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## Executive Summary

This report presents the results of the judicial retention evaluation surveys for the twenty-eight judges eligible to stand for retention in the 2010 general elections. The Alaska Judicial Council asked Alaska Bar Association members, peace and probation officers, social workers, Guardians ad Litem, and court-appointed special advocates (CASAs) to evaluate the judges. Only attorneys evaluated the appellate judges, Justice Fabe and Judge Mannheimer. Attorneys evaluated trial judges on *legal ability*. All of the groups evaluated the trial court judges on *impartiality, integrity, judicial temperament, diligence and overall evaluation*.

Tables 1 (attorneys), 2 (peace and probation officers), and 3 (social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASAs) show how people with direct professional experience with the judges evaluated them on each of the six criteria. The text below gives a brief summary of the results for each judge.

### Appellate

Justice Dana A. Fabe was evaluated by 407 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the justice. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 4.3.

Judge David Mannheimer was evaluated by 167 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 4.4.

### First Judicial District

Judge David V. George was evaluated by 73 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 3.8. Nine peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 3.8, based on direct professional experience. Three social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASAs gave an overall evaluation of 5.0, based on direct professional experience.

Judge Phillip M. Pallenberg was evaluated by 117 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 4.3. Eighteen peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 3.4, based on direct professional experience. Nine social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASAs gave an overall evaluation of 4.3, based on direct professional experience.

Judge Trevor Stephens was evaluated by 100 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 4.6. Fifteen peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 4.8, based on direct professional experience. Two social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASAs gave an overall evaluation of 5.0, based on direct professional experience.

Judge Kevin G. Miller was evaluated by 64 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 4.6. Thirteen peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 4.5, based on direct professional experience. One social worker, Guardian ad Litem or CASA gave an overall evaluation of 5.0, based on direct professional experience.

### **Third Judicial District**

Judge Eric A. Aarseth was evaluated by 141 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 4.0. Forty-eight peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 3.8, based on direct professional experience. Three social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASAs gave an overall evaluation of 4.3, based on direct professional experience.

Judge Carl Bauman was evaluated by 85 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 3.8. Twelve peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 3.0, based on direct professional experience. Five social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASAs gave an overall evaluation of 3.8, based on direct professional experience.

Judge Sharon L. Gleason was evaluated by 261 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 4.5. Eight peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 4.4, based on direct professional experience. Ten social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASAs gave an overall evaluation of 4.9, based on direct professional experience.

Judge Kari Kristiansen was evaluated by 84 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 3.8. Nineteen peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 2.5, based on direct professional experience. Five social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASAs gave an overall evaluation of 4.0, based on direct professional experience.

Judge Patrick J. McKay was evaluated by 187 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 4.1. Fifteen peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 3.3, based on direct professional experience. Two social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASAs gave an overall evaluation of 3.5, based on direct professional experience.

Judge Anna M. Moran was evaluated by 89 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 3.9. Twenty-five peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 3.2, based on direct professional experience. Six social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASAs gave an overall evaluation of 4.8, based on direct professional experience.

Judge Mark Rindner was evaluated by 247 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 4.1. Five peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 2.8, based on direct professional experience. Ten social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASAs gave an overall evaluation of 4.1, based on direct professional experience.

Judge Jack W. Smith was evaluated by 171 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 4.0. Fourteen peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 4.2, based on direct professional experience. Two social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASAs gave an overall evaluation of 5.0, based on direct professional experience.

Judge Michael Spaan was evaluated by 118 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 4.1. Eighteen peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 3.9, based on direct professional experience. One social worker, Guardian ad Litem or CASA gave an overall evaluation of 4.0, based on direct professional experience.

Judge Vanessa H. White was evaluated by 103 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 4.1. Seventeen peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 4.2, based on direct professional experience. Five social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASAs gave an overall evaluation of 4.6, based on direct professional experience.

Judge Brian K. Clark was evaluated by 127 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 4.4. Twenty-one peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 4.6, based on direct professional experience. No social workers, Guardians ad Litem or CASAs evaluated this judge.

Judge Catherine M. Easter was evaluated by 97 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 4.6. Fifteen peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 4.6, based on direct professional experience. No social workers, Guardians ad Litem or CASAs evaluated this judge.

Judge William L. Estelle was evaluated by 72 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 3.6. Twenty-five peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 4.0, based on direct professional experience. Two social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASAs gave an overall evaluation of 5.0, based on direct professional experience.

Judge Sharon A.S. Illsley was evaluated by 48 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 3.6. Twenty-two peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 3.7, based on direct professional experience. Two social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASAs gave an overall evaluation of 4.0, based on direct professional experience.

Judge Gregory J. Motyka was evaluated by 144 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 4.1. Twenty-seven peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 4.4, based on direct professional experience. One social worker, Guardian ad Litem or CASA rated the judge on other elements, but did not provide an overall evaluation.

Judge Richard W. Postma, Jr. was evaluated by 100 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 3.7. Fifteen peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 4.1, based on direct professional experience. No social workers, Guardians ad Litem or CASAs evaluated this judge.

Judge Stephanie Rhoades was evaluated by 176 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 3.6. Forty-six peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 4.2, based on direct

professional experience. Three social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASAs gave an overall evaluation of 4.7, based on direct professional experience.

Judge John W. Wolfe was evaluated by 74 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 3.6. Twenty-eight peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 4.4, based on direct professional experience. One social worker, Guardian ad Litem or CASA gave an overall evaluation of 4.0, based on direct professional experience.

#### **Fourth Judicial District**

Judge Douglas L. Blankenship was evaluated by 114 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 3.6. Forty-two peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 4.0, based on direct professional experience. Four social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASAs gave an overall evaluation of 4.3, based on direct professional experience.

Judge Marvin C. Hamilton III was evaluated by 55 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 4.1. Eighteen peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 3.1, based on direct professional experience. No social workers, Guardians ad Litem or CASAs evaluated this judge.

Judge Michael A. MacDonald was evaluated by 97 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 4.0. Twenty-eight peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 4.1, based on direct professional experience. Seven social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASAs gave an overall evaluation of 4.2, based on direct professional experience.

Judge Jane F. Kauvar was evaluated by 137 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 3.8. Forty-nine peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 2.8, based on direct professional experience. Two social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASAs gave an overall evaluation of 5.0, based on direct professional experience.



**Table 1: Mean Ratings by Alaska Bar Association Members**

	N	Legal Ability Mean	Impartiality/ Fairness Mean	Integrity Mean	Temperament Mean	Diligence Mean	Overall Evaluation Mean
<i>Appellate</i>							
Dana A. Fabe	407	4.4	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.3
David Mannheimer	167	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.6	4.4
<i>First District</i>							
David V. George	73	3.8	3.9	4.0	3.9	3.7	3.8
Phillip M. Pallenberg	117	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.3
Trevor Stephens	100	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.6	4.6
Kevin G. Miller	64	4.4	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.6
<i>Third District</i>							
Eric A. Aarseth	141	4.0	4.0	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.0
Carl Bauman	85	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.9	3.7	3.8
Sharon L. Gleason	261	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.5
Kari Kristiansen	84	3.6	3.7	4.0	3.7	4.0	3.8
Patrick J. McKay	187	4.1	4.2	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.1
Anna M. Moran	89	3.9	4.0	4.2	3.9	3.9	3.9
Mark Rindner	247	4.3	4.0	4.3	3.7	4.3	4.1
Jack W. Smith	171	3.7	4.0	4.3	4.1	4.2	4.0
Michael Spaan	118	3.9	4.1	4.2	4.0	4.1	4.1
Vanessa H. White	103	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.1
Brian K. Clark	127	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.4
Catherine M. Easter	97	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.6
William L. Estelle	72	3.8	3.8	4.1	3.6	3.7	3.6
Sharon A.S. Illsley	48	3.7	3.3	3.8	3.5	3.9	3.6
Gregory J. Motyka	144	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.1
Richard W. Postma, Jr	100	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.9	3.7
Stephanie Rhoades	176	3.8	3.5	3.9	3.1	3.9	3.6
John W. Wolfe	74	3.7	3.8	4.1	4.1	4.0	3.9
<i>Fourth District</i>							
Douglas L. Blankenship	114	3.6	3.7	4.0	3.6	3.6	3.6
Marvin C. Hamilton III	55	4.2	3.9	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.1
Michael A. MacDonald	97	4.1	4.0	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.0
Jane F. Kauvar	137	3.9	3.9	4.1	3.8	3.8	3.8

Note: Ratings for only those respondents with direct professional experience with the judge and who rated the judge on at least one variable.

**Table 2: Mean Ratings by Peace and Probation Officers**

	N	Impartiality/ Fairness Mean	Integrity Mean	Temperament Mean	Diligence Mean	Overall Evaluation Mean
<i>First District</i>						
David V. George	9	4.0	3.9	4.0	3.9	3.8
Phillip M. Pallenberg	18	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.4
Trevor Stephens	15	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.8
Kevin G. Miller	13	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.5
<i>Third District</i>						
Eric A. Aarseth	48	3.8	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.8
Carl Bauman	12	3.1	2.9	3.7	3.2	3.0
Sharon L. Gleason	8	4.4	4.8	4.4	4.3	4.4
Kari Kristiansen	19	2.6	2.9	2.7	3.1	2.5
Patrick J. McKay	15	3.6	3.2	3.7	3.6	3.3
Anna M. Moran	25	3.0	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.2
Mark Rindner	5	2.6	3.0	2.6	3.0	2.8
Jack W. Smith	14	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.2
Michael Spaan	18	3.9	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.9
Vanessa H. White	17	3.8	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.2
Brian K. Clark	21	4.5	4.6	4.8	4.6	4.6
Catherine M. Easter	15	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.6
William L. Estelle	25	4.0	4.2	3.8	4.2	4.0
Sharon A.S. Illsley	22	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.7
Gregory J. Motyka	27	4.4	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.4
Richard W. Postma, Jr	15	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.2	4.1
Stephanie Rhoades	46	4.2	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.2
John W. Wolfe	28	4.2	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.4
<i>Fourth District</i>						
Douglas L. Blankenship	42	3.7	4.1	3.9	4.1	4.0
Marvin C. Hamilton III	18	2.9	2.9	3.7	3.4	3.1
Michael A. MacDonald	28	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.1
Jane F. Kauvar	49	2.7	3.2	3.0	3.0	2.8

Note: Ratings for only those respondents with direct professional experience with the judge and who rated the judge on at least one variable.

**Table 3: Mean Ratings by Social Workers, Guardians ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers**

	N	Impartiality/ Fairness Mean	Integrity Mean	Temperament Mean	Diligence Mean	Overall Evaluation Mean
<b><i>First District</i></b>						
David V. George	3	5.0	5.0	4.7	4.7	5.0
Phillip M. Pallenberg	9	4.7	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.3
Trevor Stephens	2	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Kevin G. Miller	1	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
<b><i>Third District</i></b>						
Eric A. Aarseth	3	4.3	4.0	4.5	4.5	4.3
Carl Bauman	5	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.2	3.8
Sharon L. Gleason	10	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.9
Kari Kristiansen	5	3.8	4.6	4.0	4.6	4.0
Patrick J. McKay	2	3.5	3.0	3.5	3.5	3.5
Anna M. Moran	6	4.5	4.8	4.5	4.8	4.8
Mark Rindner	10	4.2	4.6	3.8	4.1	4.1
Jack W. Smith	2	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Michael Spaan	1	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Vanessa H. White	5	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.6	4.6
Brian K. Clark	0	--	--	--	--	--
Catherine M. Easter	0	--	--	--	--	--
William L. Estelle	2	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Sharon A.S. Illsley	2	3.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.0
Gregory J. Motyka	1	3.0	3.0	--	--	--
Richard W. Postma, Jr	0	--	--	--	--	--
Stephanie Rhoades	3	4.3	4.3	4.7	4.7	4.7
John W. Wolfe	1	4.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	4.0
<b><i>Fourth District</i></b>						
Douglas L. Blankenship	4	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.3
Marvin C. Hamilton III	0	--	--	--	--	--
Michael A. MacDonald	7	3.9	4.3	3.9	3.7	4.2
Jane F. Kauvar	2	4.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0

Note: Ratings for only those respondents with direct professional experience with the judge and who rated the judge on at least one variable.

# Judicial Performance Evaluation Surveys for Judges Eligible to Stand in the 2010 General Election

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## Introduction

Alaska's constitution and laws mandate that justices and judges be periodically retained in their positions by the voters on a non-partisan ballot in the general elections. By law, the Alaska Judicial Council evaluates the performance of the justices and judges eligible to stand for retention, and reports its findings to the voters. As part of the evaluation, the Council surveys professionals who are familiar with judicial performance: members of the Alaska Bar Association, peace and probation officers, and social workers, Guardians ad Litem and Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers.

This report presents the results of those surveys for twenty-eight judges who are eligible for retention in November, 2010. They include supreme court justice Dana Fabe, court of appeals judge David Mannheimer (both were only evaluated by attorneys), four First Judicial District trial court judges, none from the Second District, eighteen from the Third District, and four from the Fourth District. All of the groups evaluated the trial court judges on *impartiality*, *integrity*, *judicial temperament*, *diligence* and *overall evaluation*. Attorneys also evaluated trial judges on *legal ability*. Although respondents may evaluate the judges based on direct professional experience, professional reputation or other social contacts, this report shows only the results for respondents who had direct professional experience with the judge in the performance of judicial duties and who evaluated the judge or justice on at least one characteristic.

To maintain objectivity, the Judicial Council contracted with Information Insights, a public policy and management consulting firm with offices in Anchorage and Fairbanks to administer the surveys. Information Insights was responsible for all aspects of distribution and data collection related to the online surveys. The Judicial Council printed and mailed the paper surveys, which were returned directly to Information Insights for processing, data entry, analysis, and preparation of this report.

## Method

### ***Respondents***

The survey was targeted and mailed to three respondent groups, namely, 2,965 active and in-state inactive members of the Alaska Bar Association (ABA); 1,575 Alaska peace and probation officers; and 272 social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASA volunteers. Paper surveys were mailed to 537 ABA members; 300 of whom also received an e-mail invitation. The remaining 2,428 ABA members only received an e-mail invitation to take the online survey. One hundred and ninety-nine peace and probation officers received a paper survey while the remaining 1,376 officers received an e-mail invitation to take the online survey. Social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASA volunteers only have the option of receiving the paper survey. The mailing of the surveys took place on January 4, 2010, with a due date of February 12, 2010; e-mail messages were sent on January 5, 2010, with the same due date for completion of the on-line survey.

A total of 1,221 qualified surveys were returned, with 826 from ABA members; 326 from peace and probation officers; and 69 from social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASA volunteers. There were 27 surveys returned without signatures, with illegible signatures, or without being on the mailing list and, thus, were excluded from data entry and analyses. ABA members initiated 740 web-based surveys. Of these 740, 33 were initiated but not completed; that is, no responses were provided. Additionally, two respondents provided duplicate on-line surveys and paper surveys. For these individuals, the survey received first was retained and the duplicate discarded. Peace and probation officers initiated 330 on-line surveys. Of the 330, 42 were initiated but not completed; that is, no responses were provided. No duplicate surveys were received from peace and probation officers.

From ABA members, included in the final data analysis were 119 paper surveys and 707 on-line surveys, for a total of 826 surveys and a 27.9% return rate. From peace and probation officers, included in the final data analysis were 38 paper surveys and 288 on-line surveys for a total of 326 surveys and a 20.7% return rate. From social workers, Guardians ad Litem, and CASA volunteers included in the final data analysis were 69 surveys for a response rate of 25.4%. Table A1 in Appendix A shows the response rate for each type of survey respondent

## **Demographic Descriptions of Respondents**

Demographic information was collected from each respondent to provide details about the individuals who provided the ratings summarized in this report. Tables A2, A3, and A4 in Appendix A provide a breakdown of these demographic characteristics by each respondent group.

## **Instrumentation**

The evaluation surveys for the judges and justice standing for retention on the 2010 ballot contained questions about demographic information for each respondent, along with six evaluation items for the attorneys and five for the other groups. All surveys encouraged respondents to help the citizens of Alaska by thoughtfully evaluating the performance of judges whom the respondents knew. Attorneys' surveys included a certification by the respondent that they had rated the judges as required by the bar's Professional Rule 8.2.

Respondents evaluated each of the areas of performance included in the survey using a five-point Likert scale that ranged from poor (1) to excellent (5). Detailed descriptions of the meaning of each point on the Likert scale were provided for each performance area. The instructions for respondents, criteria, and the rating scale are set out below as they appear in the survey booklet.

In addition to providing ratings, respondents were asked to provide comments on each of the judges eligible to stand for retention in 2010. Sample pages from the paper surveys are contained in Appendix B of this report. The survey and survey instructions, shown here for respondents to the paper surveys, were nearly identical for the paper and on-line surveys.

## Survey Booklet, page ii

### Basis for Rating

Your evaluation may be based upon direct professional experience, social contacts, or professional reputation. **Direct professional experience is limited to direct contact with the judge's work in the performance of his or her judicial duties.** If you lack sufficient knowledge to evaluate, check the box "insufficient knowledge to evaluate this judge" under Question 1, and go on to the next judge.

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### Rating Criteria

<b>Legal Ability</b>	Please evaluate the judge's legal and factual analysis including the judge's knowledge of substantive law, evidence, and procedure, and the judge's writing clarity and precision.
<b>Impartiality &amp; Fairness</b>	Please evaluate the judge's sense of basic fairness and justice and whether the judge treats all parties equally.
<b>Integrity</b>	Please evaluate whether the judge's conduct is free from impropriety or appearance of impropriety and whether the judge makes decisions without regard to possible public criticism.
<b>Judicial Temperament</b>	Please evaluate the judge's courtesy and freedom from arrogance and whether the judge manifests human understanding and compassion.
<b>Diligence</b>	Please evaluate whether the judge is prepared for court proceedings, works diligently, and is reasonably prompt in making decisions.
<b>Overall evaluation</b>	Please provide your overall assessment of the judge's performance.

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### Rating Scale

**All questions relate only to the qualities of the judge in the performance of judicial duties.** The rating scale is defined as follows:

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|----|-------------------------------|---|
| 1. | <b>Poor</b>                   | Seldom meets minimum standards of performance for this court.         |
| 2. | <b>Deficient</b>              | Does not always meet minimum standards of performance for this court. |
| 3. | <b>Acceptable</b>             | Meets minimum standards of performance for this court.                |
| 4. | <b>Good</b>                   | Often exceeds minimum standards of performance for this court.        |
| 5. | <b>Excellent</b>              | Consistently exceeds minimum standards for this court.                |
| 9. | <b>Insufficient Knowledge</b> | Insufficient knowledge to rate this judge on this criterion.          |

## Confidentiality and Data Safety

The Alaska Judicial Council included a statement with each survey that reassured respondents of the confidentiality of their responses. Confidentiality is also a paramount concern at Information Insights and is translated into specific procedures related to data security. Because the data collected through the retention surveys are sensitive, Information Insights protects them rigorously. Paper surveys are locked in a tamper-resistant cabinet except when staff are working with them. The organization's policies and procedures emphasize the confidentiality requirement, and ensure that only project staff have access to the data. All electronic data are maintained on a secure server, from the time that respondents complete their surveys online. No staff ever keep data on their individual desktop or laptop hard drives.

## Assurance of No Duplicate Responses

To ensure that only individual valid surveys were received, the Judicial Council gave clear instructions about how to handle the paper survey booklets:

*Validation of Responses. A postage-paid business reply envelope is enclosed for the return of your completed evaluation. Place the completed survey inside the envelope marked "Confidential" and seal the envelope. Place the "Confidential" envelope in the return envelope and sign in the space provided. The return envelope must be signed in order for your survey to be counted. Also, please print your name and address on the return envelope.*

The procedures to assure only one paper survey per individual were:

- The individual's name was identified on the outside of the return envelope, added to a survey log, and marked as received.
- If another envelope had already been received from the same individual, the second envelope would be discarded unopened.
- If the survey was received without a name on the return envelope, it was opened and reviewed to see whether the respondent's signature was anywhere on the form. If yes, it was checked off on the log. If not, the survey was discarded.
- If the signature was illegible, and there was no other identifying information (e.g., printed name, legible signature on a comment page), the survey was discarded.
- If the name on the survey was not on the original mailing list, the survey was discarded.

To assure only one on-line survey per individual, Information Insights:

- Provided each potential respondent with a unique URL that could be used only once, and only from the email address to which it was sent.
- Each survey received was compared against the list of paper surveys received to ensure that only one type of survey was completed – an online survey, or a paper one.
- If duplicate surveys were received the most complete survey was kept and the duplicate was discarded.





## **Ratings of All Judges on Overall Evaluation, by Demographic Characteristics**

Responses to the retention surveys by the three groups are shown on the following pages in several ways.

- Tables 4 through 8 show the Alaska Bar members' rating on the Overall Evaluation criterion by the respondents' types of caseloads, location of practice, type of practice, gender, and length of practice in Alaska.
- Tables 9 through 13 show the peace and probation officers' rating on the Overall Evaluation criterion by the respondents' type of work, location of work, population of community in which the officer worked, gender, and length of experience.
- Tables 14 through 18 show the social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASA volunteers' rating on the Overall Evaluation criterion by the respondents' type of work, location of work, population of community, gender, and length of experience.
- Tables A8, A9 and A10 in Appendix A show the distribution, mean, median and standard deviations of the Overall Rating for each judge.

## Ratings from Alaska Bar Members

**Table 4: Mean Scores on Overall Evaluation by Cases Handled: Alaska Bar Members**

	Prosecution		Mainly Criminal		Mixed Criminal & Civil		Mainly Civil		Other		Overall Evaluation
	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	Mean
<i>Appellate</i>											
Dana A. Fabe	8	4.5	22	4.8	87	4.5	263	4.3	22	4.3	4.3
David Mannheimer	17	4.1	22	4.5	73	4.2	44	4.7	8	4.9	4.4
<i>First District</i>											
David V. George	4	3.5	2	4.0	26	3.9	40	3.8	1	3.0	3.8
Phillip M. Pallenberg	5	2.2	10	4.9	35	4.3	59	4.4	7	4.3	4.3
Trevor Stephens	4	4.3	9	4.4	35	4.6	48	4.5	3	5.0	4.6
Kevin G. Miller	4	4.0	3	5.0	34	4.8	20	4.4	2	4.5	4.6
<i>Third District</i>											
Eric A. Aarseth	21	4.2	31	3.9	51	4.1	31	3.9	4	3.3	4.0
Carl Bauman	2	3.0	4	4.8	21	4.0	52	3.7	4	3.5	3.8
Sharon L. Gleason	4	5.0	11	4.7	65	4.4	171	4.5	8	4.1	4.5
Kari Kristiansen	5	3.2	9	3.4	25	4.0	40	3.7	3	4.7	3.8
Patrick J. McKay	16	3.4	20	4.0	43	4.2	98	4.1	8	4.0	4.1
Anna M. Moran	2	3.0	5	4.0	35	4.2	41	3.7	5	3.4	3.9
Mark Rindner	3	3.7	12	4.2	49	3.7	170	4.2	10	4.1	4.1
Jack W. Smith	15	4.5	20	4.3	39	4.1	87	3.8	6	3.8	4.0
Michael Spaan	14	4.4	22	3.9	29	4.3	47	4.0	3	4.0	4.1
Vanessa H. White	3	4.7	10	4.2	28	4.1	55	4.1	5	4.2	4.1
Brian K. Clark	14	4.6	18	4.5	39	4.5	51	4.3	2	4.5	4.4
Catherine M. Easter	10	4.7	19	4.7	36	4.7	30	4.5	2	4.5	4.6
William L. Estelle	3	3.0	11	3.0	31	4.0	24	3.3	3	4.0	3.6
Sharon A.S. Illsley	4	4.5	8	3.3	18	3.5	16	3.6	1	4.0	3.6
Gregory J. Motyka	17	4.5	16	3.8	39	4.0	66	4.2	5	4.2	4.1
Richard W. Postma, Jr	12	3.4	16	4.2	39	3.4	29	4.0	3	3.0	3.7
Stephanie Rhoades	14	4.0	22	3.1	52	3.6	79	3.7	7	3.7	3.6
John W. Wolfe	4	4.8	12	3.3	30	3.9	26	4.1	1	4.0	3.9
<i>Fourth District</i>											
Douglas L. Blankenship	6	3.3	3	2.3	43	3.5	55	3.8	3	4.3	3.6
Marvin C. Hamilton III	5	3.0	7	4.9	23	4.3	18	3.9	1	4.0	4.1
Michael A. MacDonald	5	3.6	5	4.0	36	4.3	45	3.8	4	4.5	4.0
Jane F. Kauvar	9	3.4	12	4.4	53	3.8	53	3.9	7	4.0	3.8

Note: Ratings for only those respondents with direct professional experience with the judge and who evaluated the judge on at least one quality.

**Table 5: Mean Scores on Overall Evaluation by Location of Practice: Alaska Bar Members**

	First District		Second District		Third District		Fourth District		Outside of Alaska		Overall Evaluation
	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	Mean
<i>Appellate</i>											
Dana A. Fabe	49	4.6	7	4.9	302	4.3	37	4.2	8	4.8	4.3
David Mannheimer	18	4.4	3	4.7	121	4.4	19	3.8	4	4.8	4.4
<i>First District</i>											
David V. George	47	3.8	1	4.0	23	3.8	1	5.0	1	4.0	3.8
Phillip M. Pallenberg	61	4.4	0	--	47	4.2	6	4.0	2	5.0	4.3
Trevor Stephens	52	4.6	1	5.0	39	4.5	6	4.7	1	5.0	4.6
Kevin G. Miller	34	4.6	1	5.0	19	4.6	9	4.7	0	--	4.6
<i>Third District</i>											
Eric A. Aarseth	2	3.5	1	4.0	128	4.0	8	4.1	0	--	4.0
Carl Bauman	2	3.5	1	4.0	80	3.8	1	5.0	0	--	3.8
Sharon L. Gleason	11	4.6	2	5.0	238	4.5	8	4.5	1	4.0	4.5
Kari Kristiansen	0	--	1	3.0	78	3.8	3	2.7	0	--	3.8
Patrick J. McKay	4	3.0	0	--	179	4.1	3	4.3	0	--	4.1
Anna M. Moran	2	5.0	2	4.5	79	3.9	4	3.8	1	4.0	3.9
Mark Rindner	9	4.4	1	3.0	227	4.1	7	3.7	1	5.0	4.1
Jack W. Smith	4	4.3	1	4.0	159	4.0	4	4.0	0	--	4.0
Michael Spaan	3	4.0	0	--	110	4.1	2	5.0	1	5.0	4.1
Vanessa H. White	0	--	0	--	100	4.2	2	3.5	0	--	4.1
Brian K. Clark	0	--	0	--	120	4.4	3	5.0	2	4.5	4.4
Catherine M. Easter	1	4.0	1	4.0	91	4.6	4	4.8	0	--	4.6
William L. Estelle	1	4.0	1	5.0	66	3.6	3	4.0	1	4.0	3.6
Sharon A.S. Illsley	0	--	0	--	45	3.6	2	2.5	0	--	3.6
Gregory J. Motyka	2	3.5	0	--	138	4.1	2	4.0	2	4.5	4.1
Richard W. Postma, Jr	1	2.0	1	4.0	95	3.7	1	2.0	1	4.0	3.7
Stephanie Rhoades	2	4.0	2	5.0	162	3.6	6	3.8	3	3.7	3.6
John W. Wolfe	1	3.0	0	--	70	3.9	2	4.0	0	--	3.9
<i>Fourth District</i>											
Douglas L. Blankenship	4	4.0	0	--	40	4.0	67	3.4	0	--	3.6
Marvin C. Hamilton III	4	4.8	2	4.5	28	4.1	20	3.9	0	--	4.1
Michael A. MacDonald	2	4.5	1	4.0	28	4.0	64	4.1	0	--	4.0
Jane F. Kauvar	4	4.3	2	3.5	57	4.0	71	3.7	1	5.0	3.8

Note: Ratings for only those respondents with direct professional experience with the judge and who evaluated the judge on at least one quality.

**Table 6: Mean Scores on Overall Evaluation by Type of Practice: Alaska Bar Members**

	Private, Solo		Private, 2-5 Attorneys		Private, 6+ Attorneys		Private, Corporate Employee		Judge or Judicial Officer		Government		Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)		Other		Overall Evaluation Mean
	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	M	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	
Dana A. Fabe	77	4.3	74	4.3	66	4.2	10	4.5	61	4.6	94	4.3	12	4.6	8	4.3	4.3
David Mannheimer	20	3.9	13	4.3	16	4.7	4	4.5	55	4.6	47	4.2	3	5.0	7	4.0	4.4
David V. George	15	3.7	17	3.7	10	4.0	1	3.0	15	4.1	12	3.7	0	--	1	4.0	3.8
Phillip M. Pallenberg	21	4.3	17	4.0	16	4.4	1	5.0	23	4.7	29	4.1	4	4.5	3	5.0	4.3
Trevor Stephens	15	4.8	18	4.4	15	4.6	0	--	29	4.7	21	4.3	0	--	0	--	4.6
Kevin G. Miller	7	4.7	14	4.5	3	4.0	0	--	27	4.8	10	4.4	0	--	1	5.0	4.6
Eric A. Aarseth	21	4.1	11	4.2	7	4.0	0	--	37	4.3	60	3.8	1	3.0	3	4.7	4.0
Carl Bauman	20	4.1	17	3.6	13	4.0	1	5.0	20	4.0	13	3.2	0	--	1	2.0	3.8
Sharon L. Gleason	56	4.4	42	4.2	41	4.3	5	5.0	48	4.7	60	4.6	3	4.7	5	4.4	4.5
Kari Kristiansen	21	4.0	15	3.3	4	3.0	2	2.5	16	4.6	21	3.5	3	4.3	0	--	3.8
Patrick J. McKay	43	4.3	33	4.1	21	4.1	2	4.5	30	4.1	51	3.7	3	4.0	3	4.7	4.1
Anna M. Moran	16	4.0	15	3.7	5	3.4	1	3.0	30	4.4	20	3.4	0	--	2	4.5	3.9
Mark Rindner	57	4.0	53	4.2	46	4.3	4	4.5	33	4.0	47	3.9	4	4.0	1	5.0	4.1
Jack W. Smith	43	3.9	31	3.9	12	3.1	2	4.0	26	4.3	51	4.2	2	4.0	2	4.5	4.0
Michael Spaan	16	4.1	13	4.2	14	3.9	3	4.3	22	4.3	45	4.0	1	4.0	2	4.5	4.1
Vanessa H. White	24	4.3	22	3.8	8	3.6	2	5.0	22	4.4	22	4.0	2	5.0	0	--	4.1
Brian K. Clark	30	4.4	22	4.2	11	4.3	2	3.5	23	4.5	32	4.6	4	5.0	1	3.0	4.4
Catherine M. Easter	16	4.5	18	4.5	4	4.8	1	5.0	26	4.6	27	4.7	3	4.7	2	5.0	4.6
William L. Estelle	16	3.9	16	3.4	2	3.5	2	4.0	16	3.9	18	3.1	0	--	1	5.0	3.6
Sharon A.S. Illsley	7	4.0	9	3.9	2	2.5	1	4.0	15	3.5	12	3.5	0	--	1	3.0	3.6
Gregory J. Motyka	38	4.1	30	4.3	9	3.8	2	5.0	26	4.1	36	4.0	1	2.0	2	4.0	4.1
Richard W. Postma, Jr	13	4.2	22	3.9	6	3.5	1	4.0	24	3.1	31	3.7	1	5.0	1	5.0	3.7
Stephanie Rhoades	48	3.7	30	3.1	15	3.5	6	4.0	35	4.0	35	3.4	2	4.0	4	4.0	3.6
John W. Wolfe	16	4.2	17	3.7	4	2.8	1	5.0	17	4.2	16	3.6	1	5.0	0	--	3.9

	<b>Private, Solo</b>		<b>Private, 2-5 Attorneys</b>		<b>Private, 6+ Attorneys</b>		<b>Private, Corporate Employee</b>		<b>Judge or Judicial Officer</b>		<b>Government</b>		<b>Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)</b>		<b>Other</b>		<b>Overall Evaluation Mean</b>
	<b>N</b>	<b>Mean</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Mean</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Mean</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Mean</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Mean</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Mean</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Mean</b>	
Douglas L. Blankenship	15	3.5	18	2.9	18	3.8	1	5.0	25	4.0	32	3.7	0	--	3	4.0	3.6
Marvin C. Hamilton III	3	5.0	7	3.7	5	3.8	0	--	15	4.5	22	3.9	1	4.0	1	5.0	4.1
Michael A. MacDonald	15	4.3	18	4.2	14	3.9	1	4.0	17	4.1	27	3.9	1	4.0	2	4.5	4.0
Jane F. Kauvar	23	3.7	21	3.1	10	3.9	2	3.5	33	4.2	40	4.0	0	--	6	4.2	3.8

Note: Ratings for only those respondents with direct professional experience with the judge and who evaluated the judge on at least one quality.

**Table 7: Mean Scores on Overall Evaluation by Respondent Gender: Alaska Bar Members**

	Male		Female		Overall Evaluation
	N	Mean	N	Mean	Mean
<i>Appellate</i>					
Dana A. Fabe	275	4.3	120	4.5	4.3
David Mannheimer	110	4.3	53	4.5	4.4
<i>First District</i>					
David V. George	56	3.9	14	3.5	3.8
Phillip M. Pallenberg	77	4.3	35	4.5	4.3
Trevor Stephens	65	4.6	30	4.4	4.6
Kevin G. Miller	47	4.6	13	4.6	4.6
<i>Third District</i>					
Eric A. Aarseth	81	4.2	58	3.8	4.0
Carl Bauman	65	4.0	19	3.3	3.8
Sharon L. Gleason	163	4.4	93	4.6	4.5
Kari Kristiansen	51	3.6	31	4.1	3.8
Patrick J. McKay	122	4.1	61	3.9	4.1
Anna M. Moran	59	4.0	28	3.7	3.9
Mark Rindner	171	4.0	70	4.1	4.1
Jack W. Smith	108	4.0	58	4.0	4.0
Michael Spaan	70	4.1	44	4.1	4.1
Vanessa H. White	64	4.1	37	4.2	4.1
Brian K. Clark	80	4.4	43	4.6	4.4
Catherine M. Easter	64	4.6	32	4.7	4.6
William L. Estelle	46	3.7	25	3.4	3.6
Sharon A.S. Illsley	31	3.7	15	3.3	3.6
Gregory J. Motyka	95	4.2	47	4.0	4.1
Richard W. Postma, Jr	63	3.9	35	3.2	3.7
Stephanie Rhoades	128	3.5	45	3.9	3.6
John W. Wolfe	43	3.9	29	3.9	3.9
<i>Fourth District</i>					
Douglas L. Blankenship	69	3.7	39	3.5	3.6
Marvin C. Hamilton III	32	4.1	21	4.1	4.1
Michael A. MacDonald	60	4.1	33	3.9	4.0
Jane F. Kauvar	87	3.8	45	3.9	3.8

Note: Ratings for only those respondents with direct professional experience with the judge and who evaluated the judge on at least one quality.

