26.6%	2	13.3%	8	53.3%	4.1
<b>Diligence</b>	1	6.6%	--	0.0%	5	33.3%	1	6.6%	8	53.3%	4.0
<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	1	6.6%	--	0.0%	4	26.6%	2	13.3%	8	53.3%	4.1

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



## Judge Craig F. Stowers: Detailed Information Responses Peace and Probation Officers

	Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>15</b>
Professional Reputation	2.8	4	2.8	4	2.3	4	2.8	4	2.5	4
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
State Law Enforcement Officer	4.4	5	4.7	6	4.7	6	4.7	6	4.7	6
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	3.4	5	3.6	5	3.6	5	3.4	5	3.4	5
Village Public Safety Officer (VSPO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	4.0	4	4.0	4	3.8	4	3.8	4	4.0	4
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Years</b>										
No Response	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
5 Years or fewer	3.5	2	4.0	3	3.7	3	3.7	3	4.0	3
6 to 10 years	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
11 to 15 years	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2
16 to 20 years	3.5	6	3.7	6	3.7	6	3.5	6	3.5	6
21 years or more	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Male	4.1	9	4.3	9	4.3	9	4.2	9	4.2	9
Female	3.6	5	3.8	6	3.7	6	3.7	6	3.8	6
<b>Location of Practice</b>										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	3.9	14	4.1	15	4.1	15	4.0	15	4.1	15
Fourth District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Under 2,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
Over 35,000	4.0	13	4.2	14	4.1	14	4.1	14	4.1	14

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

**33. SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE CRAIG F. STOWERS****C. Social Workers, Guardians ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers****Demographic Description (N=26)**

	N	%
<b>Type of Work</b>		
No Response	--	0.0%
Social Worker	13	50.0%
Guardian Ad Litem	7	26.9%
CASA Volunteer	5	19.2%
Other	1	3.8%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>		
No Response	--	0.0%
5 Years or fewer	11	42.3%
6 to 10 years	10	38.4%
11 to 15 years	1	3.8%
16 to 20 years	3	11.5%
21 years or more	1	3.8%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	--	0.0%
Male	3	11.5%
Female	23	88.4%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	1	3.8%
First District	--	0.0%
Second District	--	0.0%
Third District	24	92.3%
Fourth District	1	3.8%
Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>		
No Response	1	3.8%
Under 2,000	--	0.0%
Between 2,000 and 35,000	1	3.8%
Over 35,000	24	92.3%

**Evaluation of Judge Craig F. Stowers:  
Social Workers, Guardians ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers**

**Summary of Findings**

Judge Craig F. Stowers was evaluated by 19 Social Workers, Guardians ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers who reported having direct professional experience with the judge. The mean score on *overall evaluation* was 3.9. The highest mean scores were obtained on *integrity* and *diligence* (4.3) and the lowest mean score was obtained on *impartiality/fairness* (3.8). Details are presented in the two tables that follow.

	Poor		Deficient		Accept		Good		Excellent		Mean
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
<b>Impartiality/Fairness</b>	--	0.0%	3	15.7%	3	15.7%	7	36.8%	6	31.5%	3.8
<b>Integrity</b>	--	0.0%	1	5.2%	2	10.5%	7	36.8%	9	47.3%	4.3
<b>Judicial Temperament</b>	--	0.0%	2	10.5%	3	15.7%	6	31.5%	8	42.1%	4.1
<b>Diligence</b>	--	0.0%	1	5.2%	2	10.5%	7	36.8%	9	47.3%	4.3
<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	1	5.5%	1	5.5%	3	16.6%	7	38.8%	6	33.3%	3.9

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

### Judge Craig F. Stowers: Detailed Information Responses Social Workers, Guardians ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers

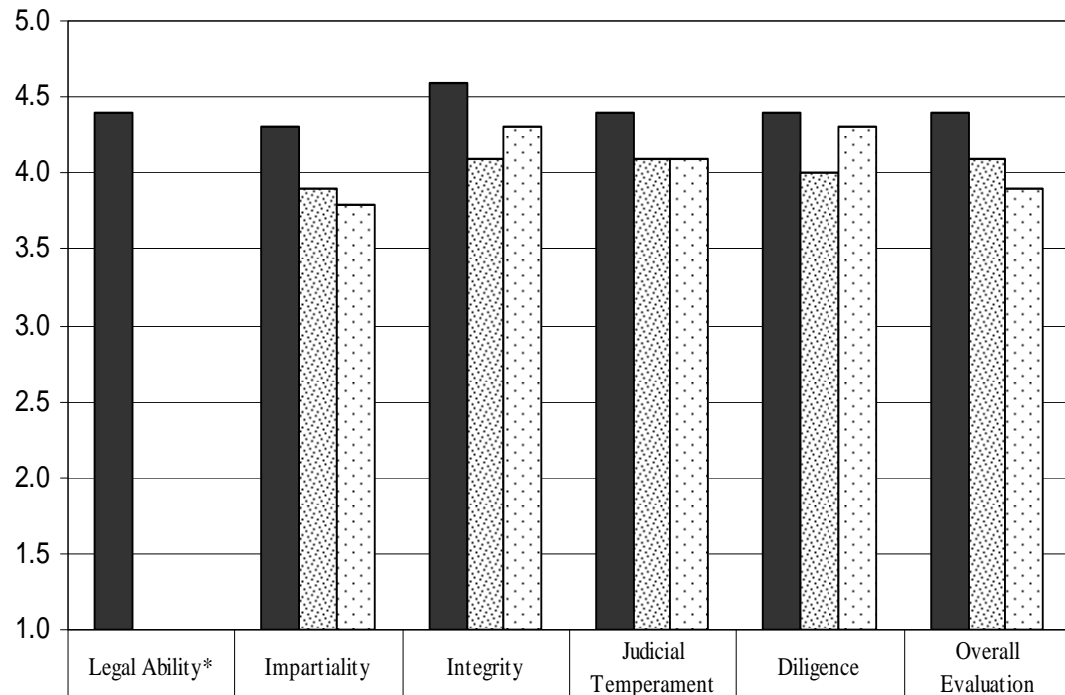
	Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response	4.3	7	4.6	7	4.4	7	4.4	7	4.6	7
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>18</b>
Professional Reputation	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Social Worker	3.8	9	4.1	9	3.8	9	3.9	9	3.7	9
Guardian Ad Litem	3.3	6	4.2	6	4.0	6	4.7	6	3.6	5
CASA Volunteer	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	4.7	3	5.0	3
Other	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
<b>Years</b>										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
5 Years or fewer	4.3	6	4.5	6	4.7	6	4.5	6	4.3	6
6 to 10 years	3.4	9	4.1	9	3.8	9	4.0	9	3.4	9
11 to 15 years	3.0	1	4.0	1	3.0	1	4.0	1	--	0
16 to 20 years	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.0	2	5.0	2	4.5	2
21 years or more	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Male	3.7	3	4.0	3	4.3	3	4.0	3	4.0	3
Female	3.9	16	4.3	16	4.0	16	4.3	16	3.9	15
<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	3.7	17	4.2	17	3.9	17	4.2	17	3.8	16
Fourth District	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<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	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Over 35,000	3.8	17	4.2	17	4.0	17	4.2	17	3.8	16

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

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*Average Ratings from All Groups Surveyed*



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

<b>Juror Survey Results 2008 Retention Evaluation Craig F. Stowers</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 = 28</b>				
<b>Impartiality/Fairness</b>	<b>5.0</b>	100% 28	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0					
<b>Respectful/Courteous</b>	<b>5.0</b>	100% 28	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0					
<b>Attentive during Proceedings</b>	<b>5.0</b>	100% 28	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0					
<b>Control over Proceedings</b>	<b>5.0</b>	100% 28	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0					
<b>Intelligence/Skill as a Judge</b>	<b>5.0</b>	100% 28	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0					
<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	<b>5.0</b>	100% 28	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0					

<b>Court Employee Survey Results 2008 Retention Evaluation Craig F. Stowers</b>												
<b>Question</b>	<b>Excellent</b>		<b>Good</b>		<b>Acceptable</b>		<b>Deficient</b>		<b>Poor</b>		<b>Mean</b>	<b>Total Returned = 63</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>	46%	27	37%	22	14%	8	3%	2	0%	0	4.3	59
<b>Integrity</b>	53%	32	33%	20	10%	6	3%	2	0%	0	4.4	60
<b>Judicial Temperament</b>	40%	25	44%	27	10%	6	3%	2	3%	2	4.2	62
<b>Diligence</b>	55%	33	32%	19	12%	7	2%	1	0%	0	4.4	60
<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	43%	26	38%	23	16%	10	0%	0	3%	2	4.2	61



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## Salary Warrant Withholdings - Judge Stowers

Judge Stowers had his pay withheld by the Department of Administration nineteen times in three years (2005-2007) for failing to submit an affidavit stating that he had no matter uncompleted or undecided for longer than six months per AS 22.10.190. Eleven of these instances occurred in 2006. Three occurred in 2007.

The Judicial Council asked Judge Stowers about the circumstances that required his pay to be withheld. Judge Stowers advised that when he was appointed to the bench in 2004, he inherited a caseload that was substantially larger than average for Anchorage Superior Court civil judges. He experienced unexpected turnover with his support staff. The judge stated that he worked hard to master subjects of law that were new to him. Judge Stowers explained that for one-third of the nineteen times that his pay was withheld, he did not have any uncompleted matters pending for longer than six months. On those occasions, the judge simply did not submit a timely affidavit to that effect. The Council noted improvement in the timeliness of Judge Stowers' decisions since 2005.