**Table 8: Mean Scores on Overall Evaluation by Length of Alaska Practice: Alaska Bar Members**

	5 Years or fewer		6 to 10 years		11 to 15 years		16 to 20 years		21 years or more		Overall Evaluation
	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	Mean
<i>Appellate</i>											
Dana A. Fabe	15	4.4	27	4.3	28	4.4	43	4.3	283	4.4	4.3
David Mannheimer	12	4.5	12	4.1	15	4.0	18	4.1	103	4.5	4.4
<i>First District</i>											
David V. George	7	4.3	7	3.0	7	4.1	4	4.0	44	3.8	3.8
Phillip M. Pallenberg	7	4.3	8	4.5	11	4.0	12	4.5	74	4.4	4.3
Trevor Stephens	5	4.6	8	4.6	9	4.7	9	4.4	66	4.6	4.6
Kevin G. Miller	2	5.0	7	4.1	6	4.5	3	4.7	43	4.7	4.6
<i>Third District</i>											
Eric A. Aarseth	21	3.8	12	3.9	15	4.0	20	4.0	69	4.2	4.0
Carl Bauman	3	4.3	3	3.7	7	3.4	10	3.6	61	3.9	3.8
Sharon L. Gleason	17	4.4	20	4.6	31	4.4	24	4.3	163	4.5	4.5
Kari Kristiansen	12	3.2	11	3.3	15	4.1	13	3.9	29	4.0	3.8
Patrick J. McKay	21	3.8	14	3.6	17	4.1	17	4.3	112	4.1	4.1
Anna M. Moran	3	2.3	5	3.6	6	4.2	11	4.2	61	3.9	3.9
Mark Rindner	9	4.6	22	4.1	25	4.0	27	4.3	159	4.0	4.1
Jack W. Smith	15	4.3	21	4.1	20	4.5	20	4.3	90	3.8	4.0
Michael Spaan	17	4.1	6	4.3	15	4.4	13	3.7	64	4.1	4.1
Vanessa H. White	5	4.6	12	4.0	17	4.3	8	4.1	58	4.1	4.1
Brian K. Clark	17	4.4	10	4.2	18	4.6	17	4.8	61	4.3	4.4
Catherine M. Easter	13	4.5	7	4.0	14	4.7	9	4.8	52	4.7	4.6
William L. Estelle	9	3.3	9	3.2	12	3.6	7	4.1	33	3.8	3.6
Sharon A.S. Illsley	4	3.8	5	4.4	3	4.3	6	3.8	29	3.3	3.6
Gregory J. Motyka	16	4.0	14	4.1	17	3.9	16	4.4	78	4.1	4.1
Richard W. Postma, Jr	19	4.0	15	3.6	13	3.9	5	3.8	45	3.5	3.7
Stephanie Rhoades	20	3.3	11	2.8	21	3.4	19	3.9	100	3.7	3.6
John W. Wolfe	13	3.9	10	3.4	12	4.0	5	4.6	33	3.9	3.9
<i>Fourth District</i>											
Douglas L. Blankenship	14	3.4	15	3.6	12	3.8	12	3.3	57	3.8	3.6
Marvin C. Hamilton III	10	4.1	3	4.0	6	4.5	4	3.3	29	4.1	4.1
Michael A. MacDonald	12	4.0	9	3.9	8	4.8	10	4.1	55	4.0	4.0
Jane F. Kauvar	19	3.7	16	4.1	14	3.7	11	3.6	73	3.9	3.8

Note: Ratings for only those respondents with direct professional experience with the judge and who evaluated the judge on at least one quality.

## Ratings by Peace and Probation Officers

**Table 9: Mean Scores on Overall Evaluation by Type of Work: Peace and Probation Officers**

	State Law Enforcement Officer		Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer		Village Public Safety Officer (VSPO)		Probation/Parole Officer		Other		Overall Evaluation
	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	Mean
<i>First District</i>											
David V. George	1	3.0	3	4.0	0	--	5	3.8	0	--	3.8
Phillip M. Pallenberg	3	3.0	11	3.3	0	--	4	4.3	0	--	3.4
Trevor Stephens	2	4.5	8	4.8	0	--	5	5.0	0	--	4.8
Kevin G. Miller	6	4.3	4	4.8	0	--	3	4.3	0	--	4.5
<i>Third District</i>											
Eric A. Aarseth	17	4.0	14	3.9	0	--	16	3.3	1	4.0	3.8
Carl Bauman	5	2.8	1	3.0	0	--	4	2.8	2	4.0	3.0
Sharon L. Gleason	6	4.5	1	3.0	0	--	1	5.0	0	--	4.4
Kari Kristiansen	6	2.3	2	3.5	0	--	11	2.5	0	--	2.5
Patrick J. McKay	5	3.4	5	3.4	0	--	4	2.8	1	4.0	3.3
Anna M. Moran	14	2.9	5	3.4	0	--	4	4.0	2	3.0	3.2
Mark Rindner	3	2.7	1	2.0	0	--	1	4.0	0	--	2.8
Jack W. Smith	2	3.5	8	4.4	0	--	4	4.3	0	--	4.2
Michael Spaan	6	4.3	4	4.3	1	5.0	6	3.0	1	5.0	3.9
Vanessa H. White	6	4.0	0	--	0	--	11	4.4	0	--	4.2
Brian K. Clark	8	4.5	13	4.7	0	--	0	--	0	--	4.6
Catherine M. Easter	6	4.5	8	4.8	0	--	1	4.0	0	--	4.6
William L. Estelle	15	4.0	5	4.2	0	--	5	3.8	0	--	4.0
Sharon A.S. Illsley	13	3.5	7	3.9	0	--	1	5.0	1	4.0	3.7
Gregory J. Motyka	7	4.4	20	4.5	0	--	0	--	0	--	4.4
Richard W. Postma, Jr	5	2.6	10	4.8	0	--	0	--	0	--	4.1
Stephanie Rhoades	13	3.9	27	4.4	0	--	6	4.3	0	--	4.2
John W. Wolfe	15	4.1	7	5.0	1	5.0	5	4.2	0	--	4.4
<i>Fourth District</i>											
Douglas L. Blankenship	18	3.7	11	4.2	0	--	13	4.2	0	--	4.0
Marvin C. Hamilton III	7	3.0	0	--	0	--	10	2.9	1	5.0	3.1
Michael A. MacDonald	7	4.1	10	4.1	0	--	11	4.1	0	--	4.1
Jane F. Kauvar	26	3.1	18	2.3	0	--	5	3.4	0	--	2.8

Note: Ratings for only those respondents with direct professional experience with the judge and who evaluated the judge on at least one quality.



**Table 10: Mean Scores on Overall Evaluation by Location of Work: Peace and Probation Officers**

	First District		Second District		Third District		Fourth District		Outside of Alaska		Overall Evaluation Mean
	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	
<i>First District</i>											
David V. George	8	3.8	0	--	0	--	1	4.0	0	--	3.8
Phillip M. Pallenberg	17	3.5	0	--	1	2.0	0	--	0	--	3.4
Trevor Stephens	14	4.8	0	--	0	--	1	5.0	0	--	4.8
Kevin G. Miller	12	4.6	0	--	0	--	1	3.0	0	--	4.5
<i>Third District</i>											
Eric A. Aarseth	3	4.7	0	--	45	3.7	0	--	0	--	3.8
Carl Bauman	0	--	0	--	11	3.0	1	3.0	0	--	3.0
Sharon L. Gleason	1	5.0	0	--	7	4.3	0	--	0	--	4.4
Kari Kristiansen	0	--	0	--	19	2.5	0	--	0	--	2.5
Patrick J. McKay	0	--	0	--	15	3.3	0	--	0	--	3.3
Anna M. Moran	0	--	0	--	22	3.3	3	2.3	0	--	3.2
Mark Rindner	0	--	0	--	5	2.8	0	--	0	--	2.8
Jack W. Smith	0	--	0	--	14	4.2	0	--	0	--	4.2
Michael Spaan	0	--	0	--	18	3.9	0	--	0	--	3.9
Vanessa H. White	0	--	0	--	17	4.2	0	--	0	--	4.2
Brian K. Clark	0	--	0	--	21	4.6	0	--	0	--	4.6
Catherine M. Easter	0	--	0	--	15	4.6	0	--	0	--	4.6
William L. Estelle	0	--	0	--	25	4.0	0	--	0	--	4.0
Sharon A.S. Illsley	0	--	0	--	21	3.8	1	3.0	0	--	3.7
Gregory J. Motyka	0	--	0	--	27	4.4	0	--	0	--	4.4
Richard W. Postma, Jr	0	--	0	--	15	4.1	0	--	0	--	4.1
Stephanie Rhoades	0	--	0	--	46	4.2	0	--	0	--	4.2
John W. Wolfe	1	3.0	0	--	27	4.4	0	--	0	--	4.4
<i>Fourth District</i>											
Douglas L. Blankenship	1	3.0	0	--	3	3.7	38	4.0	0	--	4.0
Marvin C. Hamilton III	1	4.0	0	--	5	2.6	12	3.2	0	--	3.1
Michael A. MacDonald	0	--	0	--	0	--	28	4.1	0	--	4.1
Jane F. Kauvar	0	--	1	4.0	3	4.0	45	2.7	0	--	2.8

Note: Ratings for only those respondents with direct professional experience with the judge and who evaluated the judge on at least one quality.

**Table 11: Mean Scores on Overall Evaluation by Community Population: Peace and Probation Officers**

	Under 2,000		Between 2,000 and 35,000		Over 35,000		Overall Evaluation Mean
	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	
<i>First District</i>							
David V. George	0	--	9	3.8	0	--	3.8
Phillip M. Pallenberg	1	4.0	15	3.4	2	3.5	3.4
Trevor Stephens	2	4.5	13	4.9	0	--	4.8
Kevin G. Miller	1	3.0	12	4.6	0	--	4.5
<i>Third District</i>							
Eric A. Aarseth	1	5.0	6	3.5	41	3.8	3.8
Carl Bauman	0	--	11	3.0	1	3.0	3.0
Sharon L. Gleason	0	--	2	4.0	6	4.5	4.4
Kari Kristiansen	0	--	6	2.8	13	2.4	2.5
Patrick J. McKay	0	--	0	--	15	3.3	3.3
Anna M. Moran	2	3.0	20	3.1	3	3.7	3.2
Mark Rindner	0	--	0	--	5	2.8	2.8
Jack W. Smith	0	--	0	--	14	4.2	4.2
Michael Spaan	1	5.0	0	--	17	3.9	3.9
Vanessa H. White	0	--	3	4.0	14	4.3	4.2
Brian K. Clark	0	--	0	--	21	4.6	4.6
Catherine M. Easter	0	--	1	4.0	14	4.6	4.6
William L. Estelle	0	--	8	4.3	17	3.9	4.0
Sharon A.S. Illsley	0	--	20	3.7	2	4.0	3.7
Gregory J. Motyka	0	--	1	3.0	26	4.5	4.4
Richard W. Postma, Jr	0	--	1	5.0	14	4.0	4.1
Stephanie Rhoades	0	--	2	4.0	44	4.3	4.2
John W. Wolfe	1	5.0	11	4.8	16	4.0	4.4
<i>Fourth District</i>							
Douglas L. Blankenship	0	--	12	4.0	30	4.0	4.0
Marvin C. Hamilton III	0	--	11	2.8	7	3.4	3.1
Michael A. MacDonald	0	--	7	4.1	21	4.1	4.1
Jane F. Kauvar	2	2.0	14	2.7	33	2.9	2.8

Note: Ratings for only those respondents with direct professional experience with the judge and who evaluated the judge on at least one quality.

**Table 12: Mean Scores on Overall Evaluation by Respondent Gender: Peace and Probation Officers**

	Male		Female		Overall Evaluation
	N	Mean	N	Mean	Mean
<i>First District</i>					
David V. George	6	3.8	3	3.7	3.8
Phillip M. Pallenberg	13	3.2	5	4.2	3.4
Trevor Stephens	8	4.6	7	5.0	4.8
Kevin G. Miller	10	4.5	3	4.3	4.5
<i>Third District</i>					
Eric A. Aarseth	39	3.9	9	3.3	3.8
Carl Bauman	11	3.0	1	3.0	3.0
Sharon L. Gleason	8	4.4	0	--	4.4
Kari Kristiansen	11	2.4	8	2.8	2.5
Patrick J. McKay	12	3.3	3	3.3	3.3
Anna M. Moran	24	3.2	1	2.0	3.2
Mark Rindner	3	2.7	2	3.0	2.8
Jack W. Smith	11	4.4	3	3.7	4.2
Michael Spaan	13	4.1	5	3.6	3.9
Vanessa H. White	8	4.0	9	4.4	4.2
Brian K. Clark	17	4.8	4	4.0	4.6
Catherine M. Easter	10	4.9	5	4.0	4.6
William L. Estelle	20	4.0	5	4.2	4.0
Sharon A.S. Illsley	22	3.7	0	--	3.7
Gregory J. Motyka	21	4.6	6	4.0	4.4
Richard W. Postma, Jr	13	4.0	2	4.5	4.1
Stephanie Rhoades	36	4.3	10	4.2	4.2
John W. Wolfe	23	4.4	5	4.2	4.4
<i>Fourth District</i>					
Douglas L. Blankenship	33	4.0	9	4.0	4.0
Marvin C. Hamilton III	13	2.7	5	4.0	3.1
Michael A. MacDonald	18	4.2	10	3.9	4.1
Jane F. Kauvar	42	2.7	7	3.9	2.8

Note: Ratings for only those respondents with direct professional experience with the judge and who evaluated the judge on at least one quality.

**Table 13: Mean Scores on Overall Evaluation by Length of Experience: Peace and Probation Officers**

	5 Years or fewer		6 to 10 years		11 to 15 years		16 to 20 years		21 years or more		Overall Evaluation
	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	Mean
<i>First District</i>											
David V. George	0	--	3	4.0	2	3.0	4	4.0	0	--	3.8
Phillip M. Pallenberg	2	4.0	2	3.0	7	3.6	5	3.2	2	3.5	3.4
Trevor Stephens	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	4	4.5	2	4.5	4.8
Kevin G. Miller	1	5.0	2	4.5	6	4.2	3	4.7	1	5.0	4.5
<i>Third District</i>											
Eric A. Aarseth	10	2.6	7	4.1	15	4.1	6	4.0	9	3.9	3.8
Carl Bauman	4	3.3	2	4.0	3	2.0	1	3.0	2	3.0	3.0
Sharon L. Gleason	0	--	1	4.0	0	--	3	4.7	4	4.3	4.4
Kari Kristiansen	5	1.8	9	2.6	1	5.0	2	2.0	2	3.5	2.5
Patrick J. McKay	6	3.2	1	5.0	4	2.5	2	4.0	1	3.0	3.3
Anna M. Moran	5	3.2	3	3.7	7	2.7	7	3.3	3	3.3	3.2
Mark Rindner	1	4.0	0	--	0	--	2	2.5	2	2.5	2.8
Jack W. Smith	1	5.0	2	4.5	7	4.3	1	4.0	2	3.5	4.2
Michael Spaan	7	3.7	2	3.5	4	4.0	3	4.7	2	4.0	3.9
Vanessa H. White	6	4.3	6	3.8	1	5.0	2	5.0	2	4.0	4.2
Brian K. Clark	2	4.5	6	4.7	7	4.6	2	5.0	4	4.5	4.6
Catherine M. Easter	3	4.7	3	4.3	4	5.0	2	5.0	3	4.0	4.6
William L. Estelle	5	4.6	12	4.0	3	3.0	4	4.3	1	3.0	4.0
Sharon A.S. Illsley	4	4.0	6	3.8	3	3.3	6	3.8	3	3.3	3.7
Gregory J. Motyka	2	5.0	4	4.3	11	4.3	5	4.4	5	4.8	4.4
Richard W. Postma, Jr	2	3.0	3	5.0	6	4.7	2	3.5	2	2.5	4.1
Stephanie Rhoades	7	4.1	10	4.1	14	4.5	6	4.3	8	3.9	4.2
John W. Wolfe	3	4.7	15	4.2	4	4.5	5	4.4	1	5.0	4.4
<i>Fourth District</i>											
Douglas L. Blankenship	12	4.1	13	4.3	11	3.7	5	3.6	1	3.0	4.0
Marvin C. Hamilton III	6	2.8	3	3.3	3	3.0	4	3.3	1	5.0	3.1
Michael A. MacDonald	7	4.4	12	4.0	7	4.1	2	3.5	0	--	4.1
Jane F. Kauvar	11	2.5	15	3.0	11	2.6	8	3.1	4	3.3	2.8

Note: Ratings for only those respondents with direct professional experience with the judge and who evaluated the judge on at least one quality.

## Ratings by Social Workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASA Volunteers

Table 14: Mean Scores on Overall Evaluation by Type of Work: SW/GALs/CASA

	Social Worker		Guardian ad Litem		CASA Volunteer		Overall Evaluation
	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	Mean
David V. George	0	--	2	5.0	1	5.0	5.0
Phillip M. Pallenberg	3	3.3	0	--	6	4.8	4.3
Trevor Stephens	1	5.0	1	5.0	0	--	5.0
Kevin G. Miller	1	5.0	0	--	0	--	5.0
Eric A. Aarseth	1	5.0	0	--	2	4.0	4.3
Carl Bauman	4	4.0	1	3.0	0	--	3.8
Sharon L. Gleason	2	4.5	2	5.0	6	5.0	4.9
Kari Kristiansen	2	3.5	1	4.0	2	4.5	4.0
Patrick J. McKay	0	--	1	4.0	1	3.0	3.5
Anna M. Moran	5	4.8	1	5.0	0	--	4.8
Mark Rindner	3	4.0	2	4.5	5	4.0	4.1
Jack W. Smith	1	5.0	1	5.0	0	--	5.0
Michael Spaan	1	4.0	0	--	0	--	4.0
Vanessa H. White	2	5.0	0	--	3	4.3	4.6
Brian K. Clark	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Catherine M. Easter	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
William L. Estelle	1	5.0	0	--	1	5.0	5.0
Sharon A.S. Illsley	1	5.0	1	3.0	0	--	4.0
Gregory J. Motyka	0	--	0	--	0	--	--
Richard W. Postma, Jr	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Stephanie Rhoades	2	4.5	0	--	1	5.0	4.7
John W. Wolfe	1	4.0	0	--	0	--	4.0
Douglas L. Blankenship	0	--	2	3.5	1	5.0	4.3
Marvin C. Hamilton III	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Michael A. MacDonald	2	3.5	1	4.0	1	5.0	4.2
Jane F. Kauvar	1	5.0	0	--	0	--	5.0

Note: Ratings for only those respondents with direct professional experience with the judge and who evaluated the judge on at least one quality.

**Table 15: Mean Scores on Overall Evaluation by Location of Work: SW/GALs/CASA**

	First District		Second District		Third District		Fourth District		Outside of Alaska		Overall Evaluation
	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	Mean
<i>First District</i>											
David V. George	3	5.0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	5.0
Phillip M. Pallenberg	9	4.3	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	4.3
Trevor Stephens	2	5.0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	5.0
Kevin G. Miller	1	5.0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	5.0
<i>Third District</i>											
Eric A. Aarseth	0	--	0	--	3	4.3	0	--	0	--	4.3
Carl Bauman	0	--	0	--	5	3.8	0	--	0	--	3.8
Sharon L. Gleason	0	--	1	5.0	9	4.9	0	--	0	--	4.9
Kari Kristiansen	0	--	0	--	5	4.0	0	--	0	--	4.0
Patrick J. McKay	0	--	0	--	2	3.5	0	--	0	--	3.5
Anna M. Moran	0	--	0	--	6	4.8	0	--	0	--	4.8
Mark Rindner	0	--	1	3.0	9	4.2	0	--	0	--	4.1
Jack W. Smith	0	--	0	--	2	5.0	0	--	0	--	5.0
Michael Spaan	0	--	0	--	1	4.0	0	--	0	--	4.0
Vanessa H. White	0	--	0	--	5	4.6	0	--	0	--	4.6
Brian K. Clark	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Catherine M. Easter	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
William L. Estelle	0	--	0	--	2	5.0	0	--	0	--	5.0
Sharon A.S. Illsley	0	--	0	--	2	4.0	0	--	0	--	4.0
Gregory J. Motyka	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	--
Richard W. Postma, Jr	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Stephanie Rhoades	0	--	0	--	3	4.7	0	--	0	--	4.7
John W. Wolfe	0	--	0	--	1	4.0	0	--	0	--	4.0
<i>Fourth District</i>											
Douglas L. Blankenship	0	--	1	2.0	0	--	2	5.0	0	--	4.3
Marvin C. Hamilton III	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Michael A. MacDonald	0	--	0	--	0	--	4	4.0	0	--	4.2
Jane F. Kauvar	0	--	0	--	0	--	1	5.0	0	--	5.0

Note: Ratings for only those respondents with direct professional experience with the judge and who evaluated the judge on at least one quality.

**Table 16: Mean Scores on Overall Evaluation by Community Population: SW/GALs/CASA**

	Under 2,000		Between 2,000 and 35,000		Over 35,000		Overall Evaluation Mean
	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	
<i>First District</i>							
David V. George	0	--	3	5.0	0	--	5.0
Phillip M. Pallenberg	0	--	9	4.3	0	--	4.3
Trevor Stephens	0	--	2	5.0	0	--	5.0
Kevin G. Miller	0	--	1	5.0	0	--	5.0
<i>Third District</i>							
Eric A. Aarseth	0	--	0	--	3	4.3	4.3
Carl Bauman	0	--	3	4.0	1	4.0	3.8
Sharon L. Gleason	0	--	0	--	10	4.9	4.9
Kari Kristiansen	0	--	3	4.0	2	4.0	4.0
Patrick J. McKay	0	--	0	--	2	3.5	3.5
Anna M. Moran	0	--	4	4.8	1	5.0	4.8
Mark Rindner	0	--	0	--	10	4.1	4.1
Jack W. Smith	0	--	0	--	2	5.0	5.0
Michael Spaan	0	--	0	--	1	4.0	4.0
Vanessa H. White	0	--	1	5.0	4	4.5	4.6
Brian K. Clark	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Catherine M. Easter	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
William L. Estelle	0	--	1	5.0	1	5.0	5.0
Sharon A.S. Illsley	0	--	2	4.0	0	--	4.0
Gregory J. Motyka	0	--	0	--	0	--	--
Richard W. Postma, Jr	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Stephanie Rhoades	0	--	0	--	3	4.7	4.7
John W. Wolfe	0	--	1	4.0	0	--	4.0
<i>Fourth District</i>							
Douglas L. Blankenship	0	--	1	2.0	2	5.0	4.3
Marvin C. Hamilton III	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Michael A. MacDonald	0	--	0	--	4	4.0	4.2
Jane F. Kauvar	0	--	0	--	1	5.0	5.0

Note: Ratings for only those respondents with direct professional experience with the judge and who evaluated the judge on at least one quality.

**Table 17: Mean Scores on Overall Evaluation by Respondent Gender: SW/GALs/CASA**

	Male		Female		Overall
	N	Mean	N	Mean	Evaluation Mean
<i>First District</i>					
David V. George	1	5.0	2	5.0	5.0
Phillip M. Pallenberg	3	5.0	6	4.0	4.3
Trevor Stephens	1	5.0	1	5.0	5.0
Kevin G. Miller	1	5.0	0	--	5.0
<i>Third District</i>					
Eric A. Aarseth	0	--	3	4.3	4.3
Carl Bauman	1	4.0	4	3.8	3.8
Sharon L. Gleason	1	5.0	8	4.9	4.9
Kari Kristiansen	0	--	4	4.3	4.0
Patrick J. McKay	0	--	2	3.5	3.5
Anna M. Moran	1	5.0	5	4.8	4.8
Mark Rindner	1	5.0	9	4.0	4.1
Jack W. Smith	0	--	2	5.0	5.0
Michael Spaan	0	--	0	--	4.0
Vanessa H. White	0	--	4	4.5	4.6
Brian K. Clark	--	--	--	--	--
Catherine M. Easter	--	--	--	--	--
William L. Estelle	0	--	1	5.0	5.0
Sharon A.S. Illsley	0	--	2	4.0	4.0
Gregory J. Motyka	0	--	0	--	--
Richard W. Postma, Jr	--	--	--	--	--
Stephanie Rhoades	0	--	3	4.7	4.7
John W. Wolfe	0	--	0	--	4.0
<i>Fourth District</i>					
Douglas L. Blankenship	0	--	3	4.0	4.3
Marvin C. Hamilton III	--	--	--	--	--
Michael A. MacDonald	0	--	4	4.0	4.2
Jane F. Kauvar	0	--	1	5.0	5.0

Note: Ratings for only those respondents with direct professional experience with the judge and who evaluated the judge on at least one quality.



**Table 18: Mean Scores on Overall Evaluation by Length of Experience: SW/GALs/CASA**

	5 Years or fewer		6 to 10 years		11 to 15 years		16 to 20 years		21 years or more		Overall Evaluation
	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	Mean
<i>First District</i>											
David V. George	2	5.0	0	--	1	5.0	0	--	0	--	5.0
Phillip M. Pallenberg	5	4.8	4	3.8	0	--	0	--	0	--	4.3
Trevor Stephens	0	--	0	--	2	5.0	0	--	0	--	5.0
Kevin G. Miller	0	--	0	--	1	5.0	0	--	0	--	5.0
<i>Third District</i>											
Eric A. Aarseth	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	0	--	0	--	4.3
Carl Bauman	0	--	2	4.5	1	3.0	1	4.0	1	3.0	3.8
Sharon L. Gleason	2	5.0	4	4.8	2	5.0	0	--	2	5.0	4.9
Kari Kristiansen	2	4.5	2	3.5	0	--	0	--	1	4.0	4.0
Patrick J. McKay	0	--	1	3.0	0	--	0	--	1	4.0	3.5
Anna M. Moran	1	5.0	2	4.5	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	4.8
Mark Rindner	2	4.5	3	4.3	3	3.3	0	--	2	4.5	4.1
Jack W. Smith	0	--	0	--	1	5.0	0	--	1	5.0	5.0
Michael Spaan	0	--	1	4.0	0	--	0	--	0	--	4.0
Vanessa H. White	1	5.0	4	4.5	0	--	0	--	0	--	4.6
Brian K. Clark	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Catherine M. Easter	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
William L. Estelle	0	--	2	5.0	0	--	0	--	0	--	5.0
Sharon A.S. Illsley	0	--	1	5.0	1	3.0	0	--	0	--	4.0
Gregory J. Motyka	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	--
Richard W. Postma, Jr	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Stephanie Rhoades	1	5.0	2	4.5	0	--	0	--	0	--	4.7
John W. Wolfe	0	--	1	4.0	0	--	0	--	0	--	4.0
<i>Fourth District</i>											
Douglas L. Blankenship	2	5.0	0	--	0	--	0	--	1	2.0	4.3
Marvin C. Hamilton III	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Michael A. MacDonald	3	4.0	1	4.0	0	--	0	--	0	--	4.2
Jane F. Kauvar	0	--	1	5.0	0	--	0	--	0	--	5.0

Note: Ratings for only those respondents with direct professional experience with the judge and who evaluated the judge on at least one quality.

## **Summaries and Detailed Survey Scores for Individual Judges**

Each judge has a summary page, followed by pages reporting the detailed demographic analysis for the attorneys, peace and probation officers, and social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASA volunteers. As noted earlier in this report, the results presented in these tables are based on those respondents who had direct professional experience with each judge, and who rated the judge on at least one variable. Many of the cross tabulation results are based on very few respondents. Because they are based on only a handful of people with experience they should be regarded with caution, and more weight should be given to the overall results for that judge.

**Appellate Courts  
Dana A. Fabe - Alaska Supreme Court**

**Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

***Summary of survey information***

Justice Fabe’s detailed survey scores from attorneys follow. Attorneys rated her 4.3 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers and social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASA volunteers do not rate justices or appellate judges.

	<b>Attorney Survey N=407</b>
Legal Ability	4.4
Impartiality	4.2
Integrity	4.2
Temperament	4.5
Diligence	4.5
Overall	4.3

***The Judicial Council’s Evaluation Process***

State law requires the Judicial Council to evaluate each judge standing for retention, and to report its evaluations to the voters. The surveys reported here are an important part of the Council’s evaluations. The Council also considers survey ratings by court employees and public comments. Along with the personal observations of the hundreds of people who had direct professional experience with the judge, the Council reviews any litigation involving the judge, conflict of interest records, and public disciplinary files. All of the evaluation information about the judge is on the Council’s website at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us).

## Supreme Court Justice Dana A. Fabe

### A. Alaska Bar Association

#### Demographic Description

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	7	1.2%
Private, Solo	108	18.2%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	96	16.1%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	93	15.6%
Private, Corporate Employee	20	3.4%
Judge or Judicial Officer	77	12.9%
Government	149	25.0%
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	21	3.5%
Other	24	4.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	13	2.2%
5 Years or fewer	46	7.7%
6 to 10 years	49	8.2%
11 to 15 years	48	8.1%
16 to 20 years	66	11.1%
21 years or more	373	62.7%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	17	2.9%
Male	383	64.4%
Female	195	32.8%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	6	1.0%
Prosecution	23	3.9%
Mainly Criminal	39	6.6%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	120	20.2%
Mainly Civil	370	62.2%
Other	37	6.2%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	5	.8%
First District	88	14.8%
Second District	10	1.7%
Third District	427	71.8%
Fourth District	54	9.1%
Outside of Alaska	11	1.8%

**Justice Dana A. Fabe: Detailed Information Responses  
Alaska Bar Association Members**

	<b>Legal Ability</b>		<b>Impartiality/ Fairness</b>		<b>Integrity</b>		<b>Judicial Temperament</b>		<b>Diligence</b>		<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>												
No Response		6		4		3		0		8		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>407</b>
Professional Reputation	4.5	142	4.4	146	4.5	143	4.6	145	4.5	139	4.5	148
Other Personal Contacts	4.4	31	4.5	31	4.6	32	4.5	30	4.6	29	4.5	34
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		1		1		0		1		0
Private, Solo	4.5	77	4.1	76	4.3	76	4.4	77	4.4	76	4.3	77
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	4.3	71	4.3	72	4.5	74	4.5	74	4.5	72	4.3	74
Private, 6+ Attorneys	4.3	66	4.1	66	4.3	66	4.4	66	4.4	63	4.2	66
Private, Corporate Employee	4.4	10	4.3	10	4.5	10	4.5	10	4.6	10	4.5	10
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.7	59	4.5	60	4.6	60	4.7	61	4.7	61	4.6	61
Government	4.5	93	4.1	94	4.4	93	4.5	94	4.5	93	4.3	94
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	4.5	12	4.3	12	4.4	12	4.8	12	4.7	12	4.6	12
Other	4.5	8	4.8	8	4.9	8	4.6	8	4.6	7	4.6	8
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		1		1		1		1		1		1
5 Years or fewer	4.5	15	4.4	15	4.5	15	4.6	15	4.7	15	4.4	15
6 to 10 years	4.3	27	4.0	27	4.4	27	4.3	27	4.4	26	4.3	27
11 to 15 years	4.5	26	4.2	28	4.4	27	4.6	28	4.5	28	4.4	28
16 to 20 years	4.6	42	4.1	43	4.4	43	4.5	43	4.6	42	4.4	43
21 years or more	4.5	280	4.2	279	4.5	281	4.5	283	4.5	278	4.4	283
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		6		5		4		1		7		1
Male	4.4	270	4.2	271	4.4	272	4.5	275	4.5	269	4.3	275
Female	4.6	119	4.3	120	4.5	120	4.5	120	4.6	119	4.5	120
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		1		2		0		0		1		0
Prosecution	4.5	8	4.1	8	4.5	8	4.9	8	4.5	8	4.5	8
Mainly Criminal	4.9	21	4.6	22	4.8	22	4.9	22	4.9	22	4.8	22
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.5	86	4.3	85	4.4	87	5.6	87	4.6	86	4.5	87
Mainly Civil	4.4	259	4.1	261	4.4	260	4.4	263	4.4	258	4.3	263
Other	4.4	22	4.2	22	4.5	22	4.5	22	4.6	20	4.3	22
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		4		2		2		0		3		0
First District	4.6	48	4.3	48	4.6	48	4.5	49	4.6	47	4.6	49
Second District	5.0	6	5.0	6	4.9	7	5.0	7	4.9	6	4.9	7
Third District	4.4	299	4.2	300	4.4	300	4.5	302	4.5	299	4.3	302
Fourth District	4.2	36	4.1	37	4.2	37	4.1	37	4.1	35	4.2	37
Outside of Alaska	4.8	8	4.6	8	4.9	8	4.9	8	4.8	8	4.8	8

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

# Appellate Courts David Mannheimer - Alaska Court of Appeals

## Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores

### *Summary of survey information*

Judge Mannheimer's detailed survey scores from attorneys follow. Attorneys rated him 4.4 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers and social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASA volunteers do not rate justices or appellate judges.

	Attorney Survey N=167
Legal Ability	4.5
Impartiality	4.3
Integrity	4.5
Temperament	4.3
Diligence	4.6
Overall	4.4

### *The Judicial Council's Evaluation Process*

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## Alaska Court of Appeals Judge David Mannheimer

### A. Alaska Bar Association

#### Demographic Description

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	3	1.1%
Private, Solo	34	12.6%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	23	8.6%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	30	11.2%
Private, Corporate Employee	8	3.0%
Judge or Judicial Officer	67	24.9%
Government	82	30.5%
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	7	2.6%
Other	15	5.6%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	8	3.0%
5 Years or fewer	31	11.5%
6 to 10 years	21	7.8%
11 to 15 years	22	8.2%
16 to 20 years	28	10.4%
21 years or more	159	59.1%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	5	1.9%
Male	175	65.1%
Female	89	33.1%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	3	1.1%
Prosecution	26	9.7%
Mainly Criminal	34	12.6%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	91	33.8%
Mainly Civil	99	36.8%
Other	16	5.9%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	2	.7%
First District	28	10.4%
Second District	6	2.2%
Third District	200	74.3%
Fourth District	28	10.4%
Outside of Alaska	5	1.9%

## Judge David Mannheimer: 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		3		0		2		3		6		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>167</b>
Professional Reputation	4.6	75	4.5	75	4.7	76	4.6	74	4.6	70	4.6	76
Other Personal Contacts	4.8	22	4.7	22	5.0	24	4.8	24	4.9	22	4.8	25
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		2		0		0		1		4		0
Private, Solo	4.1	20	3.8	20	4.3	20	4.0	20	4.1	20	3.9	20
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	4.6	13	4.1	13	4.2	13	4.2	13	4.6	13	4.3	13
Private, 6+ Attorneys	4.7	16	4.6	16	4.8	16	4.4	16	4.7	16	4.7	16
Private, Corporate Employee	4.5	4	4.5	4	4.8	4	4.5	4	4.3	4	4.5	4
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.7	53	4.6	55	4.8	55	4.5	54	4.8	51	4.6	55
Government	4.3	47	4.0	47	4.4	45	4.1	45	4.4	45	4.2	47
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3
Other	4.7	6	4.0	7	4.1	7	4.4	7	4.6	7	4.0	7
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		2		0		0		1		3		0
5 Years or fewer	4.5	12	4.3	12	4.6	11	4.1	11	4.6	11	4.5	12
6 to 10 years	4.5	12	3.8	12	4.3	12	3.9	12	4.5	12	4.1	12
11 to 15 years	4.2	14	3.8	15	4.4	14	4.3	14	4.5	13	4.0	15
16 to 20 years	4.3	18	4.1	18	4.3	18	4.1	18	4.4	18	4.1	18
21 years or more	4.6	101	4.5	103	4.6	103	4.4	102	4.6	100	4.5	103
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		1		0		1		2		4		0
Male	4.5	109	4.3	110	4.5	109	4.3	108	4.5	106	4.3	110
Female	4.6	51	4.3	53	4.5	52	4.2	52	4.6	51	4.5	53
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		0		0		0		0		0		0
Prosecution	4.1	16	3.9	17	4.5	15	4.1	15	4.4	15	4.1	17
Mainly Criminal	4.8	22	4.3	22	4.5	22	4.5	22	4.6	22	4.5	22
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.4	71	4.1	73	4.4	73	4.1	72	4.5	69	4.2	73
Mainly Civil	4.6	44	4.5	44	4.8	44	4.5	44	4.6	44	4.7	44
Other	4.8	8	4.9	8	4.9	8	4.9	8	4.9	8	4.9	8
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		2		0		1		1		3		0
First District	4.6	18	4.4	18	4.8	17	4.5	16	4.7	17	4.4	18
Second District	4.7	3	4.7	3	5.0	3	4.7	3	5.0	1	4.7	3
Third District	4.5	119	4.3	121	4.6	120	4.3	120	4.6	118	4.4	121
Fourth District	4.2	18	3.7	19	4.0	19	3.6	19	4.2	19	3.8	19
Outside of Alaska	5.0	7	4.5	4	5.0	4	5.0	4	5.0	4	4.8	4

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



**First Judicial District  
David V. George - Sitka Superior Court**

**Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

***Summary of survey information***

Judge George’s detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated him 3.8 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated him 3.8 overall, and social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASA volunteers rated him 5.0 overall.

	<b>Attorney Survey N=73</b>	<b>Peace Officer Survey N=9</b>	<b>Social Workers Guardians ad Litem CASAs N=3</b>
Legal Ability	3.8	--	--
Impartiality	3.9	4.0	5.0
Integrity	4.0	3.9	5.0
Temperament	3.9	4.0	4.7
Diligence	3.7	3.9	4.7
Overall	3.8	3.8	5.0

***The Judicial Council’s Evaluation Process***

State law requires the Judicial Council to evaluate each judge standing for retention, and to report its evaluations to the voters. The three surveys reported here are an important part of the Council’s evaluations. The Council also considers survey ratings by jurors and court employees, public comments, and the ratings by the independent citizen volunteers at Alaska Judicial Observers. Along with the personal observations of the hundreds of people who had direct professional experience with the judge, the Council reviews any litigation involving the judge, conflict of interest records, public disciplinary files, and indicators of judicial performance such as appellate affirmances and reversals, and peremptory challenges and recusals. All of the evaluation information about the judge is on the Council’s website at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us).

**Superior Court Judge David V. George**

**A. Alaska Bar Association**

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Practice</b>			
	No Response	3	3.0%
	Private, Solo	22	22.0%
	Private, 2-5 Attorneys	20	20.0%
	Private, 6+ Attorneys	12	12.0%
	Private, Corporate Employee	2	2.0%
	Judge or Judicial Officer	18	18.0%
	Government	20	20.0%
	Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	1	1.0%
	Other	2	2.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>			
	No Response	6	6.0%
	5 Years or fewer	8	8.0%
	6 to 10 years	8	8.0%
	11 to 15 years	8	8.0%
	16 to 20 years	6	6.0%
	21 years or more	64	64.0%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	4	4.0%
	Male	75	75.0%
	Female	21	21.0%
<b>Cases Handled</b>			
	No Response	1	1.0%
	Prosecution	5	5.0%
	Mainly Criminal	3	3.0%
	Mixed Criminal & Civil	31	31.0%
	Mainly Civil	55	55.0%
	Other	5	5.0%
<b>Location of Practice</b>			
	No Response	1	1.0%
	First District	62	62.0%
	Second District	2	2.0%
	Third District	32	32.0%
	Fourth District	2	2.0%
	Outside of Alaska	1	1.0%

## Judge David V. George: 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		0		1		3		0		1		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>73</b>
Professional Reputation	4.0	11	4.1	9	4.3	9	4.2	9	4.3	8	4.1	13
Other Personal Contacts	4.2	9	4.4	10	4.6	11	4.2	10	4.3	10	4.3	10
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		0		0		0		1		0
Private, Solo	3.7	15	3.9	15	4.0	14	3.9	15	3.6	15	3.7	15
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	3.7	17	3.7	16	3.8	16	3.7	17	3.7	17	3.7	17
Private, 6+ Attorneys	3.9	10	4.2	10	4.3	9	4.1	10	3.9	10	4.0	10
Private, Corporate Employee	2.0	1	3.0	1	4.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.1	15	4.1	15	4.2	15	4.0	15	4.1	15	4.1	15
Government	3.6	12	3.6	12	4.0	12	3.8	12	3.5	11	3.7	12
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Other	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		1		2		3		1		0		1
5 Years or fewer	4.3	7	4.3	7	4.7	6	4.1	7	4.2	6	4.3	7
6 to 10 years	3.1	7	3.0	7	3.6	7	3.3	7	3.0	6	3.0	7
11 to 15 years	4.1	7	4.1	7	4.3	7	4.1	7	4.3	7	4.1	7
16 to 20 years	3.8	4	4.3	4	4.3	4	4.5	4	3.8	4	4.0	4
21 years or more	3.7	44	3.9	43	4.0	42	3.9	44	3.8	45	3.8	44
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		1		2		4		1		1		1
Male	3.8	56	3.9	55	4.1	53	3.9	56	3.8	56	3.9	56
Female	3.7	14	3.6	14	3.9	14	3.8	14	3.5	13	3.5	14
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		0		1		3		0		0		0
Prosecution	3.0	4	3.8	4	4.0	4	3.8	4	2.3	3	3.5	4
Mainly Criminal	4.0	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.0	2	4.0	2
Mixed Criminal & Civil	3.9	26	3.9	26	4.0	26	3.9	26	4.0	26	3.9	26
Mainly Civil	3.7	40	3.9	39	4.0	37	3.9	40	3.7	40	3.8	40
Other	5.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	2.0	1	3.0	1
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		1		1		1		1		0		1
First District	3.8	47	3.9	46	4.1	44	3.9	47	3.7	45	3.8	47
Second District	4.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Third District	3.7	23	3.7	23	4.0	23	3.8	23	3.7	24	3.8	23
Fourth District	4.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Outside of Alaska	3.0	1	4.0	1	3.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1

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

**Superior Court Judge David V. George**

**B. Peace and Probation Officers**

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	3	27.3%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	3	27.3%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	5	45.5%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	--	0.0%
	6 to 10 years	4	36.4%
	11 to 15 years	2	18.2%
	16 to 20 years	5	45.5%
	21 years or more	--	0.0%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	8	72.7%
	Female	3	27.3%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	8	72.7%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	2	18.2%
	Fourth District	1	9.1%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Under 2,000	--	0.0%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	9	81.8%
	Over 35,000	2	18.2%

**Judge David V. George  
Peace and Probation Officers**

	<b>Impartiality/ Fairness</b>		<b>Integrity</b>		<b>Judicial Temperament</b>		<b>Diligence</b>		<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		0		1		1		0		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>9</b>
Professional Reputation	3.0	2	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
State Law Enforcement Officer	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	4.0	3	4.0	2	5.0	2	4.0	3	4.0	3
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	4.2	5	4.0	5	3.8	5	4.0	5	3.8	5
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		1		1		0		0
5 Years or fewer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
6 to 10 years	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.0	3
11 to 15 years	3.5	2	3.5	2	3.0	2	3.0	2	3.0	2
16 to 20 years	4.0	4	3.7	3	4.3	3	4.0	4	4.0	4
21 years or more	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		1		1		0		0
Male	3.8	6	3.6	5	4.2	5	3.8	6	3.8	6
Female	4.3	3	4.3	3	3.7	3	4.0	3	3.7	3
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
First District	4.0	8	3.9	7	4.0	7	3.9	8	3.8	8
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Fourth District	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response		0		1		1		0		0
Under 2,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	4.0	9	3.9	8	4.0	8	3.9	9	3.8	9
Over 35,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0

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

**Superior Court Judge David V. George**

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

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Social Worker	--	0.0%
	Guardian ad Litem	2	66.7%
	CASA Volunteer	1	33.3%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	2	66.7%
	6 to 10 years	--	0.0%
	11 to 15 years	1	33.3%
	16 to 20 years	--	0.0%
	21 years or more	--	0.0%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	1	33.3%
	Female	2	66.7%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	3	100%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	--	0.0%
	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	100%
	Over 35,000	--	0.0%

**Judge David V. George**  
**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		0		0		0		0		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>3</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	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Guardian ad Litem	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	4.5	2	5.0	2
CASA Volunteer	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	5.0	2	5.0	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	5.0	2
6 to 10 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
11 to 15 years	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
16 to 20 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
21 years or more	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Male	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Female	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	4.5	2	5.0	2
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
First District	5.0	3	5.0	3	4.7	3	4.7	3	5.0	3
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
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	5.0	3	5.0	3	4.7	3	4.7	3	5.0	3
Over 35,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0

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

**First Judicial District  
Phillip M. Pallenberg - Juneau Superior Court**

**Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

***Summary of survey information***

Judge Pallenberg’s detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated him 4.3 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated him 3.4 overall, and social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASA volunteers rated him 4.3 overall.

	<b>Attorney Survey N=117</b>	<b>Peace Officer Survey N=18</b>	<b>Social Workers Guardians ad Litem CASAs N=9</b>
Legal Ability	4.3	--	--
Impartiality	4.3	3.6	4.7
Integrity	4.4	3.7	4.7
Temperament	4.4	3.8	4.4
Diligence	4.3	3.8	4.3
Overall	4.3	3.4	4.3

***The Judicial Council’s Evaluation Process***

State law requires the Judicial Council to evaluate each judge standing for retention, and to report its evaluations to the voters. The three surveys reported here are an important part of the Council’s evaluations. The Council also considers survey ratings by jurors and court employees, public comments, and the ratings by the independent citizen volunteers at Alaska Judicial Observers. Along with the personal observations of the hundreds of people who had direct professional experience with the judge, the Council reviews any litigation involving the judge, conflict of interest records, public disciplinary files, and indicators of judicial performance such as appellate affirmances and reversals, and peremptory challenges and recusals. All of the evaluation information about the judge is on the Council’s website at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us).



**Superior Court Judge Philip M. Pallenberg**

**A. Alaska Bar Association**

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Practice</b>			
	No Response	3	2.0%
	Private, Solo	24	16.1%
	Private, 2-5 Attorneys	19	12.8%
	Private, 6+ Attorneys	18	12.1%
	Private, Corporate Employee	2	1.3%
	Judge or Judicial Officer	26	17.4%
	Government	43	28.9%
	Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	6	4.0%
	Other	8	5.4%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>			
	No Response	5	3.4%
	5 Years or fewer	9	6.0%
	6 to 10 years	13	8.7%
	11 to 15 years	14	9.4%
	16 to 20 years	15	10.1%
	21 years or more	93	62.4%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	5	3.4%
	Male	97	65.1%
	Female	47	31.5%
<b>Cases Handled</b>			
	No Response	1	.7%
	Prosecution	5	3.4%
	Mainly Criminal	11	7.4%
	Mixed Criminal & Civil	42	28.2%
	Mainly Civil	78	52.3%
	Other	12	8.1%
<b>Location of Practice</b>			
	No Response	1	.7%
	First District	82	55.0%
	Second District	1	.7%
	Third District	55	36.9%
	Fourth District	7	4.7%
	Outside of Alaska	3	2.0%

## Judge Philip M. Pallenberg: 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		0		0		1		2		1		1
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>116</b>
Professional Reputation	4.5	20	4.7	20	4.8	20	4.6	19	4.7	19	4.6	20
Other Personal Contacts	4.8	10	4.7	11	4.6	12	4.7	11	4.8	9	4.8	12
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		0		0		0		0		1
Private, Solo	4.4	21	4.3	21	4.4	20	4.4	19	4.4	20	4.3	21
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	3.9	17	4.0	17	4.1	17	4.1	17	3.9	17	4.0	17
Private, 6+ Attorneys	4.5	16	4.4	16	4.6	16	4.3	16	4.3	16	4.4	16
Private, Corporate Employee	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.7	23	4.7	23	4.7	23	4.7	23	4.6	23	4.7	23
Government	4.2	30	4.1	30	4.3	30	4.2	30	4.2	30	4.1	29
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	4.0	4	4.3	4	4.5	4	4.8	4	4.5	4	4.5	4
Other	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		0		0		1		2		1		0
5 Years or fewer	4.4	7	4.3	7	4.6	7	4.1	7	4.3	7	4.3	7
6 to 10 years	4.7	9	4.8	9	4.7	9	4.4	9	4.6	9	4.5	8
11 to 15 years	4.0	11	4.1	11	4.0	11	4.2	11	3.9	11	4.0	11
16 to 20 years	4.4	12	4.5	12	4.6	12	4.6	12	4.5	12	4.5	12
21 years or more	4.4	74	4.2	74	4.4	73	4.4	72	4.3	73	4.4	74
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		0		0		1		2		1		0
Male	4.3	77	4.2	77	4.4	76	4.4	75	4.2	76	4.3	77
Female	4.5	36	4.5	36	4.5	36	4.4	36	4.5	36	4.5	35
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		0		0		0		1		1		0
Prosecution	2.8	5	2.4	5	2.6	5	2.6	5	3.0	5	2.2	5
Mainly Criminal	4.9	10	5.0	10	5.0	9	4.9	10	4.9	10	4.9	10
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.3	35	4.2	35	4.4	35	4.3	35	4.2	35	4.3	35
Mainly Civil	4.4	59	4.4	59	4.5	59	4.4	58	4.4	58	4.4	59
Other	4.4	8	4.3	8	4.4	8	5.0	7	4.4	8	4.3	7
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		0		0		1		0		0
First District	4.4	62	4.4	62	4.5	61	4.4	61	4.3	61	4.4	61
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	4.3	47	4.2	47	4.3	47	4.4	46	4.3	47	4.2	47
Fourth District	4.0	6	4.0	6	4.2	6	4.0	6	3.8	6	4.0	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.

**Superior Court Judge Philip M. Pallenberg**

**B. Peace and Probation Officers**

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	3	12.0%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	18	72.0%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	4	16.0%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	3	12.0%
	6 to 10 years	4	16.0%
	11 to 15 years	9	36.0%
	16 to 20 years	6	24.0%
	21 years or more	3	12.0%
<b>Gender</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	19	76.0%
	Female	6	24.0%
<b>Location of Work</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	24	96.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	1	4.0%
	Fourth District	--	0.0%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	Under 2,000	1	4.0%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	22	88.0%
	Over 35,000	2	8.0%

**Judge Philip M. Pallenberg  
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		2		2		1		3		2
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>18</b>
Professional Reputation	4.0	4	4.0	4	4.0	4	4.3	4	4.0	4
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		1		1		0		1		0
State Law Enforcement Officer	3.0	2	3.5	2	3.3	3	3.5	2	3.0	3
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	3.3	12	3.5	12	3.8	12	3.6	11	3.3	11
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	4.8	4	4.3	4	4.5	4	4.5	4	4.3	4
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		1		1		1		1		1
5 Years or fewer	4.5	2	4.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	4.0	2
6 to 10 years	3.0	2	3.0	2	2.5	2	3.5	2	3.0	2
11 to 15 years	3.6	7	3.9	7	3.9	7	3.7	7	3.6	7
16 to 20 years	3.2	6	3.3	6	4.0	6	3.7	6	3.2	5
21 years or more	5.0	1	5.0	1	3.5	2	--	0	3.5	2
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		2		2		1		3		2
Male	3.3	13	3.5	13	3.6	14	3.6	12	3.2	13
Female	4.2	5	4.2	5	4.4	5	4.4	5	4.2	5
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		1		1		1		2		2
First District	3.6	18	3.7	18	3.9	18	3.8	17	3.5	17
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	--	0	--	0	2.0	1	--	0	2.0	1
Fourth District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response		1		1		1		2		2
Under 2,000	4.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1
Between 2,000 and 35,000	3.4	16	3.6	16	3.8	16	3.7	15	3.4	15
Over 35,000	5.0	1	5.0	1	3.5	2	5.0	1	3.5	2

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

**Superior Court Philip M. Pallenberg**

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

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Social Worker	3	25.0%
	Guardian ad Litem	1	8.3%
	CASA Volunteer	8	66.7%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	7	58.3%
	6 to 10 years	4	33.3%
	11 to 15 years	--	0.0%
	16 to 20 years	1	8.3%
	21 years or more	--	0.0%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	3	25.0%
	Female	9	75.0%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	12	100%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	--	0.0%
	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	12	100%
	Over 35,000	--	0.0%

**Judge Philip M. Pallenberg**  
**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		1		1		1		0		1
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4.3</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		1		1		0		0		0
Social Worker	4.0	2	4.0	2	3.7	3	3.7	3	3.3	3
Guardian ad Litem	5.0	1	5.0	1	--	0	5.0	1	--	0
CASA Volunteer	4.8	6	4.8	6	4.8	6	4.5	6	4.8	6
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		1		1		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	4.8	5	4.8	5	4.8	5	4.4	5	4.8	5
6 to 10 years	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.0	4	4.0	4	3.8	4
11 to 15 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
16 to 20 years	5.0	1	5.0	1	--	0	5.0	1	--	0
21 years or more	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		1		1		1		0		0
Male	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	4.7	3	5.0	3
Female	4.5	6	4.5	6	4.2	6	4.1	7	4.0	6
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		1		1		1		0		1
First District	4.7	9	4.7	9	4.4	9	4.3	10	4.3	9
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Fourth District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response		1		1		1		0		1
Under 2,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	4.7	9	4.7	9	4.4	9	4.3	10	4.3	9
Over 35,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0

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

**First Judicial District  
Trevor Stephens - Ketchikan Superior Court**

**Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

***Summary of survey information***

Judge Stephens’s detailed survey scores from follow. Attorneys rated him 4.6 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated him 4.8 overall, and social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASA volunteers rated him 5.0 overall.

	<b>Attorney Survey N=100</b>	<b>Peace Officer Survey N=15</b>	<b>Social Workers Guardians ad Litem CASAs N=2</b>
Legal Ability	4.6	--	--
Impartiality	4.6	4.7	5.0
Integrity	4.7	4.7	5.0
Temperament	4.5	4.8	5.0
Diligence	4.6	4.8	5.0
Overall	4.6	4.8	5.0

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## Superior Court Judge Trevor Stephens

### A. Alaska Bar Association

#### Demographic Description

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	2	1.8%
Private, Solo	20	17.9%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	19	17.0%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	16	14.3%
Private, Corporate Employee	--	0.0%
Judge or Judicial Officer	29	25.9%
Government	26	23.2%
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	--	0.0%
Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	3	2.7%
5 Years or fewer	5	4.5%
6 to 10 years	8	7.1%
11 to 15 years	11	9.8%
16 to 20 years	11	9.8%
21 years or more	74	66.1%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	5	4.5%
Male	70	62.5%
Female	37	33.0%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	1	.9%
Prosecution	5	4.5%
Mainly Criminal	10	8.9%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	35	31.3%
Mainly Civil	58	51.8%
Other	3	2.7%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	1	.9%
First District	59	52.7%
Second District	1	.9%
Third District	44	39.3%
Fourth District	6	5.4%
Outside of Alaska	1	.9%



## Judge Trevor Stephens: 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		0		0		1		1		2		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>100</b>
Professional Reputation	4.3	9	4.3	8	4.1	8	4.6	9	4.1	8	4.1	10
Other Personal Contacts	4.8	4	4.8	4	4.8	4	4.8	4	4.7	3	4.8	4
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		0		0		0		1		0
Private, Solo	4.9	15	4.7	15	4.8	15	4.7	15	4.9	15	4.8	15
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	4.6	18	4.4	18	4.5	18	4.3	18	4.6	18	4.4	18
Private, 6+ Attorneys	4.7	15	4.7	15	4.7	15	4.7	15	4.3	15	4.6	15
Private, Corporate Employee	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.6	29	4.8	29	4.7	29	4.7	29	4.6	28	4.7	29
Government	4.2	21	4.2	21	4.5	20	4.2	20	4.3	20	4.3	21
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		0		0		0		0		1		0
5 Years or fewer	4.6	5	4.6	5	4.8	5	4.0	5	4.4	5	4.6	5
6 to 10 years	4.8	8	4.5	8	4.5	8	4.5	8	4.8	8	4.6	8
11 to 15 years	4.6	9	4.7	9	4.8	9	4.7	9	4.7	9	4.7	9
16 to 20 years	4.3	9	4.3	9	4.6	8	4.4	8	4.5	8	4.4	9
21 years or more	4.6	66	4.6	66	4.7	66	4.6	66	4.6	65	4.6	66
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		0		0		1		1		2		0
Male	4.6	65	4.6	65	4.7	64	4.6	64	4.6	63	4.6	65
Female	4.5	30	4.4	30	4.4	30	4.3	30	4.5	30	4.4	30
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		0		0		0		1		0		0
Prosecution	4.3	4	4.3	4	4.3	4	4.0	4	4.0	4	4.3	4
Mainly Criminal	4.3	9	4.4	9	4.9	8	4.4	9	4.7	7	4.4	9
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.6	35	4.6	35	4.6	35	4.5	35	4.7	35	4.6	35
Mainly Civil	4.5	48	4.5	48	4.6	48	4.6	47	4.4	48	4.5	48
Other	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response												
First District	4.7	52	4.6	52	4.7	52	4.6	52	4.6	52	4.6	52
Second District	5.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Third District	4.4	39	4.5	39	4.6	38	4.5	38	4.4	37	4.5	39
Fourth District	4.5	6	4.5	6	4.5	6	4.3	6	4.7	6	4.7	6
Outside of Alaska	5.0	1	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 Trevor Stephens**

**B. Peace and Probation Officers**

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	3	12.5%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	13	54.2%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	7	29.2%
	Other	1	4.2%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	5	20.8%
	6 to 10 years	4	16.7%
	11 to 15 years	8	33.3%
	16 to 20 years	5	20.8%
	21 years or more	2	8.3%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	15	62.5%
	Female	9	37.5%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	21	87.5%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	2	8.3%
	Fourth District	1	4.2%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Under 2,000	2	8.3%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	21	87.5%
	Over 35,000	1	4.2%

**Judge Trevor Stephens  
Peace and Probation Officers**

	<b>Impartiality/ Fairness</b>		<b>Integrity</b>		<b>Judicial Temperament</b>		<b>Diligence</b>		<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		1		1		1		1		1
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>15</b>
Professional Reputation	3.8	4	4.3	4	4.0	4	3.8	4	4.0	4
Other Personal Contacts	5.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
State Law Enforcement Officer	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	4.8	8	4.8	8	4.8	8	4.8	8	4.8	8
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	4.6	5	4.8	5	5.0	5	5.0	5	5.0	5
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	5.0	3	4.7	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3
6 to 10 years	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3
11 to 15 years	4.3	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3
16 to 20 years	4.5	4	4.5	4	4.5	4	4.5	4	4.5	4
21 years or more	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		1		1		1		1		1
Male	4.6	8	4.6	8	4.6	8	4.6	8	4.6	8
Female	4.7	7	4.9	7	5.0	7	5.0	7	5.0	7
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
First District	4.6	14	4.7	14	4.8	14	4.8	14	4.8	14
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
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		1		1		1		1		1
Under 2,000	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2
Between 2,000 and 35,000	4.7	13	4.8	13	4.9	13	4.9	13	4.9	13
Over 35,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0

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

**Superior Court Judge Trevor Stephens**

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

**Demographic Description**

		N	%
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Social Worker	1	50.0%
	Guardian ad Litem	1	50.0%
	CASA Volunteer	--	0.0%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	--	0.0%
	6 to 10 years	--	0.0%
	11 to 15 years	2	100%
	16 to 20 years	--	0.0%
	21 years or more	--	0.0%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	1	50.0%
	Female	1	50.0%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	2	100%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	--	0.0%
	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	2	100%
	Over 35,000	--	0.0%

**Judge Trevor Stephens**  
**Social Workers, Guardians ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers**

	<b>Impartiality/ Fairness</b>		<b>Integrity</b>		<b>Judicial Temperament</b>		<b>Diligence</b>		<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>2</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	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Guardian ad Litem	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
CASA Volunteer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
6 to 10 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
11 to 15 years	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
16 to 20 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
21 years or more										
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Male	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Female	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
First District	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
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	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
Over 35,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0

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

**First Judicial District  
Kevin G. Miller - Ketchikan District Court**

**Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

***Summary of survey information***

Judge Miller’s detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated him 4.6 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated him 4.5 overall, and social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASA volunteers rated him 5.0 overall.

	<b>Attorney Survey N=64</b>	<b>Peace Officer Survey N=13</b>	<b>Social Workers Guardians ad Litem CASAs N=1</b>
Legal Ability	4.4	--	--
Impartiality	4.6	4.4	5.0
Integrity	4.7	4.4	5.0
Temperament	4.7	4.5	5.0
Diligence	4.6	4.5	5.0
Overall	4.6	4.5	5.0

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**District Court Judge Kevin G. Miller**

**A. Alaska Bar Association**

**Demographic Description**

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	3	3.9%
Private, Solo	11	14.5%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	15	19.7%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	4	5.3%
Private, Corporate Employee	--	0.0%
Judge or Judicial Officer	30	39.5%
Government	12	15.8%
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	--	0.0%
Other	1	1.3%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	4	5.3%
5 Years or fewer	3	3.9%
6 to 10 years	8	10.5%
11 to 15 years	6	7.9%
16 to 20 years	4	5.3%
21 years or more	51	67.1%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	5	6.6%
Male	55	72.4%
Female	16	21.1%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	2	2.6%
Prosecution	5	6.6%
Mainly Criminal	4	5.3%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	39	51.3%
Mainly Civil	24	31.6%
Other	2	2.6%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	2	2.6%
First District	39	51.3%
Second District	1	1.3%
Third District	25	32.9%
Fourth District	9	11.8%
Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%

## Judge Kevin G. Miller: 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		1		1		0		1		1		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>64</b>
Professional Reputation	4.3	6	4.7	6	4.7	6	4.8	5	4.4	5	4.7	6
Other Personal Contacts	4.8	5	5.0	5	4.8	5	5.0	5	4.8	5	4.8	5
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		1		1		0		0		1		0
Private, Solo	4.3	7	4.7	7	5.0	7	5.0	7	4.4	7	4.7	7
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	4.4	14	4.4	14	4.6	14	4.5	13	4.6	14	4.5	14
Private, 6+ Attorneys	4.0	3	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.0	3
Private, Corporate Employee	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.6	26	4.7	26	4.7	27	4.7	27	4.7	26	4.8	27
Government	4.0	10	4.7	10	4.7	10	4.7	10	4.3	10	4.4	10
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Other	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		1		0		0		1		1		0
5 Years or fewer	4.0	2	5.0	1	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
6 to 10 years	4.0	7	4.0	7	4.1	7	4.1	7	4.0	7	4.1	7
11 to 15 years	4.2	6	4.5	6	4.7	6	4.5	6	4.3	6	4.5	6
16 to 20 years	4.3	3	4.7	3	4.7	3	5.0	3	4.7	3	4.7	3
21 years or more	4.6	42	4.8	43	4.8	43	4.8	42	4.7	42	4.7	43
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		1		1		0		1		1		0
Male	4.4	46	4.6	46	4.7	47	4.7	46	4.5	46	4.6	47
Female	4.5	13	4.5	13	4.7	13	4.8	13	4.5	13	4.6	13
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		0		0		0		1		0		0
Prosecution	3.5	4	4.5	4	4.5	4	4.8	4	4.3	4	4.0	4
Mainly Criminal	4.7	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	4.7	3	4.5	2	5.0	3
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.6	33	4.7	33	4.8	34	4.8	34	4.7	34	4.8	34
Mainly Civil	4.3	20	4.5	20	4.6	20	4.5	19	4.5	20	4.4	20
Other	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		1		1		0		0		1		0
First District	4.4	34	4.5	34	4.7	34	4.7	33	4.6	34	4.6	34
Second District	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1
Third District	4.5	18	4.6	18	4.7	19	4.7	19	4.6	18	4.6	19
Fourth District	4.4	9	4.8	9	4.8	9	4.6	9	4.4	9	4.7	9
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0

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



**District Court Judge Kevin G. Miller**

**B. Peace and Probation Officers**

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	3	12.5%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	13	54.2%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	7	29.2%
	Other	1	4.2%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	5	20.8%
	6 to 10 years	4	16.7%
	11 to 15 years	8	33.3%
	16 to 20 years	5	20.8%
	21 years or more	2	8.3%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	15	62.5%
	Female	9	37.5%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	21	87.5%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	2	8.3%
	Fourth District	1	4.2%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Under 2,000	2	8.3%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	21	87.5%
	Over 35,000	1	4.2%

**Judge Kevin G. Miller**  
**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		0		0		0		0		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>13</b>
Professional Reputation	4.0	3	4.3	3	4.0	2	4.0	3	4.3	3
Other Personal Contacts	4.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
State Law Enforcement Officer	4.3	6	4.3	6	4.3	6	4.3	6	4.3	6
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	4.5	4	4.8	4	4.5	4	4.5	4	4.8	4
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	4.3	3	4.0	3	5.0	3	4.7	3	4.3	3
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	4.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1
6 to 10 years	4.5	2	4.5	2	5.0	2	4.5	2	4.5	2
11 to 15 years	4.2	6	4.0	6	4.5	6	4.3	6	4.2	6
16 to 20 years	4.7	3	4.7	3	4.7	3	4.7	3	4.7	3
21 years or more	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Male	4.4	10	4.4	10	4.4	10	4.4	10	4.5	10
Female	4.3	3	4.3	3	5.0	3	4.7	3	4.3	3
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
First District	4.5	12	4.5	12	4.7	12	4.6	12	4.6	12
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Fourth District	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Under 2,000	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
Between 2,000 and 35,000	4.5	12	4.5	12	4.7	12	4.6	12	4.6	12
Over 35,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0

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

**District Court Judge Kevin G. Miller**

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

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	Social Worker	1	50.0%
	Guardian ad Litem	1	50.0%
	CASA Volunteer	--	0.0%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	--	0.0%
	6 to 10 years	--	0.0%
	11 to 15 years	2	100%
	16 to 20 years	--	0.0%
	21 years or more	--	0.0%
<b>Gender</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	1	50.0%
	Female	1	50.0%
<b>Location of Work</b>	No Response	2	100%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	--	0.0%
	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	2	100%
	Over 35,000	--	0.0%

**Judge Kevin G. Miller**  
**Social Workers, Guardians ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers**

	<b>Impartiality/ Fairness</b>		<b>Integrity</b>		<b>Judicial Temperament</b>		<b>Diligence</b>		<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>1</b>
Professional Reputation	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Social Worker	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Guardian ad Litem	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
CASA Volunteer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
6 to 10 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
11 to 15 years	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
16 to 20 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
21 years or more	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Male	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Female	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
First District	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
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	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Over 35,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0

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

**Third Judicial District  
Eric A. Aarseth - Anchorage Superior Court**

**Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

***Summary of survey information***

Judge Aarseth’s detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated him 4.0 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated him 3.8 overall, and social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASA volunteers rated him 4.3 overall.

	<b>Attorney Survey N=141</b>	<b>Peace Officer Survey N=48</b>	<b>Social Workers Guardians ad Litem CASAs N=3</b>
Legal Ability	4.0	--	--
Impartiality	4.0	3.8	4.3
Integrity	4.4	4.0	4.0
Temperament	4.2	3.9	4.5
Diligence	4.1	3.8	4.5
Overall	4.0	3.8	4.3

***The Judicial Council’s Evaluation Process***

State law requires the Judicial Council to evaluate each judge standing for retention, and to report its evaluations to the voters. The three surveys reported here are an important part of the Council’s evaluations. The Council also considers survey ratings by jurors and court employees, public comments, and the ratings by the independent citizen volunteers at Alaska Judicial Observers. Along with the personal observations of the hundreds of people who had direct professional experience with the judge, the Council reviews any litigation involving the judge, conflict of interest records, public disciplinary files, and indicators of judicial performance such as appellate affirmances and reversals, and peremptory challenges and recusals. All of the evaluation information about the judge is on the Council’s website at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us).

## Superior Court Judge Eric A. Aarseth

### A. Alaska Bar Association

#### Demographic Description

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	2	1.2%
Private, Solo	22	13.7%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	12	7.5%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	10	6.2%
Private, Corporate Employee	--	0.0%
Judge or Judicial Officer	44	27.3%
Government	65	40.4%
Public Service agency or organization (not Govt)	2	1.2%
Other	4	2.5%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	5	3.1%
5 Years or fewer	22	13.7%
6 to 10 years	15	9.3%
11 to 15 years	15	9.3%
16 to 20 years	21	13.0%
21 years or more	83	51.6%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	3	1.9%
Male	94	58.4%
Female	64	39.8%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	4	2.5%
Prosecution	22	13.7%
Mainly Criminal	32	19.9%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	57	35.4%
Mainly Civil	42	26.1%
Other	4	2.5%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	3	1.9%
First District	3	1.9%
Second District	1	.6%
Third District	146	90.7%
Fourth District	8	5.0%
Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%

## Judge Eric A. Aarseth: 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		3		2		6		4		4		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>141</b>
Professional Reputation	4.0	11	4.2	11	4.2	9	3.9	11	4.0	10	4.0	11
Other Personal Contacts	4.6	5	5.0	4	5.0	6	4.8	6	4.8	4	4.4	7
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		0		1		0		0		0
Private, Solo	4.1	21	4.2	21	4.4	21	4.3	21	4.2	21	4.1	21
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	4.0	11	3.9	11	4.4	10	4.3	11	4.1	11	4.2	11
Private, 6+ Attorneys	4.0	7	4.1	7	4.1	7	4.0	7	4.0	7	4.0	7
Private, Corporate Employee	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.2	37	4.4	37	4.6	36	4.5	36	4.2	37	4.3	37
Government	3.7	57	3.5	58	4.2	56	4.0	57	3.8	56	3.8	60
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	3.0	1	2.0	1	4.0	1	3.0	1	4.0	1	3.0	1
Other	4.3	3	4.7	3	5.0	3	4.7	3	5.0	3	4.7	3
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		1		1		1		2		2		0
5 Years or fewer	4.0	21	3.4	21	4.1	21	4.0	21	4.1	21	3.8	21
6 to 10 years	3.9	12	3.8	12	4.5	11	3.8	12	3.8	12	3.9	12
11 to 15 years	3.9	14	3.6	14	4.3	12	4.2	14	4.1	14	4.0	15
16 to 20 years	3.8	19	3.9	20	4.2	19	4.3	19	4.1	19	4.0	20
21 years or more	4.0	68	4.3	68	4.5	68	4.3	67	4.1	67	4.2	69
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		2		1		3		2		1		0
Male	4.0	79	4.1	80	4.5	78	4.3	79	4.2	80	4.2	81
Female	3.8	57	3.7	57	4.1	55	4.0	56	3.9	55	3.8	58
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		1		0		1		2		2		0
Prosecution	4.1	20	4.1	20	4.5	20	4.1	20	3.9	20	4.2	21
Mainly Criminal	3.9	31	3.6	31	4.2	29	4.2	31	4.1	31	3.9	31
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.0	51	4.1	51	4.4	50	4.3	51	4.2	51	4.1	51
Mainly Civil	3.7	30	4.0	31	4.3	30	4.2	29	3.9	29	3.9	31
Other	4.0	3	3.3	3	4.0	3	3.3	3	4.3	3	3.3	4
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		3		2		6		3		4		0
First District	3.5	2	3.5	2	4.0	2	4.0	1	3.5	2	3.5	2
Second District	4.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Third District	3.9	125	4.0	126	4.4	122	4.2	125	4.1	124	4.0	128
Fourth District	4.1	8	3.9	8	4.3	8	3.8	8	3.9	8	4.1	8
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0

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

**Superior Court Judge Eric A. Aarseth**

**B. Peace and Probation Officers**

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	21	35.6%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	19	32.2%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	18	30.5%
	Other	1	1.7%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>	No Response	1	1.7%
	5 Years or fewer	12	20.3%
	6 to 10 years	9	15.3%
	11 to 15 years	18	30.5%
	16 to 20 years	10	16.9%
	21 years or more	9	15.3%
<b>Gender</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	48	81.4%
	Female	11	18.6%
<b>Location of Work</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	3	5.1%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	56	94.9%
	Fourth District	--	0.0%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	Under 2,000	1	1.7%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	10	16.9%
	Over 35,000	48	81.4%



**Judge Eric A. Aarseth  
Peace and Probation Officers**

	<b>Impartiality/ Fairness</b>		<b>Integrity</b>		<b>Judicial Temperament</b>		<b>Diligence</b>		<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		1		1		1		0		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>48</b>
Professional Reputation	4.4	8	4.5	8	4.7	7	4.5	8	4.4	8
Other Personal Contacts	3.7	3	3.7	3	3.7	3	3.7	3	3.7	3
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		1		1		1		0		0
State Law Enforcement Officer	4.2	16	4.4	16	3.9	16	4.0	17	4.0	17
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	3.9	14	4.1	14	4.1	14	4.0	14	3.9	14
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	3.3	16	3.5	16	3.6	16	3.3	16	3.3	16
Other	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		1		1		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	2.8	10	3.0	10	2.7	10	2.6	10	2.6	10
6 to 10 years	4.0	7	4.1	7	4.0	7	4.0	7	4.1	7
11 to 15 years	4.1	15	4.3	15	4.2	14	4.1	15	4.1	15
16 to 20 years	4.2	6	4.5	6	4.5	6	4.2	6	4.0	6
21 years or more	4.0	8	4.3	8	3.9	9	4.0	9	3.9	9
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		1		1		1		0		0
Male	3.9	38	4.1	38	3.9	38	3.9	39	3.9	39
Female	3.3	9	3.7	9	3.6	9	3.3	9	3.3	9
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		1		1		1		0		0
First District	4.7	3	4.7	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	4.7	3
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	3.7	44	4.0	44	3.8	44	3.7	45	3.7	45
Fourth District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		0		0
Under 2,000	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Between 2,000 and 35,000	3.3	6	3.5	6	3.8	5	3.8	6	3.5	6
Over 35,000	3.8	40	4.1	40	3.8	41	3.7	41	3.8	41

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

**Superior Court Judge Eric A. Aarseth**

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

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Social Worker	1	25.0%
	Guardian ad Litem	1	25.0%
	CASA Volunteer	2	50.0%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	1	25.0%
	6 to 10 years	1	25.0%
	11 to 15 years	1	25.0%
	16 to 20 years	--	0.0%
	21 years or more	1	25.0%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	--	0.0%
	Female	4	100%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	--	0.0%
	Fourth District	4	100%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Under 2,000	--	0.0%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	--	0.0%
	Over 35,000	4	100%

**Judge Eric A. Aarseth**  
**Social Workers, Guardians ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers**

	<b>Impartiality/ Fairness</b>		<b>Integrity</b>		<b>Judicial Temperament</b>		<b>Diligence</b>		<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		1		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>3</b>
Professional Reputation	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		1		0
Social Worker	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Guardian ad Litem	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
CASA Volunteer	4.0	2	3.5	2	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	2
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		1		0
5 Years or fewer	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	--	0	4.0	1
6 to 10 years	4.0	1	3.0	1	--	0	4.0	1	4.0	1
11 to 15 years	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
16 to 20 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
21 years or more	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		1		0
Male	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Female	4.3	3	4.0	3	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.3	3
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		1		0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	4.3	3	4.0	3	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.3	3
Fourth District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		1		0
Under 2,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Over 35,000	4.3	3	4.0	3	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.3	3

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

**Third Judicial District  
Carl Bauman - Kenai Superior Court**

**Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

***Summary of survey information***

Judge Bauman’s detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated him 3.8 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated him 3.0 overall, and social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASA volunteers rated him 3.8 overall.

	<b>Attorney Survey N=85</b>	<b>Peace Officer Survey N=12</b>	<b>Social Workers Guardians ad Litem CASAs N=5</b>
Legal Ability	3.9	--	--
Impartiality	3.9	3.1	3.8
Integrity	4.0	2.9	4.0
Temperament	3.9	3.7	3.8
Diligence	3.7	3.2	3.2
Overall	3.8	3.0	3.8

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## Superior Court Judge Carl Bauman

### A. Alaska Bar Association

#### Demographic Description

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	1	.9%
Private, Solo	26	23.9%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	19	17.4%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	18	16.5%
Private, Corporate Employee	2	1.8%
Judge or Judicial Officer	24	22.0%
Government	18	16.5%
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	--	0.0%
Other	1	.9%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	2	1.8%
5 Years or fewer	4	3.7%
6 to 10 years	4	3.7%
11 to 15 years	8	7.3%
16 to 20 years	10	9.2%
21 years or more	81	74.3%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	3	2.8%
Male	77	70.6%
Female	29	26.6%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	3	2.8%
Prosecution	5	4.6%
Mainly Criminal	6	5.5%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	24	22.0%
Mainly Civil	67	61.5%
Other	4	3.7%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	2	1.8%
First District	2	1.8%
Second District	1	.9%
Third District	102	93.6%
Fourth District	2	1.8%
Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%

## Judge Carl Bauman: 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		1		0		1		1		2		1
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>85</b>
Professional Reputation	3.7	18	3.7	18	3.9	18	3.8	17	4.0	17	3.7	18
Other Personal Contacts	4.3	4	4.0	4	4.3	4	4.3	4	4.0	3	4.3	4
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		0		1		1		0		1
Private, Solo	4.1	20	4.1	20	4.4	20	4.2	20	4.1	20	4.1	20
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	3.5	17	3.7	17	3.7	17	3.6	16	3.1	17	3.6	17
Private, 6+ Attorneys	4.2	13	4.1	13	4.1	12	4.2	13	3.9	13	4.0	13
Private, Corporate Employee	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.0	21	4.1	21	4.1	21	4.0	21	3.8	20	4.0	20
Government	3.3	13	3.4	13	3.5	13	3.4	13	3.4	12	3.2	13
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Other	--	0	2.0	1	2.0	1	2.0	1	3.0	1	2.0	1
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		1		0		1		0		0		1
5 Years or fewer	4.7	3	3.7	3	4.7	3	3.7	3	4.3	3	4.3	3
6 to 10 years	4.0	3	4.0	3	3.7	3	4.3	3	3.0	3	3.7	3
11 to 15 years	3.6	7	3.6	7	3.6	7	3.4	7	3.3	6	3.4	7
16 to 20 years	3.9	10	3.7	10	3.8	10	3.9	9	3.5	10	3.6	10
21 years or more	3.8	61	4.0	62	4.1	61	3.9	62	3.7	62	3.9	61
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		0		0		1		1		0		0
Male	3.9	65	4.0	65	4.1	64	4.0	64	3.8	65	4.0	65
Female	3.6	19	3.6	20	3.5	20	3.6	20	3.2	19	3.3	19
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		1		0		1		1		0		1
Prosecution	2.5	2	3.0	2	2.5	2	3.0	2	3.0	2	3.0	2
Mainly Criminal	4.3	4	5.0	4	4.8	4	4.8	4	4.8	4	4.8	4
Mixed Criminal & Civil	3.9	21	4.1	21	4.1	21	4.2	21	4.0	20	4.0	21
Mainly Civil	3.9	52	3.8	53	3.9	52	3.8	52	3.5	53	3.7	52
Other	3.8	4	3.5	4	3.8	4	2.8	4	3.3	4	3.5	4
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		1		0		1		1		1		1
First District	3.5	2	3.5	2	3.5	2	3.5	2	3.5	2	3.5	2
Second District	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	2.0	1	4.0	1
Third District	3.8	80	3.9	81	4.0	80	3.9	80	3.7	80	3.8	80
Fourth District	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0

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

**Superior Court Judge Carl Bauman**

**B. Peace and Probation Officers**

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	5	41.7%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	1	8.3%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	4	33.3%
	Other	2	16.7%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	4	33.3%
	6 to 10 years	2	16.7%
	11 to 15 years	3	25.0%
	16 to 20 years	1	8.3%
	21 years or more	2	16.7%
<b>Gender</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	11	91.7%
	Female	1	8.3%
<b>Location of Work</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	11	91.7%
	Fourth District	1	8.3%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	Under 2,000	--	0.0%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	11	91.7%
	Over 35,000	1	8.3%

**Judge Carl Bauman  
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		0		0		0		0		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>12</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
State Law Enforcement Officer	3.0	5	3.0	5	3.4	5	2.8	5	2.8	5
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	2.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	3.0	4	2.5	4	3.8	4	3.8	4	2.8	4
Other	4.0	2	3.5	2	4.5	2	3.0	2	4.0	2
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	3.5	4	3.3	4	4.5	4	3.8	4	3.3	4
6 to 10 years	4.0	2	3.5	2	4.0	2	3.5	2	4.0	2
11 to 15 years	2.3	3	2.0	3	3.0	3	2.3	3	2.0	3
16 to 20 years	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
21 years or more	2.5	2	3.0	2	3.0	2	3.0	2	3.0	2
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Male	3.1	11	2.9	11	3.7	11	3.2	11	3.0	11
Female	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	3.1	11	2.9	11	3.6	11	3.2	11	3.0	11
Fourth District	3.0	1	3.0	1	4.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
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	3.1	11	2.9	11	3.7	11	3.2	11	3.0	11
Over 35,000	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1

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



**Superior Court Judge Carl Bauman**

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

**Demographic Description**

		N	%
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Social Worker	4	66.7%
	Guardian ad Litem	2	33.3%
	CASA Volunteer	--	0.0%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	--	0.0%
	6 to 10 years	2	33.3%
	11 to 15 years	1	16.7%
	16 to 20 years	1	16.7%
	21 years or more	2	33.3%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	1	16.7%
	Female	5	83.3%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	6	100%
	Fourth District	--	0.0%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>			
	No Response	1	16.7%
	Under 2,000	--	0.0%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	3	50.0%
	Over 35,000	2	33.3%

**Judge Carl Bauman  
Social Workers, Guardians ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers**

	<b>Impartiality/ Fairness</b>		<b>Integrity</b>		<b>Judicial Temperament</b>		<b>Diligence</b>		<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>5</b>
Professional Reputation	2.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	2.0	1	2.0	1
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Social Worker	4.0	4	4.3	4	4.0	4	3.5	4	4.0	4
Guardian ad Litem	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	2.0	1	3.0	1
CASA Volunteer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
6 to 10 years	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2
11 to 15 years	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	2.0	1	3.0	1
16 to 20 years	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	3.0	1	4.0	1
21 years or more	3.0	1	4.0	1	3.0	1	2.0	1	3.0	1
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Male	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	3.0	1	4.0	1
Female	3.8	4	4.0	4	3.8	4	3.3	4	3.8	4
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	3.8	5	4.0	5	3.8	5	3.2	5	3.8	5
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	4.0	3	4.0	3	4.0	3	3.7	3	4.0	3
Over 35,000	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	3.0	1	4.0	1

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

## Third Judicial District Sharon L. Gleason - Anchorage Superior Court

### Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores

#### ***Summary of survey information***

Judge Gleason’s detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated her 4.5 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated her 4.4 overall, and social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASA volunteers rated her 4.9 overall.

	Attorney Survey N=261	Peace Officer Survey N=8	Social Workers Guardians ad Litem CASAs N=10
Legal Ability	4.4	--	--
Impartiality	4.4	4.4	4.7
Integrity	4.6	4.8	4.8
Temperament	4.5	4.4	4.7
Diligence	4.5	4.3	4.8
Overall	4.5	4.4	4.9

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**Superior Court Judge Sharon L. Gleason**

**A. Alaska Bar Association**

**Demographic Description**

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	6	1.3%
Private, Solo	84	18.8%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	72	16.1%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	61	13.7%
Private, Corporate Employee	9	2.0%
Judge or Judicial Officer	73	16.4%
Government	124	27.8%
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	6	1.3%
Other	11	2.5%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	11	2.5%
5 Years or fewer	42	9.4%
6 to 10 years	40	9.0%
11 to 15 years	46	10.3%
16 to 20 years	49	11.0%
21 years or more	258	57.8%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	10	2.2%
Male	287	64.3%
Female	149	33.4%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	5	1.1%
Prosecution	25	5.6%
Mainly Criminal	39	8.7%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	114	25.6%
Mainly Civil	243	54.5%
Other	20	4.5%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	4	.9%
First District	76	17.0%
Second District	5	1.1%
Third District	341	76.5%
Fourth District	17	3.8%
Outside of Alaska	3	.7%

**Judge Sharon L. Gleason: 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		1		3		5		7		7		1
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>261</b>
Professional Reputation	4.2	32	4.3	32	4.4	31	4.4	31	4.3	29	4.2	32
Other Personal Contacts	4.6	9	4.8	8	4.7	9	4.8	9	4.6	8	4.8	9
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		0		2		1		3		0
Private, Solo	4.4	55	4.2	55	4.5	55	4.4	55	4.4	54	4.4	56
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	4.2	42	4.3	42	4.4	40	4.4	41	4.2	39	4.2	42
Private, 6+ Attorneys	4.2	41	4.3	41	4.6	40	4.4	40	4.4	40	4.3	41
Private, Corporate Employee	5.0	5	5.0	5	5.0	5	4.8	5	4.8	5	5.0	5
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.7	49	4.7	48	4.8	49	4.7	47	4.7	49	4.7	48
Government	4.5	60	4.5	59	4.7	59	4.6	58	4.5	59	4.6	60
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	5.0	3	5.0	3	4.7	3	4.7	3	4.7	3	4.7	3
Other	4.4	5	4.6	5	4.8	5	4.4	5	4.6	5	4.4	5
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		1		1		2		3		5		1
5 Years or fewer	4.4	17	4.4	17	4.7	16	4.6	16	4.4	17	4.4	17
6 to 10 years	4.6	20	4.6	20	4.7	19	4.7	19	4.6	20	4.6	20
11 to 15 years	4.2	31	4.2	30	4.5	31	4.4	30	4.3	31	4.4	31
16 to 20 years	4.3	24	4.2	23	4.6	24	4.5	23	4.3	24	4.3	24
21 years or more	4.5	163	4.5	163	4.7	162	4.5	161	4.5	159	4.5	163
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		1		3		3		5		5		1
Male	4.3	163	4.4	161	4.6	161	4.5	159	4.4	159	4.4	163
Female	4.6	93	4.6	93	4.7	91	4.6	91	4.6	91	4.6	93
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		1		2		4		4		5		0
Prosecution	5.0	4	5.0	4	4.8	4	4.7	3	5.0	4	5.0	4
Mainly Criminal	4.7	11	4.8	11	4.9	11	4.9	10	4.9	11	4.7	11
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.4	66	4.4	65	4.6	66	4.5	65	4.4	65	4.4	65
Mainly Civil	4.4	170	4.4	169	4.7	167	4.5	167	4.5	166	4.5	171
Other	4.0	8	4.0	8	4.3	7	4.1	8	4.0	7	4.1	8
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		1		3		4		7		6		1
First District	4.7	11	4.6	11	4.7	10	4.7	11	4.7	10	4.6	11
Second District	5.0	2	4.5	2	5.0	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	5.0	2
Third District	4.4	238	4.4	236	4.6	235	4.5	232	4.5	233	4.5	238
Fourth District	4.4	8	4.4	8	4.6	8	4.4	8	4.3	8	4.5	8
Outside of Alaska	4.0	1	3.0	1	4.0	1	3.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1

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

**Superior Court Judge Sharon L. Gleason**

**B. Peace and Probation Officers**

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	9	64.3%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	2	14.3%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	3	21.4%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	--	0.0%
	6 to 10 years	1	7.1%
	11 to 15 years	2	14.3%
	16 to 20 years	4	28.6%
	21 years or more	7	50.0%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	11	78.6%
	Female	3	21.4%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	1	7.1%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	13	92.9%
	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	4	28.6%
	Over 35,000	10	71.4%

**Judge Sharon L. Gleason  
Peace and Probation Officers**

	<b>Impartiality/ Fairness</b>		<b>Integrity</b>		<b>Judicial Temperament</b>		<b>Diligence</b>		<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>8</b>
Professional Reputation	3.7	3	3.7	3	4.0	3	4.0	3	3.7	3
Other Personal Contacts	1.5	2	2.0	2	2.0	2	2.0	2	2.0	2
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
State Law Enforcement Officer	4.3	6	4.7	6	4.7	6	4.3	6	4.5	6
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	4.0	1	5.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
6 to 10 years	4.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	3.0	1	4.0	1
11 to 15 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
16 to 20 years	4.7	3	4.7	3	4.3	3	4.7	3	4.7	3
21 years or more	4.3	4	4.8	4	4.5	4	4.3	4	4.3	4
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Male	4.4	8	4.8	8	4.4	8	4.3	8	4.4	8
Female	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
First District	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	4.3	7	4.7	7	4.4	7	4.1	7	4.3	7
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	4.5	2	5.0	2	3.5	2	4.0	2	4.0	2
Over 35,000	4.3	6	4.7	6	4.7	6	4.3	6	4.5	6

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

**Superior Court Judge Sharon L. Gleason**

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

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Social Worker	4	26.7%
	Guardian ad Litem	3	20.0%
	CASA Volunteer	8	53.3%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	4	26.7%
	6 to 10 years	5	33.3%
	11 to 15 years	3	20.0%
	16 to 20 years	--	0.0%
	21 years or more	3	20.0%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	1	6.7%
	Male	2	13.3%
	Female	12	80.0%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	1	6.7%
	Third District	14	93.3%
	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	--	0.0%
	Over 35,000	15	100%



**Judge Sharon L. Gleason  
Social Workers, Guardians ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers**

	<b>Impartiality/ Fairness</b>		<b>Integrity</b>		<b>Judicial Temperament</b>		<b>Diligence</b>		<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>10</b>
Professional Reputation	4.6	5	4.8	5	4.6	5	4.6	5	4.6	5
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Social Worker	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2
Guardian ad Litem	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
CASA Volunteer	4.7	6	4.8	6	4.7	6	4.8	6	5.0	6
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
6 to 10 years	4.3	4	4.5	4	4.5	4	4.8	4	4.8	4
11 to 15 years	5.0	2	5.0	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	5.0	2
16 to 20 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
21 years or more	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Male	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Female	4.6	8	4.8	8	4.6	8	4.8	8	4.9	8
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Third District	4.7	9	4.8	9	4.7	9	4.8	9	4.9	9
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	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Over 35,000	4.7	10	4.8	10	4.7	10	4.8	10	4.9	10

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

**Third Judicial District  
Kari Kristiansen - Palmer Superior Court**

**Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

***Summary of survey information***

Judge Kristiansen’s detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated her 3.8 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated her 2.5 overall, and social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASA volunteers rated her 4.0 overall.

	<b>Attorney Survey N=84</b>	<b>Peace Officer Survey N=19</b>	<b>Social Workers Guardians ad Litem CASAs N=5</b>
Legal Ability	3.6	--	--
Impartiality	3.7	2.6	3.8
Integrity	4.0	2.9	4.6
Temperament	3.7	2.7	4.0
Diligence	4.0	3.1	4.6
Overall	3.8	2.5	4.0

***The Judicial Council’s Evaluation Process***

State law requires the Judicial Council to evaluate each judge standing for retention, and to report its evaluations to the voters. The three surveys reported here are an important part of the Council’s evaluations. The Council also considers survey ratings by jurors and court employees, public comments, and the ratings by the independent citizen volunteers at Alaska Judicial Observers. Along with the personal observations of the hundreds of people who had direct professional experience with the judge, the Council reviews any litigation involving the judge, conflict of interest records, public disciplinary files, and indicators of judicial performance such as appellate affirmances and reversals, and peremptory challenges and recusals. All of the evaluation information about the judge is on the Council’s website at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us).

**Superior Court Judge Kari Kristiansen**

**A. Alaska Bar Association**

**Demographic Description**

		N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>			
	No Response	2	2.0%
	Private, Solo	23	23.0%
	Private, 2-5 Attorneys	17	17.0%
	Private, 6+ Attorneys	4	4.0%
	Private, Corporate Employee	3	3.0%
	Judge or Judicial Officer	17	17.0%
	Government	31	31.0%
	Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	3	3.0%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>			
	No Response	4	4.0%
	5 Years or fewer	13	13.0%
	6 to 10 years	15	15.0%
	11 to 15 years	16	16.0%
	16 to 20 years	15	15.0%
	21 years or more	37	37.0%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	2	2.0%
	Male	58	58.0%
	Female	40	40.0%
<b>Cases Handled</b>			
	No Response	2	2.0%
	Prosecution	7	7.0%
	Mainly Criminal	10	10.0%
	Mixed Criminal & Civil	30	30.0%
	Mainly Civil	48	48.0%
	Other	3	3.0%
<b>Location of Practice</b>			
	No Response	2	2.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	1	1.0%
	Third District	94	94.0%
	Fourth District	3	3.0%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%

## Judge Kari Kristiansen: 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		0		2		2		2		5		1
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>83</b>
Professional Reputation	3.3	10	3.3	10	3.7	10	3.5	10	3.8	10	3.4	10
Other Personal Contacts	3.7	3	4.7	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	4.5	4
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		0		1		1		1		0
Private, Solo	4.0	22	3.9	22	4.3	22	4.1	22	4.2	22	4.0	21
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	3.1	15	3.4	14	3.7	14	3.2	15	3.3	13	3.3	15
Private, 6+ Attorneys	3.0	4	2.8	4	3.3	4	2.8	4	2.8	4	3.0	4
Private, Corporate Employee	2.0	2	2.5	2	2.5	2	2.5	2	3.5	2	2.5	2
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.4	16	4.5	16	4.7	15	4.4	15	4.8	15	4.6	16
Government	3.3	21	3.5	20	3.7	21	3.4	20	3.8	19	3.5	21
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	4.3	3	3.7	3	4.0	3	3.7	3	4.3	3	4.3	3
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		0		0		0		1		0		0
5 Years or fewer	3.3	12	3.6	11	3.9	11	3.3	12	3.7	11	3.2	12
6 to 10 years	2.9	12	3.3	12	3.3	12	3.2	12	3.6	12	3.3	11
11 to 15 years	4.1	15	3.9	15	4.4	14	3.9	15	4.4	12	4.1	15
16 to 20 years	3.7	13	3.9	12	4.1	13	3.8	12	4.1	12	3.9	13
21 years or more	3.9	29	3.8	29	4.2	29	3.9	28	4.1	29	4.0	29
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		0		2		2		1		4		0
Male	3.4	51	3.6	49	3.9	49	3.6	50	3.8	47	3.6	51
Female	3.9	32	3.9	32	4.1	32	3.8	31	4.2	31	4.1	31
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		0		2		1		1		2		1
Prosecution	3.0	5	3.2	5	3.2	5	3.0	5	3.0	4	3.2	5
Mainly Criminal	3.2	9	3.4	9	3.7	9	3.2	9	3.9	8	3.4	9
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.0	25	3.8	25	4.3	24	3.8	24	4.3	24	4.0	25
Mainly Civil	3.6	41	3.7	39	4.0	40	3.7	40	3.9	39	3.7	40
Other	4.0	3	4.7	3	4.7	3	4.3	3	5.0	3	4.7	3
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		2		2		2		5		1
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	3.0	1	2.0	1	3.0	1
Third District	3.7	79	3.8	77	4.1	77	3.7	77	4.1	74	3.8	78
Fourth District	2.7	3	2.7	3	2.7	3	2.7	3	2.7	3	2.7	3
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0

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

**Superior Court Judge Kari Kristiansen**

**B. Peace and Probation Officers**

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	7	33.3%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	3	14.3%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	11	52.4%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	5	23.8%
	6 to 10 years	10	47.6%
	11 to 15 years	2	9.5%
	16 to 20 years	2	9.5%
	21 years or more	2	9.5%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	12	57.1%
	Female	9	42.9%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	21	100%
	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	6	28.6%
	Over 35,000	15	71.4%

**Judge Kari Kristiansen  
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		0		2		0		1		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>19</b>
Professional Reputation	2.5	2	2.5	2	2.5	2	2.5	2	2.5	2
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		1		0
State Law Enforcement Officer	2.5	6	3.2	6	2.3	6	3.0	5	2.3	6
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	3.5	2	5.0	1	4.0	2	3.5	2	3.5	2
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	2.5	11	2.6	10	2.6	11	3.0	11	2.5	11
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		1		0
5 Years or fewer	1.6	5	2.3	4	2.0	5	2.4	5	1.8	5
6 to 10 years	2.7	9	3.0	8	2.8	9	3.1	9	2.6	9
11 to 15 years	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
16 to 20 years	2.5	2	2.0	2	3.0	2	3.0	1	2.0	2
21 years or more	3.5	2	4.0	2	3.0	2	3.5	2	3.5	2
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		1		0		1		0
Male	2.5	11	3.0	10	2.55	11	2.9	10	2.4	11
Female	2.8	8	2.9	7	2.9	8	3.3	8	2.8	8
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		2		0		1		0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	2.6	19	2.9	17	2.7	19	3.1	18	2.5	19
Fourth District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response		0		1		0		0		0
Under 2,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	2.8	6	3.4	5	3.3	6	3.0	6	2.8	6
Over 35,000	2.5	13	2.8	12	2.4	13	3.1	12	2.4	13

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

**Superior Court Judge Kari Kristiansen**

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

**Demographic Description**

		N	%
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Social Worker	2	33.3%
	Guardian ad Litem	1	16.7%
	CASA Volunteer	3	50.0%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	2	33.3%
	6 to 10 years	3	50.0%
	11 to 15 years	--	0.0%
	16 to 20 years	--	0.0%
	21 years or more	1	16.7%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	1	16.7%
	Male	--	0.0%
	Female	5	83.3%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	6	100%
	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	50.0%
	Over 35,000	3	50.0%

**Judge Kari Kristiansen  
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		0		0		0		0		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>5</b>
Professional Reputation	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Social Worker	3.0	2	4.5	2	3.5	2	5.0	2	3.5	2
Guardian ad Litem	4.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
CASA Volunteer	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2
6 to 10 years	3.0	2	4.5	2	3.5	2	5.0	2	3.5	2
11 to 15 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
16 to 20 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
21 years or more	4.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Male	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Female	4.0	4	4.8	4	4.3	4	4.5	4	4.3	4
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	3.8	5	4.6	5	4.0	5	4.6	5	4.0	5
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	4.0	3	4.3	3	4.0	3	4.7	3	4.0	3
Over 35,000	3.5	2	5.0	2	4.0	2	4.5	2	4.0	2

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



**Third Judicial District  
Patrick J. McKay - Anchorage Superior Court**

**Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

***Summary of survey information***

Judge McKay’s detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated him 4.1 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated him 3.3 overall, and social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASA volunteers rated him 3.5 overall.

	<b>Attorney Survey N=187</b>	<b>Peace Officer Survey N=15</b>	<b>Social Workers Guardians ad Litem CASAs N=2</b>
Legal Ability	4.1	--	--
Impartiality	4.2	3.6	3.5
Integrity	4.0	3.2	3.0
Temperament	4.1	3.7	3.5
Diligence	4.1	3.6	3.5
Overall	4.1	3.3	3.5

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**Superior Court Judge Patrick J. McKay**

**A. Alaska Bar Association**

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Practice</b>			
	No Response	3	.9%
	Private, Solo	75	22.1%
	Private, 2-5 Attorneys	58	17.1%
	Private, 6+ Attorneys	40	11.8%
	Private, Corporate Employee	6	1.8%
	Judge or Judicial Officer	51	15.0%
	Government	90	26.5%
	Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	8	2.4%
	Other	8	2.4%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>			
	No Response	7	2.1%
	5 Years or fewer	39	11.5%
	6 to 10 years	27	8.0%
	11 to 15 years	35	10.3%
	16 to 20 years	30	8.8%
	21 years or more	201	59.3%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	7	2.1%
	Male	218	64.3%
	Female	114	33.6%
<b>Cases Handled</b>			
	No Response	3	.9%
	Prosecution	21	6.2%
	Mainly Criminal	30	8.8%
	Mixed Criminal & Civil	77	22.7%
	Mainly Civil	195	57.5%
	Other	13	3.8%
<b>Location of Practice</b>			
	No Response	2	.6%
	First District	15	4.4%
	Second District	3	.9%
	Third District	306	90.3%
	Fourth District	12	3.5%
	Outside of Alaska	1	.3%

**Judge Patrick J. McKay: 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		1		6		6		5		2
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>187</b>
Professional Reputation	3.8	28	4.0	27	3.3	29	3.9	26	3.8	25	3.3	32
Other Personal Contacts	4.0	10	4.2	10	3.5	10	4.1	9	4.3	7	3.8	10
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		0		0		1		0		0
Private, Solo	4.4	43	4.4	42	4.3	43	4.4	43	4.4	42	4.3	43
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	4.1	33	4.2	34	4.3	31	4.4	32	4.1	32	4.1	33
Private, 6+ Attorneys	4.2	21	4.1	21	4.0	21	4.2	20	4.1	21	4.1	21
Private, Corporate Employee	4.0	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	5.0	2	4.5	2	4.5	2
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.2	29	4.3	31	3.8	31	3.9	30	4.1	30	4.1	30
Government	3.9	50	3.8	51	3.7	48	3.7	49	3.9	50	3.7	51
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	3.7	3	4.0	3	4.0	3	4.0	3	4.3	3	4.0	3
Other	5.0	3	4.7	3	3.3	3	4.7	3	5.0	3	4.7	3
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		2		0		3		4		2		1
5 Years or fewer	3.9	21	3.7	21	3.6	21	3.7	21	4.0	21	3.8	21
6 to 10 years	3.6	14	3.7	15	3.8	14	3.6	15	4.0	14	3.6	14
11 to 15 years	4.1	16	4.4	17	4.1	17	4.3	17	4.0	17	4.1	17
16 to 20 years	4.4	17	4.3	16	4.0	15	4.4	15	4.4	16	4.3	17
21 years or more	4.2	111	4.2	113	4.1	110	4.2	109	4.2	111	4.1	112
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		2		1		5		3		2		1
Male	4.2	121	4.2	122	4.1	118	4.2	120	4.2	121	4.1	122
Female	4.0	60	4.0	61	3.8	60	4.0	59	4.0	59	3.9	61
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		0		1		5		5		3		0
Prosecution	3.6	16	3.4	16	3.6	16	3.3	16	3.8	16	3.4	16
Mainly Criminal	4.0	19	4.2	20	3.9	20	3.8	20	4.2	20	4.0	20
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.3	42	3.4	45	4.0	44	4.2	44	4.4	43	4.2	43
Mainly Civil	4.2	98	4.2	97	4.1	93	4.3	93	4.1	95	4.1	98
Other	4.1	8	3.8	8	3.4	8	4.0	8	3.9	8	4.0	8
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		1		1		5		5		3		0
First District	4.0	3	4.0	5	2.6	5	3.3	4	3.8	4	3.0	4
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	4.1	178	4.2	178	4.0	174	4.1	174	4.1	176	4.1	179
Fourth District	4.3	3	4.3	4	4.0	3	4.3	4	4.7	3	4.3	3
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0

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

**Superior Court Judge Patrick J. McKay**

**B. Peace and Probation Officers**

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	7	31.8%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	8	36.4%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	6	27.3%
	Other	1	4.5%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	1	4.5%
	5 Years or fewer	9	40.9%
	6 to 10 years	2	9.1%
	11 to 15 years	7	31.8%
	16 to 20 years	2	9.1%
	21 years or more	1	4.5%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	16	72.7%
	Female	6	27.3%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	22	100%
	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	2	9.1%
	Over 35,000	20	90.9%

**Judge Patrick J. McKay  
Peace and Probation Officers**

	<b>Impartiality/ Fairness</b>		<b>Integrity</b>		<b>Judicial Temperament</b>		<b>Diligence</b>		<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		1		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>15</b>
Professional Reputation	3.2	5	2.5	6	3.0	4	3.0	5	2.7	6
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		1		0
State Law Enforcement Officer	3.6	5	3.4	5	3.8	5	4.0	4	3.4	5
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	4.2	5	3.4	5	4.0	5	4.0	5	3.4	5
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	2.8	4	2.5	4	2.8	4	2.8	4	2.8	4
Other	4.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	3.3	6	3.2	6	3.3	6	3.4	5	3.2	6
6 to 10 years	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
11 to 15 years	3.3	4	2.3	4	3.3	4	3.0	4	2.5	4
16 to 20 years	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2
21 years or more	4.0	1	3.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	3.0	1
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Male	3.7	12	3.2	12	3.7	12	3.7	12	3.3	12
Female	3.3	3	3.3	3	3.7	3	3.5	2	3.3	3
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		1		0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	3.6	15	3.2	15	3.7	15	3.6	14	3.3	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		1		0
Under 2,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Over 35,000	3.6	15	3.2	15	3.7	15	3.6	14	3.3	15

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

**Superior Court Judge Patrick J. McKay**

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

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Social Worker	--	0.0%
	Guardian ad Litem	2	50.0%
	CASA Volunteer	2	50.0%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	1	25.0%
	6 to 10 years	1	25.0%
	11 to 15 years	--	0.0%
	16 to 20 years	--	0.0%
	21 years or more	2	50.0%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	1	25.0%
	Female	3	75.0%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	4	100%
	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	--	0.0%
	Over 35,000	4	100%

**Judge Patrick J. McKay**  
**Social Workers, Guardians ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers**

	<b>Impartiality/ Fairness</b>		<b>Integrity</b>		<b>Judicial Temperament</b>		<b>Diligence</b>		<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>2</b>
Professional Reputation	4.0	2	3.5	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Social Worker	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Guardian ad Litem	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
CASA Volunteer	3.0	1	2.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
6 to 10 years	3.0	1	2.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
11 to 15 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
16 to 20 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
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	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Female	3.5	2	3.0	2	3.5	2	3.5	2	3.5	2
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	3.5	2	3.0	2	3.5	2	3.5	2	3.5	2
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	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Over 35,000	3.5	2	3.0	2	3.5	2	3.5	2	3.5	2

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

**Third Judicial District  
Anna M. Moran - Kenai Superior Court**

**Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

***Summary of survey information***

Judge Moran’s detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated her 3.9 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated her 3.2 overall, and social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASA volunteers rated her 4.8 overall.

	<b>Attorney Survey N=89</b>	<b>Peace Officer Survey N=25</b>	<b>Social Workers Guardians ad Litem CASAs N=6</b>
Legal Ability	3.9	--	--
Impartiality	4.0	3.0	4.5
Integrity	4.2	3.3	4.8
Temperament	3.9	3.2	4.5
Diligence	3.9	3.4	4.8
Overall	3.9	3.2	4.8

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## Superior Court Judge Anna M. Moran

### A. Alaska Bar Association

#### Demographic Description

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	1	1.0%
Private, Solo	17	17.2%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	16	16.2%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	7	7.1%
Private, Corporate Employee	1	1.0%
Judge or Judicial Officer	32	32.3%
Government	23	23.2%
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	--	0.0%
Other	2	2.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	4	4.0%
5 Years or fewer	3	3.0%
6 to 10 years	6	6.1%
11 to 15 years	7	7.1%
16 to 20 years	11	11.1%
21 years or more	68	68.7%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	3	3.0%
Male	64	64.6%
Female	32	32.3%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	2	2.0%
Prosecution	3	3.0%
Mainly Criminal	6	6.1%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	39	39.4%
Mainly Civil	44	44.4%
Other	5	5.1%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	2	2.0%
First District	2	2.0%
Second District	2	2.0%
Third District	86	86.9%
Fourth District	6	6.1%
Outside of Alaska	1	1.0%

**Judge Anna M. Moran: 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		0		0		0		0		2		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>89</b>
Professional Reputation	3.7	9	3.2	9	3.4	9	3.4	8	3.3	9	3.4	9
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		0		0		0		1		0
Private, Solo	4.1	16	4.2	16	4.3	16	3.9	16	4.1	15	4.0	16
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	3.7	15	3.8	15	3.9	15	3.7	15	3.5	15	3.7	15
Private, 6+ Attorneys	3.4	5	3.4	5	3.4	5	3.4	5	3.4	5	3.4	5
Private, Corporate Employee	3.0	1	3.0	1	5.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.3	30	4.8	30	4.5	30	4.2	30	4.4	29	4.4	30
Government	3.4	20	3.6	20	3.9	20	3.8	20	3.4	20	3.4	20
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Other	4.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	4.5	2
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		0		0		0		0		2		0
5 Years or fewer	2.3	3	2.3	3	2.7	3	2.3	3	2.3	3	2.3	3
6 to 10 years	3.4	5	3.6	5	3.8	5	3.8	5	3.4	5	3.6	5
11 to 15 years	4.0	6	4.3	6	4.3	6	4.0	6	4.2	6	4.2	6
16 to 20 years	4.1	11	4.1	11	4.4	11	4.4	11	4.3	11	4.2	11
21 years or more	3.9	61	4.1	61	4.2	61	3.9	61	3.9	59	3.9	61
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		0		0		0		0		2		0
Male	4.0	59	4.1	59	4.2	59	3.9	59	4.0	57	4.0	59
Female	3.7	28	3.8	28	4.2	28	3.9	28	3.7	28	3.7	28
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		0		0		0		0		1		0
Prosecution	2.5	2	3.0	2	3.0	2	3.0	2	3.0	2	3.0	2
Mainly Criminal	3.8	5	4.0	5	4.0	5	3.8	5	4.0	5	4.0	5
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.2	35	4.3	35	4.4	35	4.2	35	4.2	34	4.2	35
Mainly Civil	3.8	41	3.9	41	4.1	41	3.9	41	3.7	40	3.7	41
Other	3.2	5	3.4	5	3.6	5	3.2	5	3.6	5	3.4	5
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		0		0		0		1		0
First District	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
Second District	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	1	4.5	2
Third District	3.8	79	4.0	79	4.1	79	3.9	79	3.9	78	3.9	79
Fourth District	3.8	4	3.5	4	4.5	4	3.5	4	3.5	4	3.8	4
Outside of Alaska	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	3.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1

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

**Superior Court Judge Anna M. Moran**

**B. Peace and Probation Officers**

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	16	55.2%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	7	24.1%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	4	13.8%
	Other	2	6.9%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	5	17.2%
	6 to 10 years	5	17.2%
	11 to 15 years	8	27.6%
	16 to 20 years	8	27.6%
	21 years or more	3	10.3%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	28	96.6%
	Female	1	3.4%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	26	89.7%
	Fourth District	3	10.3%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Under 2,000	2	6.9%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	23	79.3%
	Over 35,000	4	13.8%

**Judge Anna M. Moran  
Peace and Probation Officers**

	<b>Impartiality/ Fairness</b>		<b>Integrity</b>		<b>Judicial Temperament</b>		<b>Diligence</b>		<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		0		1		0		1		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>25</b>
Professional Reputation	3.0	2	3.7	3	3.3	3	3.7	3	3.7	3
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		1		0
State Law Enforcement Officer	2.9	14	3.2	14	3.0	14	3.2	13	2.9	14
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	2.8	5	3.5	4	3.6	5	3.6	5	3.4	5
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	3.5	4	3.8	4	3.8	4	4.5	4	4.0	4
Other	3.0	2	2.5	2	3.0	2	2.5	2	3.0	2
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		1		0
5 Years or fewer	3.2	5	2.8	5	3.4	5	3.6	5	3.2	5
6 to 10 years	3.3	3	4.0	3	3.7	3	4.3	3	3.7	3
11 to 15 years	2.4	7	3.0	7	2.6	7	2.7	6	2.7	7
16 to 20 years	3.3	7	3.6	7	3.6	7	3.6	7	3.3	7
21 years or more	3.0	3	3.5	2	3.3	3	3.3	3	3.3	3
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		1		0		1		0
Male	3.0	24	3.4	23	3.3	24	3.4	23	3.2	24
Female	2.0	1	1.0	1	2.0	1	3.0	1	2.0	1
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		1		0		1		0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	3.1	22	3.5	21	3.3	22	3.4	21	3.3	22
Fourth District	2.3	3	2.0	3	2.7	3	3.3	3	2.3	3
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response		0		1		0		1		0
Under 2,000	3.0	2	3.0	2	3.0	2	3.0	2	3.0	2
Between 2,000 and 35,000	2.9	20	3.2	19	3.1	20	3.4	19	3.1	20
Over 35,000	3.7	3	4.0	3	4.3	3	3.7	3	3.7	3

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

**Superior Court Judge Anna M. Moran**

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

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Social Worker	5	83.3%
	Guardian ad Litem	1	16.7%
	CASA Volunteer	--	0.0%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	1	16.7%
	6 to 10 years	2	33.3%
	11 to 15 years	1	16.7%
	16 to 20 years	1	16.7%
	21 years or more	1	16.7%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	1	16.7%
	Female	5	83.3%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	6	100%
	Fourth District	--	0.0%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>			
	No Response	1	16.7%
	Under 2,000	--	0.0%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	4	66.7%
	Over 35,000	1	16.7%

**Judge Anna M. Moran**  
**Social Workers, Guardians ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers**

	<b>Impartiality/ Fairness</b>		<b>Integrity</b>		<b>Judicial Temperament</b>		<b>Diligence</b>		<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>6</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	4.4	5	4.8	5	4.6	5	4.8	5	4.8	5
Guardian ad Litem	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
CASA Volunteer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
6 to 10 years	4.0	2	4.5	2	4.0	2	4.5	2	4.5	2
11 to 15 years	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
16 to 20 years	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
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	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Female	4.4	5	4.8	5	4.4	5	4.8	5	4.8	5
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	4.5	6	4.8	6	4.5	6	4.8	6	4.8	6
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	4.5	4	4.8	4	4.3	4	4.8	4	4.8	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.

**Third Judicial District  
Mark Rindner - Anchorage Superior Court**

**Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

***Summary of survey information***

Judge Rindner’s detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated him 4.1 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated him 2.8 overall, and social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASA volunteers rated him 4.1 overall.

	<b>Attorney Survey N=247</b>	<b>Peace Officer Survey N=5</b>	<b>Social Workers Guardians ad Litem CASAs N=10</b>
Legal Ability	4.3	--	--
Impartiality	4.0	2.6	4.2
Integrity	4.3	3.0	4.6
Temperament	3.7	2.6	3.8
Diligence	4.3	3.0	4.1
Overall	4.1	2.8	4.1

***The Judicial Council’s Evaluation Process***

State law requires the Judicial Council to evaluate each judge standing for retention, and to report its evaluations to the voters. The three surveys reported here are an important part of the Council’s evaluations. The Council also considers survey ratings by jurors and court employees, public comments, and the ratings by the independent citizen volunteers at Alaska Judicial Observers. Along with the personal observations of the hundreds of people who had direct professional experience with the judge, the Council reviews any litigation involving the judge, conflict of interest records, public disciplinary files, and indicators of judicial performance such as appellate affirmances and reversals, and peremptory challenges and recusals. All of the evaluation information about the judge is on the Council’s website at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us).

## Superior Court Judge Mark Rindner

### A. Alaska Bar Association

#### Demographic Description

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	3	1.1%
Private, Solo	63	22.3%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	55	19.5%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	54	19.1%
Private, Corporate Employee	4	1.4%
Judge or Judicial Officer	36	12.8%
Government	59	20.9%
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	7	2.5%
Other	1	.4%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	6	2.1%
5 Years or fewer	14	5.0%
6 to 10 years	24	8.5%
11 to 15 years	26	9.2%
16 to 20 years	30	10.6%
21 years or more	182	64.5%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	7	2.5%
Male	186	66.0%
Female	89	31.6%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	4	1.4%
Prosecution	5	1.8%
Mainly Criminal	14	5.0%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	57	20.2%
Mainly Civil	190	67.4%
Other	12	4.3%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	3	1.1%
First District	10	3.5%
Second District	2	.7%
Third District	259	91.8%
Fourth District	7	2.5%
Outside of Alaska	1	.4%



## Judge Mark Rindner 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		2		4		4		3		7		1
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>247</b>
Professional Reputation	4.5	24	4.3	24	4.6	24	4.0	24	4.3	23	4.3	25
Other Personal Contacts	4.3	8	4.0	8	4.0	8	4.0	8	4.1	7	4.3	8
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		0		0		2		1		0
Private, Solo	4.3	56	3.9	56	4.2	56	3.6	56	4.2	56	4.0	57
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	4.2	53	4.1	51	4.3	51	3.9	54	4.3	52	4.2	53
Private, 6+ Attorneys	4.4	46	4.0	46	4.4	46	4.0	44	4.3	48	4.3	46
Private, Corporate Employee	4.8	4	4.0	4	4.3	4	4.3	4	4.5	4	4.5	4
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.4	33	3.9	33	4.3	33	3.5	33	4.3	32	4.0	33
Government	4.2	47	4.0	47	4.1	47	3.5	47	4.2	45	3.9	47
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	4.3	4	4.3	4	4.5	4	4.0	4	4.3	4	4.0	4
Other	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		1		2		3		3		2		0
5 Years or fewer	4.7	9	4.4	8	4.5	8	4.4	9	4.3	9	4.6	9
6 to 10 years	4.2	23	4.0	22	4.2	23	3.6	23	4.4	22	4.1	22
11 to 15 years	4.4	24	4.0	25	4.2	25	3.6	25	4.3	23	4.0	25
16 to 20 years	4.4	27	4.3	27	4.4	27	4.2	27	4.4	25	4.3	27
21 years or more	4.3	158	3.9	157	4.2	156	3.6	156	4.3	157	4.0	159
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		2		4		4		3		6		0
Male	4.3	169	4.0	167	4.3	167	3.7	169	4.3	165	4.0	171
Female	4.4	71	4.0	71	4.2	71	3.7	71	4.3	70	4.1	70
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		1		3		4		3		4		0
Prosecution	3.7	3	3.7	3	3.7	3	3.7	3	3.7	3	3.7	3
Mainly Criminal	4.5	12	4.2	11	4.3	12	3.7	12	4.3	11	4.2	12
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.1	49	3.7	50	3.9	50	3.3	50	4.0	48	3.7	49
Mainly Civil	4.4	169	4.1	167	4.3	166	3.8	167	4.4	166	4.2	170
Other	4.3	10	4.3	10	4.4	10	3.8	10	4.3	10	4.1	10
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		1		3		4		3		7		1
First District	4.7	9	4.3	9	4.6	9	3.9	9	4.6	9	4.4	9
Second District	3.0	1	--	0	4.0	1	2.0	1	4.0	1	3.0	1
Third District	4.3	227	4.0	225	4.2	224	3.7	225	4.3	221	4.1	227
Fourth District	4.0	6	3.9	7	4.1	7	3.4	7	4.0	7	3.7	7
Outside of Alaska	5.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1

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

**Superior Court Judge Mark Rindner**

**B. Peace and Probation Officers**

**Demographic Description**

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		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	4	57.1%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	2	28.6%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	1	14.3%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	1	14.3%
	6 to 10 years	1	14.3%
	11 to 15 years	1	14.3%
	16 to 20 years	2	28.6%
	21 years or more	2	28.6%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	5	71.4%
	Female	2	28.6%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	7	100%
	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	2	28.6%
	Over 35,000	5	71.4%

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**Judge Mark Rindner  
Peace and Probation Officers**

	<b>Impartiality/ Fairness</b>		<b>Integrity</b>		<b>Judicial Temperament</b>		<b>Diligence</b>		<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>5</b>
Professional Reputation	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Other Personal Contacts	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
State Law Enforcement Officer	2.3	3	3.0	3	2.7	3	3.0	3	2.7	3
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	2.0	1	2.0	1	1.0	1	2.0	1	2.0	1
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
6 to 10 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
11 to 15 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
16 to 20 years	2.0	2	2.5	2	2.5	2	2.5	2	2.5	2
21 years or more	2.5	2	3.0	2	2.0	2	3.0	2	2.5	2
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Male	2.3	3	3.0	3	2.7	3	3.0	3	2.7	3
Female	3.0	2	3.0	2	2.5	2	3.0	2	3.0	2
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	2.6	5	3.0	5	2.6	5	3.0	5	2.8	5
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	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Over 35,000	2.6	5	3.0	5	2.6	5	3.0	5	2.8	5

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

**Superior Court Judge Mark Rindner**

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

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Social Worker	4	30.8%
	Guardian ad Litem	3	23.1%
	CASA Volunteer	6	46.2%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	3	23.1%
	6 to 10 years	4	30.8%
	11 to 15 years	3	23.1%
	16 to 20 years	--	0.0%
	21 years or more	3	23.1%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	1	7.7%
	Male	2	15.4%
	Female	10	76.9%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	1	7.7%
	Third District	12	92.3%
	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	--	0.0%
	Over 35,000	13	100%

**Judge Mark Rindner**  
**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		0		1		0		0		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>10</b>
Professional Reputation	3.7	3	4.3	3	3.7	3	4.7	3	4.0	3
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		1		0		0		0
Social Worker	4.0	3	3.7	3	3.7	3	3.7	3	4.0	3
Guardian ad Litem	4.5	2	5.0	2	3.5	2	5.0	2	4.5	2
CASA Volunteer	4.2	5	5.0	4	4.0	5	4.0	5	4.0	5
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		1		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	4.5	2	5.0	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2
6 to 10 years	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.0	3	4.0	3	4.3	3
11 to 15 years	3.7	3	4.0	2	3.3	3	3.3	3	3.3	3
16 to 20 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
21 years or more	4.5	2	5.0	2	3.5	2	5.0	2	4.5	2
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		1		0		0		0
Male	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Female	4.1	9	4.5	8	3.7	9	4.0	9	4.0	9
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	4.0	1	5.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
Third District	4.2	9	4.5	8	3.9	9	4.2	9	4.2	9
Fourth District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response		0		1		0		0		0
Under 2,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Over 35,000	4.2	10	4.6	9	3.8	10	4.1	10	4.1	10

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

**Third Judicial District  
Jack W. Smith - Anchorage Superior Court**

**Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

***Summary of survey information***

Judge Smith’s detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated him 4.0 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated him 4.2 overall, and social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASA volunteers rated him 5.0 overall.

	<b>Attorney Survey N=171</b>	<b>Peace Officer Survey N=14</b>	<b>Social Workers Guardians ad Litem CASAs N=2</b>
Legal Ability	3.7	--	--
Impartiality	4.0	4.2	5.0
Integrity	4.3	4.2	5.0
Temperament	4.1	4.3	5.0
Diligence	4.2	4.4	5.0
Overall	4.0	4.2	5.0

***The Judicial Council’s Evaluation Process***

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## Superior Court Judge Jack W. Smith

### A. Alaska Bar Association

#### Demographic Description

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	2	1.1%
Private, Solo	43	23.4%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	34	18.5%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	16	8.7%
Private, Corporate Employee	2	1.1%
Judge or Judicial Officer	29	15.8%
Government	54	29.3%
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	2	1.1%
Other	2	1.1%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	6	3.3%
5 Years or fewer	16	8.7%
6 to 10 years	21	11.4%
11 to 15 years	20	10.9%
16 to 20 years	21	11.4%
21 years or more	100	54.3%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	5	2.7%
Male	114	62.0%
Female	65	35.3%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	4	2.2%
Prosecution	15	8.2%
Mainly Criminal	20	10.9%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	45	24.5%
Mainly Civil	93	50.5%
Other	7	3.8%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	3	1.6%
First District	4	2.2%
Second District	1	.5%
Third District	172	93.5%
Fourth District	4	2.2%
Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%

**Judge Jack W. Smith: 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		1		2		9		5		7		2
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>170</b>
Professional Reputation	3.3	9	3.4	8	3.9	8	3.8	8	3.5	8	3.5	8
Other Personal Contacts	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.5	2	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		0		0		1		0		1
Private, Solo	3.7	42	3.8	42	4.2	41	4.0	41	4.2	42	3.9	43
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	3.6	32	3.9	32	4.1	30	4.1	31	4.0	29	3.9	31
Private, 6+ Attorneys	2.9	13	3.4	12	3.8	12	3.2	11	3.5	12	3.1	12
Private, Corporate Employee	4.0	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.0	2	4.0	2
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.1	26	4.4	26	4.7	26	4.4	26	4.4	26	4.3	26
Government	3.87	51	4.2	51	4.2	47	4.3	51	4.2	49	4.2	51
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	4.0	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.0	2	4.5	2	4.0	2
Other	4.0	2	5.0	2	4.5	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	4.5	2
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		1		2		5		4		3		2
5 Years or fewer	3.8	15	4.2	15	4.4	15	4.3	15	4.4	14	4.3	15
6 to 10 years	3.8	21	4.2	21	4.2	18	4.1	21	4.3	20	4.1	21
11 to 15 years	4.3	20	4.4	20	4.6	20	4.4	19	4.5	20	4.5	20
16 to 20 years	4.2	20	4.3	20	4.5	19	4.5	20	4.4	18	4.3	20
21 years or more	3.5	91	3.9	90	4.2	87	4.0	88	4.0	89	3.8	90
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		1		1		7		1		3		0
Male	3.7	107	4.1	107	4.3	101	4.1	107	4.2	105	4.0	108
Female	3.7	60	4.0	59	4.2	58	4.1	56	4.1	56	4.0	58
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		1		1		6		3		5		1
Prosecution	3.9	15	4.5	15	4.5	13	4.5	15	4.4	15	4.5	15
Mainly Criminal	4.0	20	4.2	20	4.3	20	4.3	20	4.4	20	4.3	20
Mixed Criminal & Civil	3.9	40	4.2	39	4.4	39	4.2	39	4.3	38	4.1	39
Mainly Civil	3.5	87	3.9	87	4.2	82	4.0	85	4.0	83	3.8	87
Other	3.8	6	3.8	6	3.8	6	4.2	5	3.8	6	3.8	6
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		1		2		9		5		6		2
First District	4.3	4	4.5	4	4.5	4	4.3	4	4.3	4	4.3	4
Second District	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1
Third District	3.7	160	4.0	159	4.3	152	4.1	156	4.2	155	4.0	159
Fourth District	3.8	4	3.8	4	4.0	4	4.0	4	3.3	3	4.0	4
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0

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



**Superior Court Judge Jack W. Smith**

**B. Peace and Probation Officers**

**Demographic Description**

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		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	4	23.5%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	9	52.9%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	4	23.5%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	1	5.9%
	5 Years or fewer	2	11.8%
	6 to 10 years	3	17.6%
	11 to 15 years	8	47.1%
	16 to 20 years	1	5.9%
	21 years or more	2	11.8%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	14	82.4%
	Female	3	17.6%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	17	100%
	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	2	11.8%
	Over 35,000	15	88.2%

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**Judge Jack W. Smith  
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		1		1		0		0		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>14</b>
Professional Reputation	4.0	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	5.0	1	4.5	2
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		1		0		0		0		0
State Law Enforcement Officer	4.0	2	4.0	2	3.5	2	4.0	2	3.5	2
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	4.4	7	4.4	8	4.4	8	4.5	8	4.4	8
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	4.0	4	4.0	3	4.5	4	4.5	4	4.3	4
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		1		0		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
6 to 10 years	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2
11 to 15 years	4.3	6	4.3	7	4.3	7	4.4	7	4.3	7
16 to 20 years	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
21 years or more	4.0	2	4.0	1	3.5	2	4.0	2	3.5	2
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		1		1		0		0		0
Male	4.4	11	4.4	11	4.5	11	4.6	11	4.4	11
Female	3.5	2	3.5	2	3.7	3	4.0	3	3.7	3
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		1		1		0		0		0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	4.2	13	4.2	13	4.3	14	4.4	14	4.2	14
Fourth District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response		1		1		0		0		0
Under 2,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Over 35,000	4.2	13	4.2	13	4.3	14	4.4	14	4.2	14

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

**Superior Court Judge Jack W. Smith**

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

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	Social Worker	2	33.3%
	Guardian ad Litem	2	33.3%
	CASA Volunteer	2	33.3%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	1	16.7%
	6 to 10 years	2	33.3%
	11 to 15 years	1	16.7%
	16 to 20 years	--	0.0%
	21 years or more	2	33.3%
<b>Gender</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	1	16.7%
	Female	5	83.3%
<b>Location of Work</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	6	100%
	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	--	0.0%
	Over 35,000	6	100%

**Judge Jack W. Smith**  
**Social Workers, Guardians ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers**

	<b>Impartiality/ Fairness</b>		<b>Integrity</b>		<b>Judicial Temperament</b>		<b>Diligence</b>		<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>2</b>
Professional Reputation	3.0	4	3.5	4	3.3	4	3.3	4	3.3	4
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Social Worker	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Guardian ad Litem	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
CASA Volunteer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
6 to 10 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
11 to 15 years	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
16 to 20 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
21 years or more	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Male	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Female	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
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	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Over 35,000	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.

## Third Judicial District Michael Spaan - Anchorage Superior Court

### Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores

#### ***Summary of survey information***

Judge Spaan's detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated him 4.1 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated him 3.9 overall, and social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASA volunteers rated him 4.0 overall.

	Attorney Survey N=118	Peace Officer Survey N=18	Social Workers Guardians ad Litem CASAs N=1
Legal Ability	3.9	--	--
Impartiality	4.1	3.9	4.0
Integrity	4.2	4.1	4.0
Temperament	4.0	4.0	4.0
Diligence	4.1	4.0	4.0
Overall	4.1	3.9	4.0

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## Superior Court Judge Michael Spaan

### A. Alaska Bar Association

#### Demographic Description

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	3	1.9%
Private, Solo	24	15.6%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	16	10.4%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	21	13.6%
Private, Corporate Employee	5	3.2%
Judge or Judicial Officer	24	15.6%
Government	56	36.4%
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	1	.6%
Other	4	2.6%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	4	2.6%
5 Years or fewer	19	12.3%
6 to 10 years	7	4.5%
11 to 15 years	17	11.0%
16 to 20 years	14	9.1%
21 years or more	93	60.4%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	6	3.9%
Male	93	60.4%
Female	55	35.7%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	4	2.6%
Prosecution	16	10.4%
Mainly Criminal	22	14.3%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	35	22.7%
Mainly Civil	70	45.5%
Other	7	4.5%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	3	1.9%
First District	4	2.6%
Second District	1	.6%
Third District	141	91.6%
Fourth District	3	1.9%
Outside of Alaska	2	1.3%

## Judge Michael Spaan: 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		2		2		2		3		4		1
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>118</b>
Professional Reputation	4.2	27	4.2	27	4.1	27	4.0	27	3.9	27	4.1	27
Other Personal Contacts	4.2	6	4.2	6	4.5	6	4.5	6	4.2	5	4.5	6
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		1		1		1		0		1		1
Private, Solo	4.0	16	4.1	16	4.3	16	4.1	16	4.1	16	4.1	16
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	4.0	13	4.2	13	4.5	13	4.2	13	4.3	13	4.2	13
Private, 6+ Attorneys	3.8	14	3.8	14	3.9	14	3.7	15	3.5	14	3.9	14
Private, Corporate Employee	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.3	3
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.2	22	4.4	21	4.4	22	4.2	22	4.3	21	4.3	22
Government	3.8	44	4.0	45	4.2	44	3.9	42	4.1	43	4.0	45
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Other	4.0	2	4.5	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	4.5	2	4.5	2
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		1		2		1		0		2		1
5 Years or fewer	3.9	17	4.1	17	4.3	17	4.1	17	4.2	17	4.1	17
6 to 10 years	4.2	6	4.5	6	4.3	6	4.0	5	4.5	6	4.3	6
11 to 15 years	4.3	15	4.4	15	4.6	15	4.3	15	4.3	15	4.4	15
16 to 20 years	3.8	12	3.7	13	4.0	12	3.6	11	3.8	11	3.7	13
21 years or more	3.9	64	4.1	63	4.2	64	4.1	65	4.0	63	4.1	64
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		0		0		0		2		1		0
Male	4.0	70	4.1	70	4.3	70	4.1	68	4.1	69	4.1	70
Female	3.9	43	4.1	43	4.2	43	4.0	44	4.1	42	4.1	44
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		1		0		1		1		2		0
Prosecution	4.2	14	4.6	14	4.6	14	3.7	13	4.4	14	4.4	14
Mainly Criminal	3.8	22	3.9	22	4.3	22	4.1	21	4.1	21	3.9	22
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.1	29	4.3	28	4.3	29	4.2	30	4.3	29	4.3	29
Mainly Civil	3.8	46	4.0	47	4.1	46	4.0	46	3.9	45	4.0	47
Other	4.0	3	4.0	3	4.0	3	4.0	3	4.0	3	4.0	3
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		1		2		2		3		3		1
First District	4.0	2	4.0	3	4.0	3	4.0	3	4.0	2	4.0	3
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	3.9	110	4.1	109	4.3	109	4.0	108	4.1	108	4.1	110
Fourth District	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
Outside of Alaska	5.0	1	4.0	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 Michael Spaan**

**B. Peace and Probation Officers**

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	7	35.0%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	4	20.0%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	1	5.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	7	35.0%
	Other	1	5.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	7	35.0%
	6 to 10 years	2	10.0%
	11 to 15 years	6	30.0%
	16 to 20 years	3	15.0%
	21 years or more	2	10.0%
<b>Gender</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	14	70.0%
	Female	6	30.0%
<b>Location of Work</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	20	100%
	Fourth District	--	0.0%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	Under 2,000	1	5.0%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	1	5.0%
	Over 35,000	18	90.0%



**Judge Michael Spaan  
Peace and Probation Officers**

	<b>Impartiality/ Fairness</b>		<b>Integrity</b>		<b>Judicial Temperament</b>		<b>Diligence</b>		<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		0		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>18</b>
Professional Reputation	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		0		0
State Law Enforcement Officer	4.3	6	4.5	6	4.2	6	4.3	6	4.3	6
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	4.5	4	4.3	4	4.3	4	4.3	4	4.3	4
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Probation/Parole Officer	3.0	6	3.2	6	3.4	5	3.2	6	3.0	6
Other	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		0		0
5 Years or fewer	3.7	7	3.9	7	4.0	6	3.6	7	3.7	7
6 to 10 years	3.5	2	3.5	2	3.0	2	4.0	2	3.5	2
11 to 15 years	4.3	4	4.0	4	4.0	4	4.0	4	4.0	4
16 to 20 years	4.3	3	4.7	3	4.3	3	4.7	3	4.7	3
21 years or more	4.0	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.0	2
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		0		0
Male	4.2	13	4.2	13	4.2	12	4.2	13	4.1	13
Female	3.4	5	3.6	5	3.6	5	3.6	5	3.6	5
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		0		0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	3.9	18	4.1	18	4.0	17	4.0	18	3.9	18
Fourth District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		0		0
Under 2,000	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Between 2,000 and 35,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Over 35,000	3.9	17	4.0	17	4.0	16	3.9	17	3.9	17

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

**Superior Court Judge Michael Spaan**

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

**Demographic Description**

		N	%
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Social Worker	1	50.0%
	Guardian ad Litem	--	0.0%
	CASA Volunteer	1	50.0%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	--	0.0%
	6 to 10 years	2	100%
	11 to 15 years	--	0.0%
	16 to 20 years	--	0.0%
	21 years or more	--	0.0%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	1	50.0%
	Male	--	0.0%
	Female	1	50.0%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	2	100%
	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	--	0.0%
	Over 35,000	2	100%

**Judge Michael Spaan  
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		0		0		0		0		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>1</b>
Professional Reputation	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Social Worker	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Guardian ad Litem	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
CASA Volunteer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
6 to 10 years	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
11 to 15 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
16 to 20 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
21 years or more	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Male	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Female	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
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	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Over 35,000	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1

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

**Third Judicial District  
Vanessa H. White - Palmer Superior Court**

**Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

***Summary of survey information***

Judge White’s detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated her 4.1 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated her 4.2 overall, and social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASA volunteers rated her 4.6 overall.

	<b>Attorney Survey N=103</b>	<b>Peace Officer Survey N=17</b>	<b>Social Workers Guardians ad Litem CASAs N=5</b>
Legal Ability	4.0	--	--
Impartiality	4.1	3.8	4.6
Integrity	4.3	4.2	4.6
Temperament	4.2	4.2	4.8
Diligence	4.2	4.1	4.6
Overall	4.1	4.2	4.6

***The Judicial Council’s Evaluation Process***

State law requires the Judicial Council to evaluate each judge standing for retention, and to report its evaluations to the voters. The three surveys reported here are an important part of the Council’s evaluations. The Council also considers survey ratings by jurors and court employees, public comments, and the ratings by the independent citizen volunteers at Alaska Judicial Observers. Along with the personal observations of the hundreds of people who had direct professional experience with the judge, the Council reviews any litigation involving the judge, conflict of interest records, public disciplinary files, and indicators of judicial performance such as appellate affirmances and reversals, and peremptory challenges and recusals. All of the evaluation information about the judge is on the Council’s website at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us).

**Superior Court Judge Vanessa H. White**

**A. Alaska Bar Association**

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Practice</b>			
	No Response	2	1.4%
	Private, Solo	33	23.9%
	Private, 2-5 Attorneys	27	19.6%
	Private, 6+ Attorneys	13	9.4%
	Private, Corporate Employee	3	2.2%
	Judge or Judicial Officer	25	18.1%
	Government	32	23.2%
	Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	2	1.4%
	Other	1	.7%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>			
	No Response	4	2.9%
	5 Years or fewer	8	5.8%
	6 to 10 years	17	12.3%
	11 to 15 years	20	14.5%
	16 to 20 years	11	8.0%
	21 years or more	78	56.5%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	4	2.9%
	Male	74	53.6%
	Female	60	43.5%
<b>Cases Handled</b>			
	No Response	3	2.2%
	Prosecution	7	5.1%
	Mainly Criminal	11	8.0%
	Mixed Criminal & Civil	33	23.9%
	Mainly Civil	75	54.3%
	Other	9	6.5%
<b>Location of Practice</b>			
	No Response	2	1.4%
	First District	1	.7%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	132	95.7%
	Fourth District	3	2.2%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%

**Judge Vanessa H. White: 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		1		2		7		3		1		1
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>103</b>
Professional Reputation	4.1	21	4.3	20	4.3	20	4.2	21	4.1	21	4.1	21
Other Personal Contacts	4.2	10	4.3	11	4.5	11	4.3	10	4.5	10	4.3	10
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		0		0		0		0		0
Private, Solo	4.4	23	4.4	24	4.4	23	4.3	23	4.3	24	4.3	24
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	3.6	23	3.7	23	4.0	21	4.1	22	3.8	22	3.8	22
Private, 6+ Attorneys	3.6	8	4.0	7	4.0	6	3.9	8	3.8	8	3.6	8
Private, Corporate Employee	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.3	22	4.3	22	4.4	21	4.4	22	4.4	22	4.4	22
Government	3.8	22	3.9	22	4.1	21	4.1	21	4.0	22	4.0	22
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	5.0	2	5.0	1	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		1		1		5		3		1		1
5 Years or fewer	4.6	5	4.4	5	4.6	5	5.0	5	4.6	5	4.6	5
6 to 10 years	3.9	12	3.8	11	4.1	12	4.3	12	4.1	12	4.0	12
11 to 15 years	4.0	17	4.2	17	4.3	16	4.4	17	4.3	17	4.3	17
16 to 20 years	4.4	8	4.1	8	4.3	7	4.3	8	4.1	8	4.1	8
21 years or more	4.0	58	4.1	58	4.2	54	4.1	56	4.1	58	4.1	58
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		1		1		5		3		1		1
Male	4.0	64	4.1	64	4.2	60	4.2	62	4.1	64	4.1	64
Female	4.1	37	4.1	36	4.4	36	4.4	37	4.3	37	4.2	37
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		0		2		3		0		0		0
Prosecution	4.7	3	4.3	3	4.7	3	4.3	3	4.7	3	4.7	3
Mainly Criminal	4.1	10	4.1	10	4.3	10	4.7	10	4.5	10	4.2	10
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.0	27	4.0	28	4.2	25	4.2	27	4.1	28	4.1	28
Mainly Civil	4.0	55	4.2	53	4.3	52	4.2	55	4.1	55	4.1	55
Other	3.7	6	3.7	6	4.2	5	4.0	4	4.2	5	4.2	5
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		1		2		7		3		1		1
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	4.0	100	4.1	99	4.3	94	4.3	98	4.2	100	4.2	100
Fourth District	3.5	2	3.5	2	3.5	2	3.5	2	3.5	2	3.5	2
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0

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

**Superior Court Judge Vanessa H. White**

**B. Peace and Probation Officers**

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	9	45.0%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	--	0.0%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	11	55.0%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	6	30.0%
	6 to 10 years	8	40.0%
	11 to 15 years	2	10.0%
	16 to 20 years	2	10.0%
	21 years or more	2	10.0%
<b>Gender</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	11	55.0%
	Female	9	45.0%
<b>Location of Work</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	20	100%
	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	5	25.0%
	Over 35,000	15	75.0%

**Judge Vanessa H. White  
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		0		0		0		0		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>17</b>
Professional Reputation	3.5	2	3.5	2	3.5	2	3.5	2	3.5	2
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
State Law Enforcement Officer	3.3	6	4.0	6	4.0	6	3.7	6	4.0	6
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	4.1	11	4.4	11	4.3	11	4.3	11	4.4	11
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	3.8	6	4.3	6	4.3	6	4.2	6	4.3	6
6 to 10 years	3.5	6	3.8	6	3.7	6	3.7	6	3.8	6
11 to 15 years	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1
16 to 20 years	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
21 years or more	3.5	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Male	3.3	8	4.0	8	4.0	8	3.8	8	4.0	8
Female	4.3	9	4.4	9	4.3	9	4.3	9	4.4	9
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		1		0		0		0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	3.8	17	4.2	17	4.2	17	4.1	17	4.2	17
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	3.3	3	4.0	3	3.7	3	4.0	3	4.0	3
Over 35,000	3.9	14	4.3	14	4.3	14	4.1	14	4.3	14

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



**Superior Court Judge Vanessa H. White**

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

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Social Worker	2	25.0%
	Guardian ad Litem	--	0.0%
	CASA Volunteer	6	75.0%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	4	50.0%
	6 to 10 years	4	50.0%
	11 to 15 years	--	0.0%
	16 to 20 years	--	0.0%
	21 years or more	--	0.0%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	1	12.5%
	Male	--	0.0%
	Female	7	87.5%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	8	100%
	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	4	50.0%
	Over 35,000	4	50.0%

**Judge Vanessa H. White**  
**Social Workers, Guardians ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers**

	<b>Impartiality/ Fairness</b>		<b>Integrity</b>		<b>Judicial Temperament</b>		<b>Diligence</b>		<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		0		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>5</b>
Professional Reputation	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Other Personal Contacts	5.0	1	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	1
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		0		0
Social Worker	4.5	2	5.0	2	4.5	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
Guardian ad Litem	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
CASA Volunteer	4.7	3	4.3	3	5.0	2	4.3	3	4.3	3
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		0		0
5 Years or fewer	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
6 to 10 years	4.5	4	4.5	4	4.7	3	4.5	4	4.5	4
11 to 15 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
16 to 20 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
21 years or more	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		0		0
Male	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Female	4.8	4	4.5	4	4.7	3	4.5	4	4.5	4
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		0		0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	4.6	5	4.6	5	4.8	4	4.6	5	4.6	5
Fourth District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		0		0
Under 2,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Over 35,000	4.8	4	4.5	4	4.7	3	4.5	4	4.5	4

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

**Third Judicial District  
Brian K. Clark – Anchorage District Court**

**Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

***Summary of survey information***

Judge Clark’s detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated him 4.4 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated him 4.6 overall. He was not rated by any social workers, Guardians ad Litem or CASA volunteers.

	<b>Attorney Survey N=127</b>	<b>Peace Officer Survey N=21</b>
Legal Ability	4.3	--
Impartiality	4.4	4.5
Integrity	4.6	4.6
Temperament	4.5	4.8
Diligence	4.3	4.6
Overall	4.4	4.6

***The Judicial Council’s Evaluation Process***

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**District Court Judge Brian K. Clark**

**A. Alaska Bar Association**

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Practice</b>			
	No Response	4	2.8%
	Private, Solo	32	22.7%
	Private, 2-5 Attorneys	23	16.3%
	Private, 6+ Attorneys	13	9.2%
	Private, Corporate Employee	3	2.1%
	Judge or Judicial Officer	24	17.0%
	Government	37	26.2%
	Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	4	2.8%
	Other	1	.7%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>			
	No Response	6	4.3%
	5 Years or fewer	17	12.1%
	6 to 10 years	11	7.8%
	11 to 15 years	22	15.6%
	16 to 20 years	17	12.1%
	21 years or more	68	48.2%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	6	4.3%
	Male	86	61.0%
	Female	49	34.8%
<b>Cases Handled</b>			
	No Response	4	2.8%
	Prosecution	16	11.3%
	Mainly Criminal	18	12.8%
	Mixed Criminal & Civil	44	31.2%
	Mainly Civil	57	40.4%
	Other	2	1.4%
<b>Location of Practice</b>			
	No Response	3	2.1%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	131	92.9%
	Fourth District	5	3.5%
	Outside of Alaska	2	1.4%

## Judge Brian K. Clark: 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		2		1		1		1		2		2
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>127</b>
Professional Reputation	4.5	6	4.7	6	4.8	6	4.7	6	4.4	5	4.7	6
Other Personal Contacts	4.6	5	4.8	5	4.8	5	4.8	5	4.6	5	4.6	5
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		0		1		0		0		0
Private, Solo	4.3	30	4.4	30	4.6	30	4.5	30	4.3	30	4.4	30
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	4.1	22	4.3	23	4.5	23	4.5	23	4.1	23	4.2	22
Private, 6+ Attorneys	4.3	11	4.2	11	4.4	11	4.3	12	4.2	11	4.3	11
Private, Corporate Employee	3.5	2	3.5	2	3.5	2	4.0	2	3.5	2	3.5	2
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.4	23	4.6	23	4.7	23	4.6	23	4.3	23	4.5	23
Government	4.5	32	4.6	32	4.7	32	4.6	32	4.6	31	4.6	32
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	5.0	4	5.0	4	5.0	4	5.0	4	5.0	4	5.0	4
Other	30	1	2.0	1	4.0	1	--	0	4.0	1	3.0	1
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		2		1		1		1		1		2
5 Years or fewer	4.3	17	4.4	17	4.5	17	4.4	17	4.3	16	4.4	17
6 to 10 years	4.3	10	4.4	10	4.4	10	4.5	10	4.2	10	4.2	10
11 to 15 years	4.3	18	4.5	18	4.6	18	4.7	18	4.6	18	4.6	18
16 to 20 years	4.8	17	4.8	17	4.9	17	4.8	17	4.7	17	4.8	17
21 years or more	4.2	61	4.4	62	4.6	62	4.5	62	4.2	62	4.3	61
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		1		0		0		1		0		1
Male	4.3	80	4.4	81	4.6	81	4.5	80	4.3	81	4.4	80
Female	4.5	43	4.6	43	4.7	43	4.6	44	4.5	42	4.6	43
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		0		0		0		0		0		1
Prosecution	4.6	14	4.5	14	4.7	14	4.4	14	4.6	13	4.6	14
Mainly Criminal	4.3	18	4.4	18	4.7	18	4.7	17	4.4	18	4.5	18
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.5	38	4.5	39	4.6	39	4.6	40	4.3	39	4.5	39
Mainly Civil	4.1	52	4.4	52	4.5	52	4.4	52	4.2	52	4.3	51
Other	4.5	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	4.5	2	5.0	2	4.5	2
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		2		1		1		1		2		2
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	4.3	120	4.4	121	4.6	121	4.5	121	4.3	120	4.4	120
Fourth District	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3
Outside of Alaska	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2

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

**District Court Judge Brian K. Clark**

**B. Peace and Probation Officers**

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	11	42.3%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	14	53.8%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	1	3.8%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	3	11.5%
	6 to 10 years	7	26.9%
	11 to 15 years	8	30.8%
	16 to 20 years	3	11.5%
	21 years or more	5	19.2%
<b>Gender</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	21	80.8%
	Female	5	19.2%
<b>Location of Work</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	26	100%
	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	2	7.7%
	Over 35,000	24	92.3%

**Judge Brian K. Clark**  
**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		0		0		0		0		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>21</b>
Professional Reputation	4.0	3	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.0	3	4.0	3
Other Personal Contacts	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
State Law Enforcement Officer	4.4	8	4.6	8	4.6	8	4.5	8	4.5	8
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	4.6	13	4.5	13	4.9	13	4.6	13	4.7	13
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	4.5	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	4.5	2	4.5	2
6 to 10 years	4.7	6	4.7	6	4.8	6	4.7	6	4.7	6
11 to 15 years	4.4	7	4.3	7	4.7	7	4.4	7	4.6	7
16 to 20 years	4.5	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
21 years or more	4.5	4	4.5	4	4.5	4	4.5	4	4.5	4
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Male	4.7	17	4.7	17	4.9	17	4.7	17	4.8	17
Female	4.0	4	4.0	4	4.0	4	4.0	4	4.0	4
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	4.5	21	4.6	21	4.8	21	4.6	21	4.6	21
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	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Over 35,000	4.5	21	4.6	21	4.8	21	4.6	21	4.6	21

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

**Third Judicial District  
Catherine M. Easter - Anchorage District Court**

**Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

***Summary of survey information***

Judge Easter's detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated her 4.6 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated her 4.6 overall. She was not rated by any social workers, Guardians ad Litem or CASA volunteers.

	<b>Attorney Survey N=97</b>	<b>Peace Officer Survey N=15</b>
Legal Ability	4.5	--
Impartiality	4.6	4.5
Integrity	4.7	4.5
Temperament	4.7	4.6
Diligence	4.6	4.6
Overall	4.6	4.6

***The Judicial Council's Evaluation Process***

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**District Court Judge Catherine M. Easter**

**A. Alaska Bar Association**

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Practice</b>			
	No Response	1	.8%
	Private, Solo	22	17.2%
	Private, 2-5 Attorneys	19	14.8%
	Private, 6+ Attorneys	8	6.3%
	Private, Corporate Employee	2	1.6%
	Judge or Judicial Officer	28	21.9%
	Government	38	29.7%
	Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	5	3.9%
	Other	5	3.9%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>			
	No Response	3	2.3%
	5 Years or fewer	15	11.7%
	6 to 10 years	11	8.6%
	11 to 15 years	19	14.8%
	16 to 20 years	12	9.4%
	21 years or more	68	53.1%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	3	2.3%
	Male	79	61.7%
	Female	46	35.9%
<b>Cases Handled</b>			
	No Response	1	.8%
	Prosecution	16	12.5%
	Mainly Criminal	23	18.0%
	Mixed Criminal & Civil	42	32.8%
	Mainly Civil	43	33.6%
	Other	3	2.3%
<b>Location of Practice</b>			
	No Response	1	.8%
	First District	1	.8%
	Second District	1	.8%
	Third District	120	93.8%
	Fourth District	5	3.9%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%

**Judge Catherine M. Easter: 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		2		4		3		2		1
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>97</b>
Professional Reputation	4.1	13	4.2	12	4.3	12	4.4	12	4.4	11	4.3	12
Other Personal Contacts	4.5	16	4.8	16	4.7	15	4.7	15	4.6	13	4.6	16
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		0		0		0		0		0
Private, Solo	4.4	17	4.6	16	4.6	16	4.6	16	4.6	16	4.5	16
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	4.2	15	4.5	18	4.7	15	4.7	17	4.4	17	4.5	18
Private, 6+ Attorneys	4.8	4	4.8	4	4.8	4	4.8	4	4.8	4	4.8	4
Private, Corporate Employee	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.5	25	4.6	26	4.6	26	4.6	26	4.6	26	4.6	26
Government	4.7	27	4.7	26	4.7	27	4.8	26	4.7	27	4.7	27
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	4.3	3	4.7	3	4.7	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	4.7	3
Other	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		1		1		1		1		1		1
5 Years or fewer	4.5	13	4.5	13	4.6	12	4.7	12	4.5	13	4.5	13
6 to 10 years	3.4	5	4.1	7	4.0	5	4.4	7	4.3	6	4.0	7
11 to 15 years	4.7	14	4.7	14	4.9	14	4.8	14	4.6	14	4.7	14
16 to 20 years	4.8	8	4.9	8	4.9	9	4.9	8	4.9	9	4.8	9
21 years or more	4.5	52	4.7	52	4.7	52	4.7	52	4.6	52	4.7	52
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		1		1		1		0		2		1
Male	4.5	63	4.7	63	4.7	62	4.7	62	4.6	63	4.6	64
Female	4.6	30	4.6	32	4.7	31	4.7	32	4.7	32	4.7	32
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		0		1		1		1		1		1
Prosecution	4.6	10	4.6	9	4.8	10	4.8	9	4.7	10	4.7	10
Mainly Criminal	4.7	18	4.7	19	4.7	18	4.8	19	4.7	18	4.7	19
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.6	33	4.7	36	4.7	34	4.7	35	4.7	36	4.7	36
Mainly Civil	4.3	31	4.5	30	4.6	30	4.6	30	4.5	30	4.5	30
Other	5.0	2	5.0	2	4.0	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		3		2		4		3		2		1
First District	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Second District	5.0	1	5.0	1	3.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Third District	4.5	89	4.6	90	4.7	88	4.7	89	4.6	90	4.6	91
Fourth District	4.7	3	4.5	4	4.8	4	4.8	4	4.8	4	4.8	4
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0

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

**District Court Judge Catherine M. Easter**

**B. Peace and Probation Officers**

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	7	38.9%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	9	50.0%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	2	11.1%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	3	16.7%
	6 to 10 years	4	22.2%
	11 to 15 years	6	33.3%
	16 to 20 years	2	11.1%
	21 years or more	3	16.7%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	13	72.2%
	Female	5	27.8%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	18	100%
	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	2	11.1%
	Over 35,000	16	88.9%

**Judge Catherine M. Easter  
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		0		0		1		0		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>15</b>
Professional Reputation	3.5	2	4.0	2	3.0	2	3.5	2	3.5	2
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		0		0
State Law Enforcement Officer	4.5	6	4.7	6	4.6	5	4.7	6	4.5	6
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	4.5	8	4.5	8	4.6	8	4.6	8	4.8	8
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	4.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		0		0
5 Years or fewer	4.7	3	4.7	3	5.0	2	4.7	3	4.7	3
6 to 10 years	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.3	3
11 to 15 years	4.5	4	4.5	4	4.8	4	4.8	4	5.0	4
16 to 20 years	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
21 years or more	4.0	3	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.0	3
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		0		0
Male	10	4.7	4.8	10	4.9	9	4.9	10	4.9	10
Female	4.0	5	4.0	5	4.2	5	4.0	5	4.0	5
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		0		0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	4.5	15	4.5	15	4.6	14	4.6	15	4.6	15
Fourth District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		0		0
Under 2,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	4.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Over 35,000	4.5	14	4.6	14	4.6	13	4.6	14	4.6	14

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

**Third Judicial District  
William L. Estelle - Palmer District Court**

**Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

***Summary of survey information***

Judge Estelle’s detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated him 3.6 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated him 4.0 overall, and social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASA volunteers rated him 5.0 overall.

	<b>Attorney Survey N=72</b>	<b>Peace Officer Survey N=25</b>	<b>Social Workers Guardians ad Litem CASAs N=2</b>
Legal Ability	3.8	--	--
Impartiality	3.8	4.0	5.0
Integrity	4.1	4.2	5.0
Temperament	3.6	3.8	5.0
Diligence	3.7	4.2	5.0
Overall	3.6	4.0	5.0

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**District Court Judge William L. Estelle**

**A. Alaska Bar Association**

**Demographic Description**

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	2	2.3%
Private, Solo	20	23.0%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	18	20.7%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	4	4.6%
Private, Corporate Employee	2	2.3%
Judge or Judicial Officer	18	20.7%
Government	22	25.3%
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	--	0.0%
Other	1	1.1%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	3	3.4%
5 Years or fewer	9	10.3%
6 to 10 years	11	12.6%
11 to 15 years	13	14.9%
16 to 20 years	7	8.0%
21 years or more	44	50.6%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	2	2.3%
Male	57	65.5%
Female	28	32.2%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	1	1.1%
Prosecution	5	5.7%
Mainly Criminal	13	14.9%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	35	40.2%
Mainly Civil	30	34.5%
Other	3	3.4%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	1	1.1%
First District	1	1.1%
Second District	1	1.1%
Third District	80	92.0%
Fourth District	3	3.4%
Outside of Alaska	1	1.1%

## Judge William L. Estelle: 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		2		1		3		1		2		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>72</b>
Professional Reputation	3.9	9	3.9	9	4.4	9	4.0	9	4.3	7	4.0	9
Other Personal Contacts	4.4	5	4.8	5	4.8	5	4.4	5	4.4	5	4.4	5
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		0		0		0		1		0
Private, Solo	3.9	16	3.8	16	4.1	16	3.8	16	3.9	16	3.9	16
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	3.5	15	3.9	16	4.1	14	3.8	16	3.4	15	3.4	16
Private, 6+ Attorneys	3.5	2	3.5	2	4.0	2	3.0	2	3.5	2	3.5	2
Private, Corporate Attorney	4.5	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	3.5	2	4.0	2
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.0	16	4.1	16	4.3	16	3.7	16	3.8	16	3.9	16
Government	3.7	17	3.2	17	3.7	17	2.8	17	3.5	17	3.1	18
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Other	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		0		0		0		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	3.8	9	3.8	9	4.1	8	3.0	9	3.3	9	3.3	9
6 to 10 years	4.0	8	3.4	9	3.8	8	3.2	9	3.6	8	3.2	9
11 to 15 years	4.0	11	3.9	11	4.5	11	3.7	11	3.9	11	3.6	12
16 to 20 years	4.0	7	4.0	7	4.6	7	4.3	7	4.3	7	4.1	7
21 years or more	3.8	33	3.9	33	4.1	33	3.7	33	3.7	33	3.8	33
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		1		0		2		0		1		0
Male	3.8	45	3.8	46	4.1	44	3.5	46	3.7	45	3.7	46
Female	3.8	24	3.7	24	4.2	24	3.6	24	3.8	24	3.4	25
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		0		0		1		0		0		0
Prosecution	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.5	2	3.0	2	4.0	2	3.0	3
Mainly Criminal	3.9	10	3.1	11	3.6	10	2.5	11	3.6	10	3.0	11
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.1	31	4.1	31	4.4	31	3.9	31	3.9	31	4.0	31
Mainly Civil	3.4	24	3.6	24	3.9	23	3.7	24	3.4	24	3.3	24
Other	3.7	3	4.0	3	4.0	3	3.7	3	3.7	3	4.0	3
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		2		1		3		1		2		0
First District	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Second District	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Third District	3.8	64	3.7	65	4.1	63	3.5	65	3.6	64	3.6	66
Fourth District	4.0	3	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.0	3	4.0	3	4.0	3
Outside of Alaska	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1

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

**District Court Judge William L. Estelle**

**B. Peace and Probation Officers**

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	17	53.1%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	7	21.9%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	8	25.0%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	8	25.0%
	6 to 10 years	13	40.6%
	11 to 15 years	5	15.6%
	16 to 20 years	5	15.6%
	21 years or more	1	3.1%
<b>Gender</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	24	75.0%
	Female	8	25.0%
<b>Location of Work</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	32	100%
	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	13	40.6%
	Over 35,000	19	59.4%



**Judge William L. Estelle  
Peace and Probation Officers**

	<b>Impartiality/ Fairness</b>		<b>Integrity</b>		<b>Judicial Temperament</b>		<b>Diligence</b>		<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		1		1
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>25</b>
Professional Reputation	3.5	4	3.5	4	3.5	4	3.5	4	3.5	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	4.0	15	4.1	15	3.7	15	4.3	15	4.0	15
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	4.3	6	4.5	6	4.0	6	4.4	5	4.2	5
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	3.6	5	4.0	5	3.8	5	4.0	5	3.8	5
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response	0		0		0	1		1		1
5 Years or fewer	4.4	5	4.8	5	4.6	5	4.8	5	4.6	5
6 to 10 years	4.0	12	4.0	12	3.6	12	4.1	12	4.0	12
11 to 15 years	3.5	4	3.8	4	3.3	4	3.7	3	3.0	3
16 to 20 years	4.3	4	4.5	4	4.3	4	4.8	4	4.3	4
21 years or more	3.0	1	3.0	1	2.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		1		1
Male	4.0	21	4.1	21	3.7	21	4.2	20	4.0	20
Female	4.0	5	4.2	5	4.2	5	4.4	5	4.2	5
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		1		1
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	4.0	26	4.2	26	3.8	26	4.2	25	4.0	25
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	4.3	9	4.4	9	4.2	9	4.5	8	4.3	8
Over 35,000	3.8	17	4.0	17	3.5	17	4.1	17	3.9	17

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

**District Court Judge William L. Estelle**

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

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	Social Worker	1	50.0%
	Guardian ad Litem	--	0.0%
	CASA Volunteer	1	50.0%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	--	0.0%
	6 to 10 years	2	100%
	11 to 15 years	--	0.0%
	16 to 20 years	--	0.0%
	21 years or more	--	0.0%
<b>Gender</b>	No Response	1	50.0%
	Male	--	0.0%
	Female	1	50.0%
<b>Location of Work</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	2	100%
	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	1	50.0%
	Over 35,000	1	50.0%

**Judge William L. Estelle**  
**Social Workers, Guardians ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers**

	<b>Impartiality/ Fairness</b>		<b>Integrity</b>		<b>Judicial Temperament</b>		<b>Diligence</b>		<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>2</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	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Guardian ad Litem	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
CASA Volunteer	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
6 to 10 years	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
11 to 15 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
16 to 20 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
21 years or more	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Male	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Female	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
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	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
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.

**Third Judicial District  
Sharon A.S. Illsley - Kenai District Court**

**Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

***Summary of survey information***

Judge Illsley’s detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated her 3.6 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated her 3.7 overall, and social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASA volunteers rated her 4.0 overall.

	<b>Attorney Survey N=48</b>	<b>Peace Officer Survey N=22</b>	<b>Social Workers Guardians ad Litem CASAs N=2</b>
Legal Ability	3.7	--	--
Impartiality	3.3	3.7	3.5
Integrity	3.8	3.8	5.0
Temperament	3.5	3.8	5.0
Diligence	3.9	3.8	5.0
Overall	3.6	3.7	4.0

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**District Court Judge Sharon A. S. Illsley**

**A. Alaska Bar Association**

**Demographic Description**

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	2	3.2%
Private, Solo	8	12.7%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	10	15.9%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	3	4.8%
Private, Corporate Employee	1	1.6%
Judge or Judicial Officer	18	28.6%
Government	19	30.2%
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	--	0.0%
Other	2	3.2%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	3	4.8%
5 Years or fewer	5	7.9%
6 to 10 years	7	11.1%
11 to 15 years	5	7.9%
16 to 20 years	8	12.7%
21 years or more	35	55.6%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	3	4.8%
Male	42	66.7%
Female	18	28.6%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	2	3.2%
Prosecution	8	12.7%
Mainly Criminal	10	15.9%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	22	34.9%
Mainly Civil	20	31.7%
Other	1	1.6%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	2	3.2%
First District	1	1.6%
Second District	1	1.6%
Third District	56	88.9%
Fourth District	3	4.8%
Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%

**Judge Sharon A. S. Illsley: 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		0		1		1		2		1		1
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>47</b>
Professional Reputation	3.6	11	3.2	11	3.4	11	3.2	11	3.1	11	3.3	11
Other Personal Contacts	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.5	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.5	2
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		0		0		0		0		0
Private, Solo	3.7	7	3.6	7	4.0	7	4.0	7	4.1	7	4.0	7
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	4.0	9	3.8	9	4.0	9	4.1	8	4.3	8	3.9	9
Private, 6+ Attorneys	2.5	2	2.5	2	2.5	2	2.5	2	2.5	2	2.5	2
Private, Corporate Employee	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Judge or Judicial Officer	3.7	15	3.2	15	3.8	15	3.3	15	3.8	15	3.5	15
Government	3.6	13	3.3	12	3.6	12	3.3	12	3.7	13	3.5	12
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Other	3.0	1	2.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	3.0	1
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		0		0		0		1		1		0
5 Years or fewer	4.0	5	3.3	4	4.0	4	4.3	4	4.4	5	3.8	4
6 to 10 years	4.4	5	4.2	5	4.6	5	4.2	5	4.4	5	4.4	5
11 to 15 years	4.3	3	4.7	3	4.7	3	4.3	3	4.7	3	4.3	3
16 to 20 years	3.8	6	3.5	6	3.8	6	3.7	6	4.0	6	3.8	6
21 years or more	3.4	29	3.0	29	3.5	29	3.2	28	3.5	28	3.3	29
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		0		1		1		2		1		1
Male	3.7	32	3.6	31	3.8	31	3.7	30	3.9	31	3.7	31
Female	3.6	15	2.9	15	3.5	15	3.1	15	3.6	15	3.3	15
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		0		0		0		1		1		0
Prosecution	4.4	5	4.3	4	4.8	4	4.3	4	4.4	5	4.5	4
Mainly Criminal	3.4	8	2.8	8	3.4	8	3.5	8	3.6	8	3.3	8
Mixed Criminal & Civil	3.6	18	3.4	18	3.8	18	3.5	18	3.8	18	3.5	18
Mainly Civil	3.8	16	3.3	16	3.7	16	3.5	15	3.8	15	3.6	16
Other	4.0	1	3.0	1	4.0	1	3.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		1		1		1		2		1
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	3.7	46	3.4	45	3.8	45	3.6	44	3.9	45	3.6	45
Fourth District	2.5	2	2.5	2	2.5	2	2.5	2	2.5	2	2.5	2
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0

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

**District Court Judge Sharon A. S. Illsley**

**B. Peace and Probation Officers**

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	14	50.0%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	10	35.7%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	2	7.1%
	Other	2	7.1%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	4	14.3%
	6 to 10 years	7	25.0%
	11 to 15 years	6	21.4%
	16 to 20 years	6	21.4%
	21 years or more	5	17.9%
<b>Gender</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	26	92.9%
	Female	2	7.1%
<b>Location of Work</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	27	96.4%
	Fourth District	1	3.6%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	Under 2,000	--	0.0%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	24	85.7%
	Over 35,000	4	14.3%

**Judge Sharon A. S. Illsley  
Peace and Probation Officers**

	<b>Impartiality/ Fairness</b>		<b>Integrity</b>		<b>Judicial Temperament</b>		<b>Diligence</b>		<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		1		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>22</b>
Professional Reputation	2.8	4	2.8	4	2.5	4	2.8	4	2.8	4
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		1		0
State Law Enforcement Officer	3.6	13	3.8	13	3.8	13	3.8	13	3.5	13
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	3.7	7	3.7	7	3.7	7	3.8	6	3.9	7
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1
Other	3.0	1	3.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	4.0	4	3.8	4	4.3	4	3.8	4	4.0	4
6 to 10 years	4.0	6	4.2	6	3.8	6	4.0	6	3.8	6
11 to 15 years	3.3	3	4.0	3	3.7	3	3.7	3	3.3	3
16 to 20 years	3.5	6	3.5	6	3.8	6	4.0	5	3.8	6
21 years or more	3.3	3	3.3	3	3.3	3	3.3	3	3.3	3
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		1		0
Male	3.7	22	3.8	22	3.8	22	3.8	21	3.7	22
Female	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		1		0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	3.7	21	3.9	21	3.8	21	3.9	20	3.8	21
Fourth District	4.0	1	2.0	1	4.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
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	3.7	20	3.8	20	3.8	20	3.8	19	3.7	20
Over 35,000	4.0	2	3.5	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2

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



**District Court Judge Sharon A. S. Illsley**

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

**Demographic Description**

		N	%
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Social Worker	1	50.0%
	Guardian ad Litem	1	50.0%
	CASA Volunteer	--	0.0%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	--	0.0%
	6 to 10 years	1	50.0%
	11 to 15 years	1	50.0%
	16 to 20 years	--	0.0%
	21 years or more	--	0.0%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	--	0.0%
	Female	2	100%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	2	100%
	Fourth District	--	0.0%
	Outside of Alaska		
<b>Community Population</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Under 2,000	--	0.0%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	2	100%
	Over 35,000	--	0.0%

**Judge Sharon A. S. Illsley**  
**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		0		1		1		1		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>2</b>
Professional Reputation	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		1		1		1		0
Social Worker	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Guardian ad Litem	2.0	1	--	0	--	0	--	0	3.0	1
CASA Volunteer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		1		1		1		0
5 Years or fewer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
6 to 10 years	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
11 to 15 years	2.0	1	--	0	--	0	--	0	3.0	1
16 to 20 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
21 years or more	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		1		1		1		0
Male	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Female	3.5	2	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	2
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		1		1		1		0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	3.5	2	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	2
Fourth District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response		0		1		1		1		0
Under 2,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	3.5	2	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	2
Over 35,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0

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

**Third Judicial District  
Gregory J. Motyka - Anchorage District Court**

**Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

***Summary of survey information***

Judge Motyka’s detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated him 4.1 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated him 4.4 overall, and social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASA volunteers did not provide an overall rating for him.

	<b>Attorney Survey N=144</b>	<b>Peace Officer Survey N=27</b>	<b>Social Workers Guardians ad Litem CASAs N=1</b>
Legal Ability	4.1	--	--
Impartiality	4.2	4.4	3.0
Integrity	4.3	4.5	3.0
Temperament	4.1	4.3	--
Diligence	4.1	4.3	--
Overall	4.1	4.4	--

***The Judicial Council's Evaluation Process***

State law requires the Judicial Council to evaluate each judge standing for retention, and to report its evaluations to the voters. The three surveys reported here are an important part of the Council’s evaluations. The Council also considers survey ratings by jurors and court employees, public comments, and the ratings by the independent citizen volunteers at Alaska Judicial Observers. Along with the personal observations of the hundreds of people who had direct professional experience with the judge, the Council reviews any litigation involving the judge, conflict of interest records, public disciplinary files, and indicators of judicial performance such as appellate affirmances and reversals, and peremptory challenges and recusals. All of the evaluation information about the judge is on the Council’s website at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us).

## District Court Judge Gregory J. Motyka

### A. Alaska Bar Association

#### Demographic Description

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	2	1.3%
Private, Solo	41	25.6%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	30	18.8%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	13	8.1%
Private, Corporate Employee	3	1.9%
Judge or Judicial Officer	28	17.5%
Government	40	25.0%
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	1	.6%
Other	2	1.3%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	4	2.5%
5 Years or fewer	16	10.0%
6 to 10 years	15	9.4%
11 to 15 years	18	11.3%
16 to 20 years	17	10.6%
21 years or more	90	56.3%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	3	1.9%
Male	108	67.5%
Female	49	30.6%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	2	1.3%
Prosecution	18	11.3%
Mainly Criminal	16	10.0%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	44	27.5%
Mainly Civil	75	46.9%
Other	5	3.1%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	1	.6%
First District	2	1.3%
Second District	--	0.0%
Third District	153	95.6%
Fourth District	2	1.3%
Outside of Alaska	2	1.3%

## Judge Gregory J. Motyka 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		0		1		3		0		3		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>144</b>
Professional Reputation	4.0	12	4.1	11	4.1	11	3.9	12	4.0	12	4.1	12
Other Personal Contacts	4.0	3	4.0	3	4.0	3	4.0	3	4.0	3	4.0	3
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		0		2		0		1		0
Private, Solo	4.0	38	4.1	37	4.4	38	4.1	38	4.1	38	4.1	38
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	4.3	30	4.4	30	4.6	28	4.4	30	4.1	29	4.3	30
Private, 6+ Attorneys	3.8	9	4.0	9	3.9	9	3.8	9	3.7	9	3.8	9
Private, Corporate Employee	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.2	26	4.2	26	4.3	26	4.1	26	4.0	26	4.1	26
Government	4.1	36	4.1	36	4.1	36	3.9	36	4.1	35	4.0	36
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	2.0	1	2.0	1	3.0	1	2.0	1	--	0	2.0	1
Other	4.0	2	4.5	2	5.0	1	3.5	2	4.5	2	4.0	2
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		0		1		1		0		1		0
5 Years or fewer	4.1	16	4.3	16	4.1	15	4.0	16	4.0	15	4.0	16
6 to 10 years	4.1	14	4.1	14	4.4	13	3.9	14	4.2	13	4.1	14
11 to 15 years	3.9	17	4.0	17	4.2	17	4.0	17	4.1	17	3.9	17
16 to 20 years	4.4	16	4.3	16	4.4	16	4.3	16	4.2	16	4.4	16
21 years or more	4.1	78	4.2	77	4.3	77	4.1	78	4.1	77	4.1	78
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		0		1		2		0		2		0
Male	4.1	95	4.2	94	4.4	93	4.2	95	4.1	93	4.2	95
Female	4.0	47	4.0	47	4.1	46	3.9	47	4.0	46	4.0	47
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		0		1		1		0		2		0
Prosecution	4.4	17	4.6	17	4.5	16	4.2	17	4.4	16	4.5	17
Mainly Criminal	3.9	16	3.9	16	4.0	16	3.9	16	3.9	16	3.8	16
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.0	39	3.9	39	4.2	38	3.9	39	4.1	39	4.0	39
Mainly Civil	4.1	66	4.3	65	4.4	65	4.2	66	4.0	64	4.2	66
Other	4.2	5	4.0	5	4.2	5	4.0	5	4.2	5	4.2	5
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		1		3		0		3		0
First District	3.5	2	3.5	2	3.5	2	4.0	2	3.5	2	3.5	2
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	4.1	138	4.2	137	4.3	135	4.1	138	4.1	135	4.1	138
Fourth District	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2
Outside of Alaska	4.0	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.0	2	4.5	2

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

**District Court Judge Gregory J. Motyka**

**B. Peace and Probation Officers**

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	8	26.7%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	22	73.3%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	--	0.0%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	2	6.7%
	6 to 10 years	5	16.7%
	11 to 15 years	12	40.0%
	16 to 20 years	6	20.0%
	21 years or more	5	16.7%
<b>Gender</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	24	80.0%
	Female	6	20.0%
<b>Location of Work</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	1	3.3%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	29	96.7%
	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	10.0%
	Over 35,000	27	90.0%

**Judge Gregory J. Motyka  
Peace and Probation Officers**

	<b>Impartiality/ Fairness</b>		<b>Integrity</b>		<b>Judicial Temperament</b>		<b>Diligence</b>		<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		0		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>27</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		1		0		0
State Law Enforcement Officer	4.3	7	4.4	7	4.3	6	4.4	7	4.4	7
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	4.4	20	4.6	20	4.3	20	4.3	20	4.5	20
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	1	5.0	2	5.0	2
6 to 10 years	4.3	4	4.3	4	4.3	4	4.3	4	4.3	4
11 to 15 years	4.3	11	4.5	11	4.0	11	4.0	11	4.3	11
16 to 20 years	4.4	5	4.4	5	4.4	5	4.4	5	4.4	5
21 years or more	4.4	5	4.8	5	4.6	5	4.8	5	4.8	5
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		0		0
Male	4.5	21	4.7	21	4.4	20	4.4	21	4.6	21
Female	3.8	6	4.0	6	3.8	6	4.0	6	4.0	6
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		0		0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	4.4	27	4.5	27	4.3	26	4.3	27	4.4	27
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	4.4	26	4.6	26	4.3	25	4.4	26	4.5	26

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

**District Court Judge Gregory J. Motyka**

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

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Social Worker	--	0.0%
	Guardian ad Litem	--	0.0%
	CASA Volunteer	1	100%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	--	0.0%
	6 to 10 years	1	100%
	11 to 15 years	--	0.0%
	16 to 20 years	--	0.0%
	21 years or more	--	0.0%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	--	0.0%
	Female	1	100%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	1	100%
	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	--	0.0%
	Over 35,000	1	100%



**Judge Gregory J. Motyka**  
**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		0		0		1		1		1
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>1</b>	--	<b>0</b>	--	<b>0</b>	--	<b>0</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		1		1		1
Social Worker	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Guardian ad Litem	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
CASA Volunteer	3.0	1	3.0	1	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		1		1
5 Years or fewer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
6 to 10 years	3.0	1	3.0	1	--	0	--	0	--	0
11 to 15 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
16 to 20 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
21 years or more	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		1		1
Male	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Female	3.0	1	3.0	1	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		1		1
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	3.0	1	3.0	1	--	0	--	0	--	0
Fourth District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		1		1
Under 2,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Over 35,000	3.0	1	3.0	1	--	0	--	0	--	0

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

**Third Judicial District  
Richard W. Postma, Jr. - Anchorage District Court**

**Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

***Summary of survey information***

Judge Postma's detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated him 3.7 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated him 4.1 overall. He was not rated by any social workers, Guardians ad Litem or CASA volunteers.

	<b>Attorney Survey N=100</b>	<b>Peace Officer Survey N=15</b>
Legal Ability	3.9	--
Impartiality	3.8	4.1
Integrity	3.8	4.1
Temperament	3.7	4.0
Diligence	3.9	4.2
Overall	3.7	4.1

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**District Court Judge Richard W. Postma, Jr.**

**A. Alaska Bar Association**

**Demographic Description**

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	2	1.5%
Private, Solo	16	11.9%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	26	19.3%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	9	6.7%
Private, Corporate Employee	2	1.5%
Judge or Judicial Officer	29	21.5%
Government	46	34.1%
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	2	1.5%
Other	3	2.2%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	3	2.2%
5 Years or fewer	22	16.3%
6 to 10 years	23	17.0%
11 to 15 years	17	12.6%
16 to 20 years	6	4.4%
21 years or more	64	47.4%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	3	2.2%
Male	77	57.0%
Female	55	40.7%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	2	1.5%
Prosecution	13	9.6%
Mainly Criminal	18	13.3%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	44	32.6%
Mainly Civil	54	40.0%
Other	4	3.0%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	1	.7%
First District	3	2.2%
Second District	2	1.5%
Third District	126	93.3%
Fourth District	2	1.5%
Outside of Alaska	1	.7%

## Judge Richard W. Postma, Jr.: 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		1		0		5		2		4		1
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>99</b>
Professional Reputation	3.1	15	2.6	14	2.5	16	2.3	18	2.6	15	2.4	17
Other Personal Contacts	4.3	13	4.3	12	4.6	13	4.2	13	4.3	11	4.3	13
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		0		0		0		0		0
Private, Solo	4.2	13	4.2	13	4.5	13	4.5	13	4.4	13	4.2	13
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	3.9	21	4.0	22	3.9	20	4.0	20	3.9	21	3.9	22
Private, 6+ Attorneys	3.8	6	3.7	6	3.8	6	3.5	6	4.0	6	3.5	6
Private, Corporate Employee	3.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.1	25	3.3	25	3.3	24	2.7	25	3.3	24	3.1	24
Government	3.7	31	3.8	31	3.9	29	3.8	31	3.9	29	3.7	31
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Other	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		0		0		2		1		2		1
5 Years or fewer	3.8	18	4.0	19	4.2	18	4.1	19	4.2	18	4.0	19
6 to 10 years	3.6	15	3.8	15	3.8	13	4.1	14	3.9	14	3.6	15
11 to 15 years	4.1	13	3.9	13	3.9	13	3.9	13	3.9	13	3.9	13
16 to 20 years	4.6	5	3.8	5	4.0	5	3.8	5	4.4	5	3.8	5
21 years or more	4.0	46	3.7	46	3.7	44	3.3	45	3.6	44	3.5	45
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		0		0		2		2		1		0
Male	4.0	63	4.0	63	4.0	61	4.0	61	3.9	62	3.9	63
Female	3.7	34	3.4	35	3.5	33	3.1	35	3.7	33	3.2	35
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		0		0		0		1		1		0
Prosecution	3.2	12	3.7	12	3.6	11	3.8	12	3.7	11	3.4	12
Mainly Criminal	4.3	16	4.0	16	4.1	16	4.1	16	4.2	16	4.2	16
Mixed Criminal & Civil	3.9	39	3.4	40	3.6	37	3.3	39	3.6	38	3.4	39
Mainly Civil	4.1	29	4.2	29	4.1	29	4.0	28	4.0	28	4.0	29
Other	4.0	3	3.7	3	3.5	2	2.3	3	4.3	3	3.0	3
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		1		0		4		2		3		0
First District	4.0	2	3.0	2	3.0	1	1.5	2	2.0	1	2.0	1
Second District	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Third District	3.9	94	3.8	95	3.9	91	3.7	93	3.9	92	3.7	95
Fourth District	3.0	1	2.0	1	2.0	1	2.0	1	2.0	1	2.0	1
Outside of Alaska	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1

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

**District Court Judge Richard W. Postma, Jr.**

**B. Peace and Probation Officers**

**Demographic Description**

		N	%
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	7	38.9%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	11	61.1%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	--	0.0%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	2	11.1%
	6 to 10 years	3	16.7%
	11 to 15 years	7	38.9%
	16 to 20 years	4	22.2%
	21 years or more	2	11.1%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	16	88.9%
	Female	2	11.1%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	18	100%
	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	16.7%
	Over 35,000	15	83.3%

**Judge Richard W. Postma, Jr.  
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		0		1		0		1		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>15</b>
Professional Reputation	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Other Personal Contacts	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		1		0
State Law Enforcement Officer	3.0	5	3.0	5	2.4	5	3.0	4	2.6	5
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	4.7	10	4.7	9	4.8	10	4.7	10	4.8	10
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		1		0
5 Years or fewer	3.5	2	3.0	2	2.5	2	4.0	1	3.0	2
6 to 10 years	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3
11 to 15 years	4.5	6	4.5	6	4.7	6	4.5	6	4.7	6
16 to 20 years	4.0	2	3.0	1	3.5	2	3.5	2	3.5	2
21 years or more	2.5	2	3.0	2	2.5	2	3.0	2	2.5	2
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		1		0		0		0
Male	4.1	13	4.1	13	3.9	13	4.2	12	4.0	13
Female	4.5	2	4.0	1	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		1		0		1		0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	4.1	15	4.1	14	4.0	15	4.2	14	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		1		0		1		0
Under 2,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Over 35,000	4.1	14	4.0	13	3.9	14	4.2	13	4.0	14

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

**Third Judicial District  
Stephanie Rhoades - Anchorage District Court**

**Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

***Summary of survey information***

Judge Rhoades' detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated her 3.6 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated her 4.2 overall, and social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASA volunteers rated her 4.7 overall.

	<b>Attorney Survey N=176</b>	<b>Peace Officer Survey N=46</b>	<b>Social Workers Guardians ad Litem CASAs N=3</b>
Legal Ability	3.8	--	--
Impartiality	3.5	4.2	4.3
Integrity	3.9	4.4	4.3
Temperament	3.1	4.2	4.7
Diligence	3.9	4.2	4.7
Overall	3.6	4.2	4.7

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## District Court Judge Stephanie Rhoades

### A. Alaska Bar Association

#### Demographic Description

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	3	1.4%
Private, Solo	52	24.5%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	33	15.6%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	19	9.0%
Private, Corporate Employee	8	3.8%
Judge or Judicial Officer	43	20.3%
Government	43	20.3%
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	3	1.4%
Other	8	3.8%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	7	3.3%
5 Years or fewer	20	9.4%
6 to 10 years	14	6.6%
11 to 15 years	24	11.3%
16 to 20 years	22	10.4%
21 years or more	125	59.0%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	6	2.8%
Male	147	69.3%
Female	59	27.8%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	3	1.4%
Prosecution	16	7.5%
Mainly Criminal	23	10.8%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	60	28.3%
Mainly Civil	101	47.6%
Other	9	4.2%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	2	.9%
First District	5	2.4%
Second District	3	1.4%
Third District	190	89.6%
Fourth District	9	4.2%
Outside of Alaska	3	1.4%



## Judge Stephanie Rhoades: 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		1		4		3		7		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>176</b>
Professional Reputation	3.9	22	3.8	21	4.2	22	3.8	23	4.1	21	3.8	23
Other Personal Contacts	4.1	12	4.2	11	4.6	11	4.0	11	4.4	11	4.1	11
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		0		0		2		0		0
Private, Solo	3.9	48	3.6	48	4.0	48	3.3	48	4.0	47	3.7	48
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	3.2	29	3.0	29	3.4	27	2.6	29	3.3	27	3.1	30
Private, 6+ Attorneys	3.5	14	3.3	15	3.7	15	3.2	15	3.7	15	3.5	15
Private, Corporate Employee	4.0	6	3.8	6	4.0	6	3.3	6	4.2	5	4.0	6
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.3	35	3.9	35	4.3	35	3.4	33	4.3	35	4.0	35
Government	3.7	33	3.3	35	3.7	34	2.9	35	3.9	33	3.4	35
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	3.5	2	4.5	2	4.0	2
Other	4.3	4	4.0	4	4.5	4	3.3	4	4.5	4	4.0	4
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		1		0		0		2		1		0
5 Years or fewer	3.6	20	3.1	19	3.8	19	2.8	19	4.1	19	3.3	20
6 to 10 years	3.5	10	2.7	11	3.1	8	2.2	11	3.8	8	2.8	11
11 to 15 years	3.8	20	3.3	21	3.6	21	2.7	21	3.8	21	3.4	21
16 to 20 years	4.0	18	3.8	19	4.1	19	3.5	19	4.1	18	3.9	19
21 years or more	3.8	99	3.7	100	4.0	100	3.3	98	3.9	99	3.7	100
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		2		1		3		1		4		0
Male	3.7	126	3.5	127	3.8	125	3.0	127	3.8	124	3.5	128
Female	4.2	43	3.7	45	4.2	44	3.4	43	4.3	42	3.9	45
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		0		0		0		1		4		0
Prosecution	4.2	13	3.9	14	4.4	13	3.4	14	4.5	14	4.0	14
Mainly Criminal	3.6	21	3.1	22	3.7	21	2.4	22	4.0	20	3.1	22
Mixed Criminal & Civil	3.8	50	3.4	51	3.8	50	3.0	50	3.9	51	3.6	52
Mainly Civil	3.8	79	3.6	79	4.0	79	3.4	78	3.8	75	3.7	79
Other	3.7	7	3.7	7	3.6	7	3.3	7	3.7	7	3.7	7
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		4		1		4		3		7		0
First District	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	3.0	2	4.5	2	4.0	2
Second District	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
Third District	3.8	158	3.5	161	3.9	158	3.1	159	3.9	155	3.6	162
Fourth District	3.8	6	3.7	6	4.3	6	3.8	6	4.0	6	3.8	6
Outside of Alaska	3.7	3	3.3	3	3.3	3	3.3	3	3.3	3	3.7	3

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

**District Court Judge Stephanie Rhoades**

**B. Peace and Probation Officers**

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	18	30.0%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	33	55.0%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	9	15.0%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>	No Response	1	1.7%
	5 Years or fewer	11	18.3%
	6 to 10 years	12	20.0%
	11 to 15 years	17	28.3%
	16 to 20 years	9	15.0%
	21 years or more	10	16.7%
<b>Gender</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	47	78.3%
	Female	13	21.7%
<b>Location of Work</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	59	98.3%
	Fourth District	1	1.7%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	Under 2,000	--	0.0%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	5	8.3%
	Over 35,000	55	91.7%

**Judge Stephanie Rhoades  
Peace and Probation Officers**

	<b>Impartiality/ Fairness</b>		<b>Integrity</b>		<b>Judicial Temperament</b>		<b>Diligence</b>		<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		2		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>46</b>
Professional Reputation	4.0	9	3.9	9	3.9	9	4.0	9	3.9	9
Other Personal Contacts	1.0	1	1.0	1	1.0	1	1.0	1	1.0	1
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		1		0
State Law Enforcement Officer	3.9	13	4.1	13	3.8	13	3.9	12	3.9	13
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	4.3	27	4.5	27	4.4	26	4.3	26	4.4	27
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	4.2	6	4.3	6	4.2	6	4.3	6	4.3	6
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		1		0
5 Years or fewer	4.0	7	4.3	7	4.0	7	4.3	7	4.1	7
6 to 10 years	4.2	10	4.3	10	3.9	10	4.0	9	4.1	10
11 to 15 years	4.4	14	4.6	14	4.5	13	4.3	13	4.5	14
16 to 20 years	4.3	6	4.7	6	4.2	6	4.2	6	4.3	6
21 years or more	3.9	8	3.9	8	4.0	8	4.0	8	3.9	8
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		1		0
Male	4.2	36	4.4	36	4.2	35	4.2	35	4.3	36
Female	4.1	10	4.2	10	4.0	10	4.1	9	4.2	10
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		2		0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	4.2	46	4.4	46	4.2	45	4.2	44	4.2	46
Fourth District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		2		0
Under 2,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	4.0	2	4.2	2	3.5	2	4.0	2	4.0	2
Over 35,000	4.2	44	4.4	44	4.2	43	4.2	42	4.3	44

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

**District Court Judge Stephanie Rhoades**

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

**Demographic Description**

		N	%
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Social Worker	2	28.6%
	Guardian ad Litem	--	0.0%
	CASA Volunteer	5	71.4%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	3	42.9%
	6 to 10 years	3	42.9%
	11 to 15 years	1	14.3%
	16 to 20 years	--	0.0%
	21 years or more	--	0.0%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	1	14.3%
	Female	6	85.7%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	7	100%
	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	1	14.3%
	Over 35,000	6	85.7%

**Judge Stephanie Rhoades**  
**Social Workers, Guardians ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers**

	<b>Impartiality/ Fairness</b>		<b>Integrity</b>		<b>Judicial Temperament</b>		<b>Diligence</b>		<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>3</b>
Professional Reputation	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.3	3
Other Personal Contacts	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Social Worker	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2
Guardian ad Litem	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
CASA Volunteer	4.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	4.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
6 to 10 years	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2
11 to 15 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
16 to 20 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
21 years or more	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Male	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Female	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.7	3	4.7	3	4.7	3
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.7	3	4.7	3	4.7	3
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	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Over 35,000	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.7	3	4.7	3	4.7	3

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

**Third Judicial District  
John W. Wolfe - Palmer District Court**

**Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

***Summary of survey information***

Judge Wolfe’s detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated him 3.9 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated him 4.4 overall, and social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASA volunteers rated him 4.0 overall.

	<b>Attorney Survey N=74</b>	<b>Peace Officer Survey N=28</b>	<b>Social Workers Guardians ad Litem CASAs N=1</b>
Legal Ability	3.7	--	--
Impartiality	3.8	4.2	4.0
Integrity	4.1	4.4	5.0
Temperament	4.1	4.3	4.0
Diligence	4.0	4.3	3.0
Overall	3.9	4.4	4.0

***The Judicial Council’s Evaluation Process***

State law requires the Judicial Council to evaluate each judge standing for retention, and to report its evaluations to the voters. The three surveys reported here are an important part of the Council’s evaluations. The Council also considers survey ratings by jurors and court employees, public comments, and the ratings by the independent citizen volunteers at Alaska Judicial Observers. Along with the personal observations of the hundreds of people who had direct professional experience with the judge, the Council reviews any litigation involving the judge, conflict of interest records, public disciplinary files, and indicators of judicial performance such as appellate affirmances and reversals, and peremptory challenges and recusals. All of the evaluation information about the judge is on the Council’s website at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us).

**District Court Judge John W. Wolfe**

**A. Alaska Bar Association**

**Demographic Description**

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	2	2.4%
Private, Solo	18	21.4%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	17	20.2%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	4	4.8%
Private, Corporate Employee	2	2.4%
Judge or Judicial Officer	18	21.4%
Government	22	26.2%
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	1	1.2%
Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	1	1.2%
5 Years or fewer	13	15.5%
6 to 10 years	14	16.7%
11 to 15 years	12	14.3%
16 to 20 years	6	7.1%
21 years or more	38	45.2%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	2	2.4%
Male	48	57.1%
Female	34	40.5%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	1	1.2%
Prosecution	7	8.3%
Mainly Criminal	13	15.5%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	34	40.5%
Mainly Civil	27	32.1%
Other	2	2.4%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	1	1.2%
First District	1	1.2%
Second District	--	0.0%
Third District	80	95.2%
Fourth District	2	2.4%
Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%

## Judge John W. Wolfe: 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		0		0		1		0		1		1
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>73</b>
Professional Reputation	3.7	6	4.4	5	4.4	5	4.6	5	4.8	4	4.0	6
Other Personal Contacts	3.7	3	3.7	3	4.3	3	4.0	3	4.0	3	3.7	3
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		0		0		0		0		0
Private, Solo	4.1	16	4.0	16	4.6	16	4.4	16	4.1	16	4.2	16
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	3.3	17	3.7	17	4.1	17	4.1	17	3.9	17	3.7	17
Private, 6+ Attorneys	2.8	4	2.5	4	2.8	4	2.5	4	2.8	4	2.8	4
Private, Corporate Employee	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.0	17	4.1	17	4.3	16	4.1	17	4.3	16	4.2	17
Government	3.5	17	3.4	17	3.8	17	3.9	17	3.7	17	3.6	16
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		0		0		1		0		1		0
5 Years or fewer	3.9	13	3.6	13	4.2	13	4.2	13	4.0	13	3.9	13
6 to 10 years	3.3	11	3.3	11	3.7	11	3.6	11	3.7	11	3.4	10
11 to 15 years	3.5	12	3.8	12	4.4	12	4.2	12	4.1	12	4.0	12
16 to 20 years	4.4	5	4.2	5	5.0	5	5.0	5	4.4	5	4.6	5
21 years or more	3.8	33	3.9	33	4.0	32	4.0	33	3.9	32	3.9	33
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		0		0		1		0		0		0
Male	3.7	43	3.8	43	4.1	42	4.1	43	3.9	43	3.9	43
Female	3.8	30	3.7	30	4.2	30	4.0	30	4.1	29	3.9	29
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		0		0		0		1		1		0
Prosecution	4.8	4	4.8	4	4.8	4	4.5	4	4.8	4	4.8	4
Mainly Criminal	3.1	12	3.1	12	3.6	12	3.9	12	3.4	12	3.3	12
Mixed Criminal & Civil	3.7	30	3.7	30	4.2	29	4.2	30	3.9	30	3.9	30
Mainly Civil	3.8	27	3.9	27	4.2	27	3.9	27	4.1	26	4.1	26
Other	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		0		1		0		1		1
First District	3.0	1	2.0	1	3.0	1	2.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	3.7	71	3.8	71	4.2	70	4.1	71	4.0	70	3.9	70
Fourth District	3.5	2	4.0	2	3.5	2	4.5	2	4.0	2	4.0	2
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0

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



**District Court Judge John W. Wolfe**

**B. Peace and Probation Officers**

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	22	46.8%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	13	27.7%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	1	2.1%
	Probation/Parole Officer	11	23.4%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	1	2.1%
	5 Years or fewer	8	17.0%
	6 to 10 years	18	38.3%
	11 to 15 years	8	17.0%
	16 to 20 years	10	21.3%
	21 years or more	2	4.3%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	36	76.6%
	Female	11	23.4%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	1	2.1%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	46	97.9%
	Fourth District	--	0.0%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Under 2,000	1	2.1%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	17	36.2%
	Over 35,000	29	61.7%

**Judge John W. Wolfe  
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		0		0		0		1		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>28</b>
Professional Reputation	4.2	11	4.2	11	4.4	10	4.2	11	4.5	11
Other Personal Contacts	2.8	4	2.8	4	2.8	4	2.8	4	2.8	4
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
State Law Enforcement Officer	3.9	15	4.2	15	4.1	15	4.1	15	4.1	15
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	5.0	7	5.0	7	5.0	7	5.0	6	5.0	7
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Probation/Parole Officer	3.8	5	4.0	5	4.0	5	4.0	5	4.2	5
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		1		0
5 Years or fewer	4.3	3	4.7	3	4.7	3	5.0	3	4.7	3
6 to 10 years	3.9	15	4.3	15	4.3	15	4.1	14	4.2	15
11 to 15 years	4.5	4	4.5	4	4.3	4	4.5	4	4.5	4
16 to 20 years	4.4	5	4.4	5	4.4	5	4.2	5	4.4	5
21 years or more	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		1		0
Male	4.2	23	4.5	23	4.4	23	4.3	22	4.4	23
Female	4.0	5	4.0	5	4.2	5	4.4	5	4.2	5
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		1		0
First District	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	4.2	27	4.4	27	4.4	27	4.4	26	4.4	27
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	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Between 2,000 and 35,000	4.6	11	4.7	11	4.8	11	4.8	11	4.8	11
Over 35,000	3.8	16	4.1	16	4.0	16	3.9	15	4.0	16

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

**District Court Judge John W. Wolfe**

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

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	Social Worker	1	100%
	Guardian ad Litem	--	0.0%
	CASA Volunteer	--	0.0%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	--	0.0%
	6 to 10 years	1	100%
	11 to 15 years	--	0.0%
	16 to 20 years	--	0.0%
	21 years or more	--	0.0%
<b>Gender</b>	No Response	1	100%
	Male	--	0.0%
	Female	--	0.0%
<b>Location of Work</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	1	100%
	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	1	100%
	Over 35,000	--	0.0%

**Judge John W. Wolfe**  
**Social Workers, Guardians ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers**

	<b>Impartiality/ Fairness</b>		<b>Integrity</b>		<b>Judicial Temperament</b>		<b>Diligence</b>		<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>1</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	4.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	3.0	1	4.0	1
Guardian ad Litem	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
CASA Volunteer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
6 to 10 years	4.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	3.0	1	4.0	1
11 to 15 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
16 to 20 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
21 years or more	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response			0	0		0		0	0	0
Male	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Female	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response										
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	4.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	3.0	1	4.0	1
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	4.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	3.0	1	4.0	1
Over 35,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0

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

**Fourth Judicial District  
Douglas L. Blankenship - Fairbanks Superior Court**

**Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

***Summary of survey information***

Judge Blankenship’s detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated him 3.6 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated him 4.0 overall, and social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASA volunteers rated him 4.3 overall.

	<b>Attorney Survey N=114</b>	<b>Peace Officer Survey N=42</b>	<b>Social Workers Guardians ad Litem CASAs N=4</b>
Legal Ability	3.6	--	--
Impartiality	3.7	3.7	4.3
Integrity	4.0	4.1	4.5
Temperament	3.6	3.9	4.3
Diligence	3.6	4.1	4.3
Overall	3.6	4.0	4.3

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**Superior Court Judge Douglas L. Blankenship**

**A. Alaska Bar Association**

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Practice</b>			
	No Response	3	2.2%
	Private, Solo	20	14.8%
	Private, 2-5 Attorneys	20	14.8%
	Private, 6+ Attorneys	21	15.6%
	Private, Corporate Employee	2	1.5%
	Judge or Judicial Officer	26	19.3%
	Government	39	28.9%
	Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	--	0.0%
	Other	4	3.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>			
	No Response	6	4.4%
	5 Years or fewer	15	11.1%
	6 to 10 years	15	11.1%
	11 to 15 years	13	9.6%
	16 to 20 years	13	9.6%
	21 years or more	73	54.1%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	7	5.2%
	Male	81	60.0%
	Female	47	34.8%
<b>Cases Handled</b>			
	No Response	5	3.7%
	Prosecution	8	5.9%
	Mainly Criminal	4	3.0%
	Mixed Criminal & Civil	47	34.8%
	Mainly Civil	65	48.1%
	Other	6	4.4%
<b>Location of Practice</b>			
	No Response	4	3.0%
	First District	7	5.2%
	Second District	2	1.5%
	Third District	50	37.0%
	Fourth District	72	53.3%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%

## Judge Douglas L. Blankenship: 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		2		4		6		1		2		2
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>114</b>
Professional Reputation	3.0	9	3.3	8	3.5	8	3.5	8	3.4	8	3.1	9
Other Personal Contacts	3.9	9	4.1	9	4.3	9	4.1	9	4.5	8	4.2	9
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		0		0		0		0		0
Private, Solo	3.5	15	3.5	14	4.0	15	3.3	15	3.6	15	3.5	15
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	3.0	18	3.2	18	3.2	18	2.9	18	3.1	18	2.9	18
Private, 6+ Attorneys	3.8	19	3.8	18	4.3	18	3.8	19	3.7	19	3.8	18
Private, Corporate Employee	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1
Judge or Judicial Officer	3.9	25	4.1	25	4.0	25	4.0	25	4.0	25	4.0	25
Government	3.4	31	3.7	31	4.2	28	3.6	32	3.7	31	3.7	32
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Other	4.0	3	4.0	3	4.7	3	4.7	3	3.7	3	4.0	3
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		0		2		1		1		0		1
5 Years or fewer	3.5	14	3.2	14	3.5	13	3.3	15	3.6	14	3.4	14
6 to 10 years	3.5	15	3.7	15	4.2	15	3.8	15	3.5	14	3.6	15
11 to 15 years	3.6	11	3.8	12	4.1	10	3.3	12	3.7	12	3.8	12
16 to 20 years	3.3	12	3.2	11	3.9	11	3.6	12	3.3	12	3.3	12
21 years or more	3.7	58	3.9	56	4.1	57	3.7	57	3.8	58	3.8	57
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		0		1		2		1		0		0
Male	3.7	69	3.8	68	4.1	67	3.7	68	3.8	69	3.7	69
Female	3.4	39	3.6	38	3.8	37	3.4	41	3.5	39	3.5	39
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		1		2		2		1		1		0
Prosecution	3.5	6	3.2	6	4.0	5	3.3	6	3.5	6	3.3	6
Mainly Criminal	3.0	3	2.3	3	3.5	2	1.7	3	2.3	3	2.3	3
Mixed Criminal & Civil	3.5	44	3.6	43	3.7	43	3.6	44	3.6	44	3.5	43
Mainly Civil	3.7	54	3.9	53	4.3	53	3.8	54	3.7	54	3.8	55
Other	4.3	3	4.7	3	4.7	3	3.5	4	4.3	3	4.3	3
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		2		3		4		2		2		2
First District	4.0	4	4.3	4	4.8	4	4.3	3	4.3	4	4.0	4
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	3.9	40	4.0	39	4.2	38	3.9	42	4.0	40	4.0	40
Fourth District	3.3	67	3.5	66	3.9	65	3.4	67	3.4	67	3.4	67
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0

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

**Superior Court Judge Douglas L. Blankenship**

**B. Peace and Probation Officers**

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	20	41.7%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	13	27.1%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	15	31.3%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	13	27.1%
	6 to 10 years	13	27.1%
	11 to 15 years	12	25.0%
	16 to 20 years	6	12.5%
	21 years or more	4	8.3%
<b>Gender</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	37	77.1%
	Female	11	22.9%
<b>Location of Work</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	1	2.1%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	4	8.3%
	Fourth District	43	89.6%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	Under 2,000	--	0.0%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	13	27.1%
	Over 35,000	35	72.9%



**Judge Douglas L. Blankenship  
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		0		0		1		2		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>42</b>
Professional Reputation	4.3	4	4.0	4	3.8	4	4.0	4	4.0	4
Other Personal Contacts	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		1		0
State Law Enforcement Officer	3.5	18	3.9	18	3.6	17	4.0	17	3.7	18
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	4.1	11	4.2	11	4.1	11	4.1	11	4.2	11
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	3.8	13	4.3	13	4.0	13	4.2	12	4.2	13
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		1		0
5 Years or fewer	3.7	12	4.0	12	3.8	11	4.1	11	4.1	12
6 to 10 years	4.3	13	4.5	13	4.2	13	4.3	12	4.3	13
11 to 15 years	3.5	11	4.0	11	3.7	11	4.1	11	3.7	11
16 to 20 years	3.4	5	4.0	5	3.8	5	3.8	5	3.6	5
21 years or more	2.0	1	3.0	1	2.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		2		0
Male	3.8	33	4.2	33	3.8	32	4.1	31	4.0	33
Female	3.6	9	3.9	9	4.0	9	4.0	9	4.0	9
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
First District	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	3.3	3	3.7	3	3.0	3	3.0	2	3.7	3
Fourth District	3.8	38	4.2	38	4.0	37	4.2	37	4.0	38
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		1		0
Under 2,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	3.8	12	3.9	12	3.9	12	3.9	11	4.0	12
Over 35,000	3.7	30	4.2	30	3.8	29	4.1	29	4.0	30

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

**Superior Court Judge Douglas L. Blankenship**

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

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	1	20.0%
	Social Worker	--	0.0%
	Guardian ad Litem	2	40.0%
	CASA Volunteer	2	40.0%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	3	60.0%
	6 to 10 years	--	0.0%
	11 to 15 years	--	0.0%
	16 to 20 years	--	0.0%
	21 years or more	1	20.0%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	1	20.0%
	Male	--	0.0%
	Female	4	80.0%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	1	20.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	1	20.0%
	Third District	--	0.0%
	Fourth District	3	60.0%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>			
	No Response	1	20.0%
	Under 2,000	--	0.0%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	1	20.0%
	Over 35,000	3	60.0%

**Judge Douglas L. Blankenship**  
**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		0		0		0		0		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4</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	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Guardian ad Litem	3.5	2	4.0	2	3.5	2	3.5	2	3.5	2
CASA Volunteer	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
6 to 10 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
11 to 15 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
16 to 20 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
21 years or more	2.0	1	3.0	1	2.0	1	2.0	1	2.0	1
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Male	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Female	4.0	3	4.3	3	4.0	3	4.0	3	4.0	3
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	2.0	1	3.0	1	2.0	1	2.0	1	2.0	1
Third District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Fourth District	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
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	2.0	1	3.0	1	2.0	1	2.0	1	2.0	1
Over 35,000	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.

**Fourth Judicial District  
Marvin Charles Hamilton, III - Bethel Superior Court**

**Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

***Summary of survey information***

Judge Hamilton's detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated him 4.1 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated him 3.1 overall. He was not rated by any social workers, Guardians ad Litem or CASA volunteers.

	<b>Attorney Survey N=55</b>	<b>Peace Officer Survey N=18</b>
Legal Ability	4.2	--
Impartiality	3.9	2.9
Integrity	4.2	2.9
Temperament	4.3	3.7
Diligence	4.2	3.4
Overall	4.1	3.1

***The Judicial Council's Evaluation Process***

State law requires the Judicial Council to evaluate each judge standing for retention, and to report its evaluations to the voters. The three surveys reported here are an important part of the Council's evaluations. The Council also considers survey ratings by jurors and court employees, public comments, and the ratings by the independent citizen volunteers at Alaska Judicial Observers. Along with the personal observations of the hundreds of people who had direct professional experience with the judge, the Council reviews any litigation involving the judge, conflict of interest records, public disciplinary files, and indicators of judicial performance such as appellate affirmances and reversals, and peremptory challenges and recusals. All of the evaluation information about the judge is on the Council's website at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us).

**Superior Court Judge Marvin C. Hamilton, III**

**A. Alaska Bar Association**

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Practice</b>			
	No Response	1	1.6%
	Private, Solo	5	7.8%
	Private, 2-5 Attorneys	8	12.5%
	Private, 6+ Attorneys	6	9.4%
	Private, Corporate Employee	--	0.0%
	Judge or Judicial Officer	16	25.0%
	Government	25	39.1%
	Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	1	1.6%
	Other	2	3.1%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>			
	No Response	4	6.3%
	5 Years or fewer	11	17.2%
	6 to 10 years	5	7.8%
	11 to 15 years	6	9.4%
	16 to 20 years	4	6.3%
	21 years or more	34	53.1%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	2	3.1%
	Male	38	59.4%
	Female	24	37.5%
<b>Cases Handled</b>			
	No Response	1	1.6%
	Prosecution	7	10.9%
	Mainly Criminal	8	12.5%
	Mixed Criminal & Civil	25	39.1%
	Mainly Civil	21	32.8%
	Other	2	3.1%
<b>Location of Practice</b>			
	No Response	1	1.6%
	First District	6	9.4%
	Second District	3	4.7%
	Third District	33	51.6%
	Fourth District	20	31.3%
	Outside of Alaska	1	1.6%

## Judge Marvin C. Hamilton, III: 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		1		3		3		1		2		2
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>54</b>
Professional Reputation	3.0	3	2.0	3	2.0	3	2.33	3	3.0	3	2.33	3
Other Personal Contacts	4.7	3	4.5	2	4.7	3	4.7	3	4.5	2	4.7	3
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		1		0		0		0		0
Private, Solo	4.7	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	4.7	3	5.0	3
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	3.7	7	3.4	7	4.0	7	4.0	7	3.7	7	3.7	7
Private, 6+ Attorneys	3.7	6	4.0	5	3.8	4	4.2	6	3.8	5	3.8	5
Private, Corporate Employee	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.5	15	4.5	15	4.6	15	4.6	15	4.4	15	4.5	15
Government	4.2	22	3.4	21	4.0	22	4.1	22	4.2	22	3.9	22
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Other	4.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		0		1		2		0		1		1
5 Years or fewer	4.7	10	3.5	10	4.3	10	4.6	10	4.6	10	4.1	10
6 to 10 years	4.0	3	2.3	3	3.7	3	4.7	3	4.0	3	4.0	3
11 to 15 years	4.2	6	4.5	6	4.7	6	4.5	6	4.3	6	4.5	6
16 to 20 years	3.8	4	3.3	3	3.5	4	4.0	4	4.0	4	3.3	4
21 years or more	4.1	30	4.1	29	4.2	28	4.1	30	4.0	29	4.1	29
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		1		2		2		1		2		2
Male	4.2	33	3.8	32	4.2	32	4.3	33	4.1	32	4.1	32
Female	4.2	21	4.0	20	4.2	20	4.3	21	4.3	21	4.1	21
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		0		1		1		0		1		1
Prosecution	4.2	5	2.2	5	3.4	5	4.0	5	4.2	5	3.0	5
Mainly Criminal	4.6	7	4.4	7	4.7	7	7.9	7	4.4	7	4.9	7
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.4	23	4.3	22	4.5	22	4.4	23	4.2	23	4.3	23
Mainly Civil	3.9	19	3.7	18	4.1	18	4.1	19	4.1	18	3.9	18
Other	4.0	1	4.0	1	3.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		0		0		0		0		0
First District	4.5	4	4.8	4	4.8	4	4.8	4	4.3	4	4.8	4
Second District	4.5	2	4.5	2	5.0	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2
Third District	4.0	29	4.0	27	4.1	27	4.3	29	4.1	28	4.1	28
Fourth District	4.4	20	3.6	20	4.2	20	4.3	20	4.3	20	3.9	20
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0

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

**Superior Court Judge Marvin C. Hamilton, III**

**B. Peace and Probation Officers**

**Demographic Description**

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		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	1	4.8%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	8	38.1%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	--	0.0%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	1	4.8%
	Probation/Parole Officer	10	47.6%
	Other	1	4.8%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	2	9.5%
	5 Years or fewer	7	33.3%
	6 to 10 years	4	19.0%
	11 to 15 years	3	14.3%
	16 to 20 years	4	19.0%
	21 years or more	1	4.8%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	1	4.8%
	Male	15	71.4%
	Female	5	23.8%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	1	4.8%
	First District	1	4.8%
	Second District	1	4.8%
	Third District	5	23.8%
	Fourth District	13	61.9%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>			
	No Response	1	4.8%
	Under 2,000	1	4.8%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	12	57.1%
	Over 35,000	7	33.3%

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**Judge Marvin C. Hamilton, III**  
**Peace and Probation Officers**

	<b>Impartiality/ Fairness</b>		<b>Integrity</b>		<b>Judicial Temperament</b>		<b>Diligence</b>		<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>18</b>
Professional Reputation	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Other Personal Contacts	3.0	3	3.0	3	3.0	3	3.0	3	3.0	3
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
State Law Enforcement Officer	2.9	7	2.9	7	3.7	7	3.3	7	3.0	7
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	2.8	10	2.8	10	3.6	10	3.4	10	2.9	10
Other	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	2.8	6	2.5	6	3.5	6	3.3	6	2.8	6
6 to 10 years	3.3	3	3.0	3	4.0	3	3.7	3	3.3	3
11 to 15 years	2.7	3	3.0	3	3.7	3	3.7	3	3.0	3
16 to 20 years	3.0	4	3.3	4	4.0	4	3.5	4	3.3	4
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	2.6	13	2.6	13	3.5	13	3.1	13	2.7	13
Female	3.8	5	3.8	5	4.4	5	4.4	5	4.0	5
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
First District	4.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	2.6	5	2.8	5	3.0	5	3.0	5	2.6	5
Fourth District	3.0	12	2.9	12	3.9	12	3.6	12	3.2	12
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	2.8	11	2.5	11	3.6	11	3.2	11	2.8	11
Over 35,000	3.1	7	3.7	7	3.9	7	3.9	7	3.4	7

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



**Fourth Judicial District  
Michael A. MacDonald - Fairbanks Superior Court**

**Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

***Summary of survey information***

Judge MacDonald's detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated him 4.0 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated him 4.1 overall, and social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASA volunteers rated him 4.2 overall.

	<b>Attorney Survey N=97</b>	<b>Peace Officer Survey N=28</b>	<b>Social Workers Guardians ad Litem CASAs N=7</b>
Legal Ability	4.1	--	--
Impartiality	4.0	4.0	3.9
Integrity	4.3	4.0	4.3
Temperament	4.2	4.1	3.9
Diligence	4.1	4.2	3.7
Overall	4.0	4.1	4.2

***The Judicial Council's Evaluation Process***

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## Superior Court Judge Michael A. MacDonald

### A. Alaska Bar Association

#### Demographic Description

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	3	2.7%
Private, Solo	17	15.5%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	18	16.4%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	15	13.6%
Private, Corporate Employee	2	1.8%
Judge or Judicial Officer	18	16.4%
Government	33	30.0%
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	1	.9%
Other	3	2.7%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	4	3.6%
5 Years or fewer	12	10.9%
6 to 10 years	10	9.1%
11 to 15 years	9	8.2%
16 to 20 years	11	10.0%
21 years or more	64	58.2%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	5	4.5%
Male	67	60.9%
Female	38	34.5%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	3	2.7%
Prosecution	7	6.4%
Mainly Criminal	6	5.5%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	40	36.4%
Mainly Civil	48	43.6%
Other	6	5.5%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	3	2.7%
First District	3	2.7%
Second District	1	.9%
Third District	34	30.9%
Fourth District	69	62.7%
Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%

**Judge Michael A. MacDonald: 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		2		3		0		0		2		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>97</b>
Professional Reputation	4.1	7	4.3	7	4.3	7	4.6	7	4.1	7	4.1	7
Other Personal Contacts	4.3	4	4.0	3	4.6	5	4.5	4	4.0	4	4.0	4
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		1		0		0		0		0		0
Private, Solo	4.3	15	4.3	15	4.5	15	4.3	15	4.5	15	4.3	15
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	4.2	17	4.0	18	4.2	18	4.4	18	4.1	18	4.2	18
Private, 6+ Attorneys	3.9	13	4.1	14	4.4	14	4.1	14	3.9	13	3.9	14
Private, Corporate Employee	4.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.0	17	4.1	16	4.3	17	4.2	17	4.2	17	4.1	17
Government	4.1	27	3.8	25	4.2	27	3.9	27	4.1	26	3.9	27
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	4.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1
Other	4.5	2	4.5	2	5.0	5	4.0	2	5.0	2	4.5	2
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		2		2		0		0		1		0
5 Years or fewer	4.3	12	3.7	12	4.3	12	4.1	12	4.3	12	4.0	12
6 to 10 years	4.0	9	3.8	9	4.3	9	4.0	9	4.1	8	3.9	9
11 to 15 years	4.6	8	4.9	8	5.0	8	4.9	8	4.6	8	4.8	8
16 to 20 years	4.3	10	4.1	9	4.4	10	4.4	10	4.1	10	4.1	10
21 years or more	3.9	53	4.0	53	4.2	55	4.1	55	4.1	54	4.0	55
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		1		2		0		0		1		0
Male	4.1	59	4.1	58	4.4	60	4.3	60	4.2	59	4.1	60
Female	4.1	32	3.7	32	4.2	33	4.0	33	4.1	32	3.9	33
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		2		2		0		0		1		0
Prosecution	4.2	5	3.2	5	3.8	5	3.8	5	4.8	4	3.6	5
Mainly Criminal	4.4	5	4.2	5	4.6	5	4.2	5	3.8	5	4.0	5
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.3	36	4.2	35	4.4	36	4.4	36	4.4	36	4.3	36
Mainly Civil	3.8	43	3.9	43	4.2	45	4.1	45	3.9	44	3.8	45
Other	4.5	4	4.5	4	4.8	4	4.5	4	4.5	4	4.5	4
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response												
First District	4.5	2	4.5	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	4.5	2	4.5	2
Second District	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Third District	3.9	27	4.0	26	4.1	28	4.1	28	4.0	26	4.0	28
Fourth District	4.2	63	4.0	63	4.3	64	4.2	64	4.2	64	4.1	64
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0

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

**Superior Court Judge Michael A. MacDonald**

**B. Peace and Probation Officers**

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	8	25.8%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	12	38.7%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	11	35.5%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	8	25.8%
	6 to 10 years	12	38.7%
	11 to 15 years	7	22.6%
	16 to 20 years	4	12.9%
	21 years or more	--	0.0%
<b>Gender</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	21	67.7%
	Female	10	32.3%
<b>Location of Work</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	--	0.0%
	Fourth District	31	100%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	Under 2,000	--	0.0%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	9	29.0%
	Over 35,000	22	71.0%

**Judge Michael A. MacDonald  
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		0		1		0		1		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>28</b>
Professional Reputation	4.0	3	4.0	3	4.0	3	4.0	3	4.0	3
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		1		0		1		0
State Law Enforcement Officer	4.1	7	4.3	7	4.1	7	4.1	7	4.1	7
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	4.0	10	4.1	10	4.1	10	4.1	10	4.1	10
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	3.9	11	3.8	10	4.1	11	4.2	10	4.1	11
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		1		0		1		0
5 Years or fewer	4.3	7	4.4	7	4.3	7	4.3	7	4.4	7
6 to 10 years	3.9	12	3.8	11	4.0	12	4.1	11	4.0	12
11 to 15 years	4.0	7	4.1	7	4.3	7	4.3	7	4.1	7
16 to 20 years	3.5	2	3.5	2	3.5	2	3.5	2	3.5	2
21 years or more	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		1		0
Male	4.2	18	4.2	18	4.2	18	4.3	17	4.2	18
Female	3.7	10	3.7	9	3.9	10	3.9	10	3.9	10
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		1		0		1		0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Fourth District	4.0	28	4.0	27	4.1	28	4.2	27	4.1	28
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response		0		1		0		1		0
Under 2,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	4.1	7	4.0	7	4.3	7	4.0	7	4.1	7
Over 35,000	4.0	21	4.1	20	4.1	21	4.2	20	4.1	21

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

**Superior Court Judge Michael A. MacDonald**

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

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Social Worker	3	37.5%
	Guardian ad Litem	1	12.5%
	CASA Volunteer	2	25.0%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	2	25.0%
	5 Years or fewer	5	62.5%
	6 to 10 years	1	12.5%
	11 to 15 years	--	0.0%
	16 to 20 years	--	0.0%
	21 years or more	--	0.0%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	2	25.0%
	Male	--	0.0%
	Female	6	75.0%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	2	25.0%
	First District	1	12.5%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	--	0.0%
	Fourth District	5	62.5%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>			
	No Response	2	25.0%
	Under 2,000	--	0.0%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	--	0.0%
	Over 35,000	6	75.0%

**Judge Michael A. MacDonald**  
**Social Workers, Guardians ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers**

	<b>Impartiality/ Fairness</b>		<b>Integrity</b>		<b>Judicial Temperament</b>		<b>Diligence</b>		<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		1
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>6</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		1
Social Worker	2.7	3	3.3	3	3.7	3	2.3	3	3.5	2
Guardian ad Litem	5.0	1	5.0	1	3.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
CASA Volunteer	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		1
5 Years or fewer	3.5	4	4.0	4	4.0	4	3.3	4	4.0	3
6 to 10 years	4.0	1	4.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	4.0	1
11 to 15 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
16 to 20 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
21 years or more	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		1
Male	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Female	3.6	5	4.0	5	3.8	5	3.2	5	4.0	4
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		1
First District	2.0	1	3.0	1	4.0	1	2.0	1	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Fourth District	4.0	4	4.3	4	3.8	4	3.5	4	4.0	4
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		1
Under 2,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Over 35,000	3.6	5	4.0	5	3.8	5	3.2	5	4.0	4

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

**Fourth Judicial District  
Jane F. Kauvar - Fairbanks District Court**

**Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

***Summary of survey information***

Judge Kauvar’s detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated her 3.8 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated her 2.8 overall, and social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASA volunteers rated her 5.0 overall.

	<b>Attorney Survey N=137</b>	<b>Peace Officer Survey N=49</b>	<b>Social Workers Guardians ad Litem CASAs N=2</b>
Legal Ability	3.9	--	--
Impartiality	3.9	2.7	4.5
Integrity	4.1	3.2	5.0
Temperament	3.8	3.0	5.0
Diligence	3.8	3.0	5.0
Overall	3.8	2.8	5.0

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**District Court Judge Jane F. Kauvar**

**A. Alaska Bar Association**

**Demographic Description**

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	3	1.9%
Private, Solo	23	14.3%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	24	14.9%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	13	8.1%
Private, Corporate Employee	2	1.2%
Judge or Judicial Officer	37	23.0%
Government	51	31.7%
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	2	1.2%
Other	6	3.7%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	5	3.1%
5 Years or fewer	23	14.3%
6 to 10 years	19	11.8%
11 to 15 years	14	8.7%
16 to 20 years	13	8.1%
21 years or more	87	54.0%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	6	3.7%
Male	100	62.1%
Female	55	34.2%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	4	2.5%
Prosecution	12	7.5%
Mainly Criminal	12	7.5%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	61	37.9%
Mainly Civil	64	39.8%
Other	8	5.0%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	3	1.9%
First District	6	3.7%
Second District	2	1.2%
Third District	74	46.0%
Fourth District	75	46.6%
Outside of Alaska	1	.6%

## Judge Jane F. Kauvar: 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		1		1		1		4		4		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>137</b>
Professional Reputation	4.2	11	4.3	11	4.5	11	4.0	10	4.0	11	4.0	11
Other Personal Contacts	4.6	12	4.8	10	4.7	12	4.6	12	4.5	11	4.7	12
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		1		1		1		1		0
Private, Solo	3.7	22	3.7	23	4.0	23	3.6	23	3.6	22	3.7	23
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	3.4	21	3.1	21	3.6	21	3.0	21	3.3	21	3.1	21
Private, 6+ Attorneys	3.8	10	3.9	10	4.2	10	3.8	10	3.3	9	3.9	10
Private, Corporate Employee	3.0	2	3.5	2	4.0	2	3.5	2	3.5	2	3.5	2
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.3	33	4.2	33	4.4	33	4.1	33	4.1	32	4.2	33
Government	4.0	40	4.0	39	4.2	39	4.0	39	4.0	39	4.0	40
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Other	4.5	6	4.3	6	4.7	6	4.2	6	3.7	6	4.2	6
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		0		0		0		0		2		0
5 Years or fewer	3.7	19	3.7	19	4.1	18	3.7	19	3.8	18	3.7	19
6 to 10 years	4.2	16	4.2	15	4.3	16	4.1	15	4.3	15	4.1	16
11 to 15 years	3.8	14	3.6	14	3.9	14	3.4	14	3.7	14	3.7	14
16 to 20 years	3.8	11	3.6	11	4.1	11	3.6	11	3.4	11	3.6	11
21 years or more	4.0	73	3.9	73	4.2	73	3.8	73	3.7	71	3.9	73
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		1		0		1		0		3		0
Male	3.9	86	3.9	87	4.1	86	3.8	87	3.7	84	3.8	87
Female	4.0	45	3.8	44	4.1	45	3.8	44	3.8	44	3.9	45
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		1		0		1		0		0		0
Prosecution	3.8	9	3.3	8	3.8	9	3.8	8	3.9	9	3.4	9
Mainly Criminal	4.1	12	4.4	12	4.6	12	4.4	12	4.0	11	4.4	12
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.0	53	3.7	53	4.0	53	3.6	53	3.7	51	3.8	53
Mainly Civil	3.9	52	3.9	53	4.1	52	3.8	53	3.7	53	3.9	53
Other	3.9	7	4.3	7	4.7	7	3.9	7	3.7	6	4.0	7
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		0		1		0		1		0
First District	4.5	4	4.0	4	4.8	4	4.0	4	4.3	4	4.3	4
Second District	3.5	2	4.0	2	4.5	2	3.5	2	4.0	1	3.5	2
Third District	3.9	56	3.9	56	4.3	57	4.0	56	4.0	55	4.0	57
Fourth District	3.9	71	3.8	71	4.0	70	3.6	71	3.5	70	3.7	71
Outside of Alaska	5.0	1	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.

**District Court Judge Jane F. Kauvar**

**B. Peace and Probation Officers**

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	27	52.9%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	18	35.3%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	6	11.8%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	11	21.6%
	6 to 10 years	15	29.4%
	11 to 15 years	12	23.5%
	16 to 20 years	9	17.6%
	21 years or more	4	7.8%
<b>Gender</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	43	84.3%
	Female	8	15.7%
<b>Location of Work</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	1	2.0%
	Third District	4	7.8%
	Fourth District	46	90.2%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>	No Response	--	0.0%
	Under 2,000	2	3.9%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	15	29.4%
	Over 35,000	34	66.7%

**Judge Jane F. Kauvar  
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		0		0		1		0		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>49</b>
Professional Reputation	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
State Law Enforcement Officer	2.9	26	3.4	26	3.3	26	3.3	26	3.1	26
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	2.3	18	2.8	18	2.5	17	2.5	18	2.3	18
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	3.6	5	3.6	5	3.6	5	3.4	5	3.4	5
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		0		0
5 Years or fewer	2.3	11	2.9	11	2.6	10	2.9	11	2.5	11
6 to 10 years	2.9	15	3.3	15	3.3	15	2.9	15	3.0	15
11 to 15 years	2.6	11	2.9	11	2.7	11	2.6	11	2.6	11
16 to 20 years	3.0	8	3.6	8	3.3	8	3.4	8	3.1	8
21 years or more	3.3	4	3.5	4	3.8	4	3.8	4	3.3	4
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		0		0
Male	2.6	42	3.1	42	2.9	41	2.9	42	2.7	42
Female	3.9	7	4.0	7	4.0	7	3.6	7	3.9	7
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		0		0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Third District	3.7	3	4.0	3	3.7	3	3.7	3	4.0	3
Fourth District	2.6	45	3.1	45	3.0	44	2.9	45	2.7	45
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		0		0
Under 2,000	2.0	2	2.0	2	2.5	2	2.0	2	2.0	2
Between 2,000 and 35,000	2.6	14	3.1	14	2.9	14	3.0	14	2.7	14
Over 35,000	2.8	33	3.3	33	3.1	32	3.1	33	2.9	33

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

**District Court Judge Jane F. Kauvar**

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

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>	No Response	1	33.3%
	Social Worker	1	33.3%
	Guardian ad Litem	--	0.0%
	CASA Volunteer	1	33.3%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>	No Response	1	33.3%
	5 Years or fewer	1	33.3%
	6 to 10 years	1	33.3%
	11 to 15 years	--	0.0%
	16 to 20 years	--	0.0%
	21 years or more	--	0.0%
<b>Gender</b>	No Response	1	33.3%
	Male	--	0.0%
	Female	2	66.7%
<b>Location of Work</b>	No Response	1	33.3%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	--	0.0%
	Fourth District	2	66.7%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>	No Response	1	33.3%
	Under 2,000	--	0.0%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	--	0.0%
	Over 35,000	2	66.7%

**Judge Jane F. Kauvar**  
**Social Workers, Guardians ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers**

	<b>Impartiality/ Fairness</b>		<b>Integrity</b>		<b>Judicial Temperament</b>		<b>Diligence</b>		<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>2</b>
Professional Reputation	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Social Worker	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Guardian ad Litem	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
CASA Volunteer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
6 to 10 years	4.0	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	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
21 years or more	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Male	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Female	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Fourth District	4.0	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		0		0		0		0		0
Under 2,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Over 35,000	4.0	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.

# Appendix A - Additional Statistical Tables

**Table A1: Survey Return Rates**

<b>Return Rate for Alaska Bar Association Members</b>	
Total potential respondents	2,965
Total responding	826
Response rate	27.9%
<b>Return Rate for Peace and Probation Officers</b>	
Total potential respondents	1,575
Total responding	326
Response rate	20.7%
<b>Return Rate for Social Workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASA volunteers</b>	
Total potential respondents	272
Total responding	69
Response rate	25.4%



**Table A2: Respondent Characteristics: Alaska Bar Association**

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	8	1.0%
Private, Solo	164	19.9%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	132	16.0%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	115	13.9%
Private, Corporate Employee	29	3.5%
Judge or Judicial Officer	88	10.7%
Government	226	27.4%
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	24	2.9%
Other	40	4.8%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	18	2.2%
5 Years or fewer	104	12.6%
6 to 10 years	88	10.7%
11 to 15 years	76	9.2%
16 to 20 years	97	11.7%
21 years or more	443	53.6%
<b>Gender</b>		
No response	22	2.7%
Male	523	63.3%
Female	281	34.0%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	7	0.8%
Prosecution	49	5.9%
Mainly Criminal	56	6.8%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	172	20.8%
Mainly Civil	473	57.3%
Other	69	8.4%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	6	0.7%
First District	118	14.3%
Second District	14	1.7%
Third District	564	68.3%
Fourth District	99	12.0%
Outside of Alaska	25	3.0%

**Table A3: Respondent Characteristics: Peace and Probation Officers**

	N	%
<b>Type of Work</b>		
No Response	2	0.6%
State Law Enforcement Officer	114	35.0%
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	123	37.7%
Village Public Safety Officer (VSPO)	10	3.1%
Probation/Parole Officer	72	22.1%
Other	5	1.5%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>		
No Response	4	1.2%
5 Years or fewer	76	23.3%
6 to 10 years	85	26.1%
11 to 15 years	80	24.5%
16 to 20 years	52	16.0%
21 years or more	29	8.9%
<b>Gender</b>		
No response	3	0.9%
Male	257	78.8%
Female	66	20.2%
<b>Location of Work</b>		
No Response	2	0.6%
First District	45	13.8%
Second District	6	1.8%
Third District	190	58.3%
Fourth District	83	25.5%
Outside of Alaska	0	0%
<b>Community Population</b>		
No Response	2	0.6%
Under 2,000	20	6.1%
Between 2,000 and 35,000	133	40.8%
Over 35,000	171	52.5%

**Table A4: Respondent Characteristics: Social Workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASA Volunteers**

	N	%
<b>Type of Work</b>		
No Response	5	7.2%
Social Worker	19	27.5%
Guardian ad Litem	9	13.0%
CASA Volunteer	36	52.2%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>		
No Response	5	7.2%
5 Years or fewer	31	44.9%
6 to 10 years	19	27.5%
11 to 15 years	7	10.1%
16 to 20 years	2	2.9%
21 years or more	5	7.2%
<b>Gender</b>		
No response	7	10.1%
Male	8	11.6%
Female	54	78.3%
<b>Location of Work</b>		
No Response	7	10.1%
First District	18	26.1%
Second District	2	2.9%
Third District	36	52.2%
Fourth District	6	8.7%
Outside of Alaska	0	0%
<b>Community Population</b>		
No Response	7	10.1%
Under 2,000	0	0%
Between 2,000 and 35,000	27	39.1%
Over 35,000	35	50.7%

**Table A5: Alaska Bar Members' Level of Experience with Judges**

	N	No Response N	Direct Professional Experience N	Professional Reputation N	Other Personal Contacts N
<i>Appellate</i>					
Dana A. Fabe	826	231	409	149	37
David Mannheimer	826	556	167	76	27
<i>First District</i>					
David V. George	826	726	74	13	13
Phillip M. Pallenberg	826	676	117	20	13
Trevor Stephens	826	711	100	10	5
Kevin G. Miller	826	750	64	6	6
<i>Third District</i>					
Eric A. Aarseth	826	665	141	11	9
Carl Bauman	826	717	86	18	5
Sharon L. Gleason	826	521	262	32	11
Kari Kristiansen	826	726	84	10	6
Patrick J. McKay	826	592	189	33	12
Anna M. Moran	826	727	89	9	1
Mark Rindner	826	544	248	25	6
Jack W. Smith	826	642	172	6	3
Michael Spaan	826	672	119	27	8
Vanessa H. White	826	688	104	21	13
Brian K. Clark	826	685	129	6	6
Catherine M. Easter	826	689	98	13	17
William L. Estelle	826	739	72	9	6
Sharon A.S. Illsley	826	763	48	11	4
Gregory J. Motyka	826	666	144	12	4
Richard W. Postma, Jr	826	691	100	18	17
Stephanie Rhoades	826	614	176	23	13
John W. Wolfe	826	742	74	6	4
<i>Fourth District</i>					
Douglas L. Blankenship	826	691	116	9	10
Marvin C. Hamilton III	826	762	56	3	5
Michael A. MacDonald	826	716	97	7	6
Jane F. Kauvar	826	665	137	11	13

**Table A6: Peace and Probation Officers' Level of Experience with Judges**

		No Response	Direct Professional Experience	Professional Reputation	Other Personal Contacts
	N	N	N	N	N
<i>First District</i>					
David V. George	326	315	9	2	11
Phillip M. Pallenberg	326	301	20	4	1
Trevor Stephens	326	302	16	6	2
Kevin G. Miller	326	305	13	6	2
<i>Third District</i>					
Eric A. Aarseth	326	267	48	8	3
Carl Bauman	326	314	12	0	0
Sharon L. Gleason	326	312	8	3	3
Kari Kristiansen	326	305	19	2	0
Patrick J. McKay	326	304	15	7	0
Anna M. Moran	326	297	25	4	0
Mark Rindner	326	319	5	1	1
Jack W. Smith	326	309	14	3	0
Michael Spaan	326	306	18	2	0
Vanessa H. White	326	306	17	3	0
Brian K. Clark	326	300	21	4	1
Catherine M. Easter	326	308	15	3	0
William L. Estelle	326	294	26	6	0
Sharon A.S. Illsley	326	298	22	5	1
Gregory J. Motyka	326	296	27	3	0
Richard W. Postma, Jr	326	308	15	2	1
Stephanie Rhoades	326	266	46	13	1
John W. Wolfe	326	279	28	14	5
<i>Fourth District</i>					
Douglas L. Blankenship	326	278	42	4	2
Marvin C. Hamilton III	326	305	18	0	3
Michael A. MacDonald	326	295	28	3	0
Jane F. Kauvar	326	275	49	2	0

**Table A7: Social Workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASA Volunteers' Level of Experience with Judges**

		No Response	Direct Professional Experience	Professional Reputation	Other Personal Contacts
	N	N	N	N	N
<i>First District</i>					
David V. George	69	66	3	0	0
Phillip M. Pallenberg	69	57	10	2	0
Trevor Stephens	69	67	2	0	0
Kevin G. Miller	69	67	1	1	0
<i>Third District</i>					
Eric A. Aarseth	69	65	3	1	0
Carl Bauman	69	63	5	1	0
Sharon L. Gleason	69	54	10	5	0
Kari Kristiansen	69	63	5	1	0
Patrick J. McKay	69	65	2	2	0
Anna M. Moran	69	63	6	0	0
Mark Rindner	69	56	10	3	0
Jack W. Smith	69	63	2	4	0
Michael Spaan	69	67	1	1	0
Vanessa H. White	69	61	5	1	2
Brian K. Clark	69	69	0	0	0
Catherine M. Easter	69	69	0	0	0
William L. Estelle	69	67	2	0	0
Sharon A.S. Illsley	69	67	2	0	0
Gregory J. Motyka	69	68	1	0	0
Richard W. Postma, Jr	69	69	0	0	0
Stephanie Rhoades	69	62	3	3	1
John W. Wolfe	69	68	1	0	0
<i>Fourth District</i>					
Douglas L. Blankenship	69	64	4	1	0
Marvin C. Hamilton III	69	69	0	0	0
Michael A. MacDonald	69	61	7	1	0
Jane F. Kauvar	69	66	2	1	0

**Table A8: Overall Rating - Distribution and Mean, Median and Std. Dev. by Alaska Bar Members**

	N	Poor N	Deficient N	Acceptable N	Good N	Excellent N	Mean	Median	Std
<i>Appellate</i>									
Dana A. Fabe	407	8	22	40	90	247	4.3	5.0	1.0
David Mannheimer	167	4	9	14	33	107	4.4	5.0	1.0
<i>First District</i>									
David V. George	73	2	6	16	30	19	3.8	4.0	1.0
Phillip M. Pallenberg	116	3	5	6	39	63	4.3	5.0	0.9
Trevor Stephens	100	0	2	6	25	67	4.6	5.0	0.7
Kevin G. Miller	64	0	0	3	18	43	4.6	5.0	0.6
<i>Third District</i>									
Eric A. Aarseth	141	1	9	32	43	56	4.0	4.0	1.0
Carl Bauman	85	3	5	19	37	21	3.8	4.0	1.0
Sharon L. Gleason	261	4	7	22	58	170	4.5	5.0	0.9
Kari Kristiansen	83	3	10	16	27	27	3.8	4.0	1.1
Patrick J. McKay	187	3	15	27	66	76	4.1	4.0	1.0
Anna M. Moran	89	2	7	17	34	29	3.9	4.0	1.0
Mark Rindner	247	2	18	48	74	105	4.1	4.0	1.0
Jack W. Smith	170	4	13	29	61	63	4.0	4.0	1.0
Michael Spaan	118	2	5	18	52	41	4.1	4.0	0.9
Vanessa H. White	103	0	11	11	26	53	4.1	5.0	1.1
Brian K. Clark	127	1	3	12	40	71	4.4	5.0	0.8
Catherine M. Easter	97	0	2	2	27	66	4.6	5.0	0.6
William L. Estelle	72	4	6	20	27	15	3.6	4.0	1.1
Sharon A.S. Illsley	47	2	5	15	13	12	3.6	4.0	1.1
Gregory J. Motyka	144	2	8	25	46	63	4.1	4.0	1.0
Richard W. Postma, Jr	99	7	17	12	29	34	3.7	4.0	1.3
Stephanie Rhoades	176	13	25	39	44	55	3.6	4.0	1.3
John W. Wolfe	73	1	10	13	20	29	3.9	4.0	1.1
<i>Fourth District</i>									
Douglas L. Blankenship	114	6	13	26	41	28	3.6	4.0	1.1
Marvin C. Hamilton III	54	2	2	8	19	23	4.1	4.0	1.0
Michael A. MacDonald	97	2	4	19	37	35	4.0	4.0	1.0
Jane F. Kauvar	137	4	12	34	39	48	3.8	4.0	1.1

Note: Ratings for only those respondents with direct professional experience with the judge and who evaluated the judge on at least one quality.

**Table A9: Overall Rating - Distribution and Mean, Median and Std. Dev. by Peace and Probation Officers**

	N	Poor N	Deficient N	Acceptable N	Good N	Excellent N	Mean	Median	Std
<i>First District</i>									
David V. George	9	0	0	3	5	1	3.8	4.0	0.7
Phillip M. Pallenberg	18	1	3	4	7	3	3.4	4.0	1.1
Trevor Stephens	15	0	0	0	3	12	4.8	5.0	0.4
Kevin G. Miller	13	0	0	1	5	7	4.5	5.0	0.7
<i>Third District</i>									
Eric A. Aarseth	48	3	4	10	16	15	3.8	4.0	1.2
Carl Bauman	12	0	4	4	4	0	3.0	3.0	0.9
Sharon L. Gleason	8	0	0	1	3	4	4.4	4.5	0.7
Kari Kristiansen	19	5	6	3	3	2	2.5	2.0	1.3
Patrick J. McKay	15	2	0	7	4	2	3.3	3.0	1.2
Anna M. Moran	25	1	8	6	6	4	3.2	3.0	1.2
Mark Rindner	5	1	1	1	2	0	2.8	3.0	1.3
Jack W. Smith	14	0	0	2	7	5	4.2	4.0	0.7
Michael Spaan	18	1	1	3	6	7	3.9	4.0	1.2
Vanessa H. White	17	1	0	2	5	9	4.2	5.0	1.1
Brian K. Clark	21	0	0	2	4	15	4.6	5.0	0.7
Catherine M. Easter	15	0	0	2	2	11	4.6	5.0	0.7
William L. Estelle	25	0	1	7	8	9	4.0	4.0	0.9
Sharon A.S. Illsley	22	0	1	9	7	5	3.7	4.0	0.9
Gregory J. Motyka	27	0	0	4	7	16	4.4	5.0	0.8
Richard W. Postma, Jr	15	0	3	1	3	8	4.1	5.0	1.2
Stephanie Rhoades	46	0	2	7	15	22	4.2	4.0	0.9
John W. Wolfe	28	0	0	6	6	16	4.4	5.0	0.8
<i>Fourth District</i>									
Douglas L. Blankenship	42	0	3	10	14	15	4.0	4.0	1.0
Marvin C. Hamilton III	18	3	5	2	4	4	3.1	3.0	1.5
Michael A. MacDonald	28	0	0	4	17	7	4.1	4.0	0.6
Jane F. Kauvar	49	9	12	13	8	7	2.8	3.0	1.3

Note: Ratings for only those respondents with direct professional experience with the judge and who evaluated the judge on at least one quality.



**Table A10: Overall Rating - Distribution and Mean, Median and Std. Dev. by SW/GALs/CASA**

	N	Poor N	Deficient N	Acceptable N	Good N	Excellent N	Mean	Median	Std
<i>First District</i>									
David V. George	3	0	0	0	0	3	5.0	5.0	0.0
Phillip M. Pallenberg	9	0	1	1	1	6	4.3	5.0	1.1
Trevor Stephens	2	0	0	0	0	2	5.0	5.0	0.0
Kevin G. Miller	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.0	5.0	--
<i>Third District</i>									
Eric A. Aarseth	3	0	0	0	2	1	4.3	4.0	0.6
Carl Bauman	5	0	0	2	2	1	3.8	4.0	0.8
Sharon L. Gleason	10	0	0	0	1	9	4.9	5.0	0.3
Kari Kristiansen	5	0	0	1	3	1	4.0	4.0	0.7
Patrick J. McKay	2	0	0	1	1	0	3.5	3.5	0.7
Anna M. Moran	6	0	0	0	1	5	4.8	5.0	0.4
Mark Rindner	10	0	0	2	5	3	4.1	4.0	0.7
Jack W. Smith	2	0	0	0	0	2	5.0	5.0	0.0
Michael Spaan	1	0	0	0	1	0	4.0	4.0	--
Vanessa H. White	5	0	0	1	0	4	4.6	5.0	0.9
Brian K. Clark	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Catherine M. Easter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
William L. Estelle	2	0	0	0	0	2	5.0	5.0	0.0
Sharon A.S. Illsley	2	0	0	1	0	1	4.0	4.0	1.4
Gregory J. Motyka	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Richard W. Postma, Jr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stephanie Rhoades	3	0	0	0	1	2	4.7	5.0	0.6
John W. Wolfe	1	0	0	0	1	0	4.0	4.0	--
<i>Fourth District</i>									
Douglas L. Blankenship	4	0	1	0	0	3	4.3	5.0	1.5
Marvin C. Hamilton III	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Michael A. MacDonald	6	0	0	1	3	2	4.2	4.0	0.8
Jane F. Kauvar	2	0	0	0	0	2	5.0	5.0	0.0

Note: Ratings for only those respondents with direct professional experience with the judge and who evaluated the judge on at least one quality.

## **Appendix B - Sample Survey Pages** *(from paper survey only)*



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Demographic Questions

Alaska Bar Association

1. **Type of Practice.** Which of the following best describes your practice? (*CIRCLE ONE*)
  1. Private, solo
  2. Private, office of 2-5 attorneys
  3. Private, office of 6 or more attorneys
  4. Private corporate employee
  5. Judge or judicial officer
  6. Government
  7. Public service agency or organization (not government)
  8. Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. **Length of Alaska Practice.** How many years have you practiced law in Alaska? \_\_\_\_\_ years
  
3. **Gender.** \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female
  
4. **Cases Handled.** The majority of your practice consists of (*CIRCLE ONE*)
  1. Prosecution
  2. Mainly criminal
  3. Mixed criminal and civil
  4. Mainly civil
  5. Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
  
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  3. Third District
  4. Fourth District
  5. Outside Alaska

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that I will answer this survey truthfully in accordance with Professional Conduct Rule 8.2.

**Yes**                       **No**

If you check "No" or leave this question blank, your survey will not be included in the analysis.

Basis for Evaluation

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**Demographic Questions**

**Peace and Probation Officers**

1. **Type of Work.** My current position is: (CIRCLE ONE)
  1. State law enforcement officer
  2. Municipal/Borough law enforcement officer
  3. Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)
  4. Probation/parole officer
  5. Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. **Length of Time as Alaskan Officer.** How many years have you been a peace or probation officer in Alaska?  
\_\_\_\_\_ years
  
3. **Gender.** \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female
  
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  1. First District
  2. Second District
  3. Third District
  4. Fourth District
  5. Outside Alaska
  
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  1. Under 2,000
  2. Between 2,000 and 35,000
  3. Over 35,000

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**Social Workers, Guardians Ad Litem, CASA Volunteers**

1. **Type of Work.** My current position is: (CIRCLE ONE)
  1. Social Worker
  2. Guardian Ad Litem (GAL)
  3. CASA Volunteer
  4. Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. **Length of Experience.** How many years have you been a social worker, GAL, or CASA Volunteer in Alaska?
 

\_\_\_\_\_ years
  
3. **Gender.** \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female
  
4. **Location of Work.** In which judicial district has most of your work been conducted during the past four years? (CIRCLE ONE)
  1. First District
  2. Second District
  3. Third District
  4. Fourth District
  5. Outside Alaska
  
5. **Community Population.** What is the population of the community in which you work? (CIRCLE ONE)
  1. Under 2,000
  2. Between 2,000 and 35,000
  3. Over 35,000

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