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Alaska Judicial Council Trial Judge Questionnaire

2020 Candidates for Judicial Retention

November 2019

Dani Crosby
Name

Anchorage Superior Court
Court

1. Please estimate your workload during your present term.

a) 95 % civil cases

b) 1 # of jury trials/year

5 % criminal cases

100 # of non-jury trials/year

 % court administrative work

5 # of administrative appeals/year

100 % Total

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

Chair, Civil Rules Committee
Member, Judicial Conduct Rules Committee
Member, Trauma-Informed Courts Committee

3. Please describe any judicial or legal education you have undertaken or provided during your current term in office.

Attended Fall Judicial Conference in Girdwood in 2016, 2017, 2018 (ill for some of conference), and 2019; attended National Judicial Summit on Child Welfare in Minnesota in September 2019; attended Family Court Enhancement Project Meetings in Washington D.C. in June 2019; attended General Jurisdiction course at National Judicial College in April 2017; attended Civil Justice Reform Summit in Utah in May 2017; attended Newer Judge Conference in 2016, 2017, and 2018.

4. Please describe any public outreach activities.

I have been a speaker on a panel regarding working as a judge for those considering applying (approximately 2016); I regularly volunteer at the Pioneer Home (since January 2017); I organized a "morning of music" at the courthouse with Zuill Bailey performing in September 2019.

5. Please assess, in one or two paragraphs, your judicial performance during your present term. Appropriate areas of comment could include: satisfaction with your judicial role, specific contributions to the judiciary or the field of law, increases in legal knowledge and judicial skills, or other measures of judicial abilities that you believe to be important.

I am very satisfied with my judicial role - it is a privilege to serve the public.

I find the work to be challenging, and I like that. I believe my legal knowledge in a variety of areas has increased significantly over the past few years.

As for judicial skills, this is my first term, and they have improved dramatically because I had no relevant experience before taking the bench in 2016. I think my ability to handle difficult situations in court has improved a great deal, and I am able to balance the rights of litigants with efficiency appropriately most of the time. As with all things, I still have much to learn.

I have also become involved in committees to help improve our court system, and that has been satisfying for me. It does require additional time, of course, but it has enabled me to connect more with other judges, court system employees, lawyers, and members of the public.

6. During your most recent term as a judge, have you:
- a) had a tax lien filed or other collection procedure instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities? Yes No
 - b) been involved in a non-judicial capacity in any legal proceeding whether as a party or otherwise? Yes No
 - c) engaged in the practice of law (other than as a judge)? Yes No
 - d) held office in any political party? Yes No
 - e) held any other local, state or federal office? Yes No
 - f) had any complaints, charges or grievances filed against you with the Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct, the Alaska Bar Association, the Alaska Court System, or any other agency that resulted in public proceedings or sanctions?
 Yes No
7. If your answer to any of the questions above is "yes," please give full details, including dates, facts, case numbers and outcomes.

I was divorced in 2018; I was the plaintiff in the divorce action, Case No. 4FA-18-02609. Although filed as a divorce action, we (my former husband's name is James Fosler) were able to resolve property and custody quickly. We occasionally stipulate to change aspects of the custody arrangement to accommodate changing circumstances.

My former husband has an attorney's lien or similar lien in a case that is now being litigated. As part of the property settlement, I have a 50% interest in any recovery on the lien. I am not involved in the case -- Mr. Fosler is handling it. I believe the case number is 3AN-17-08396 CI; 3AN-19-06326 CI is a related case.

8. Please provide any other information which you believe would assist the Council in conducting its evaluations and in preparing its recommendations for the 2020 retention elections.

I am not sure it is relevant, but I understand that I have a low rate of peremptory disqualifications exercised against me. Possibly it means nothing, but I hope that it reflects, at some level, that I do my best to be fair in all cases.

I enjoy my work and hope to continue serving in this role.

For questions 9 - 12, please do not list any cases that have pending issues in your court.

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

Case Number 1

Case Name: Innerhofer **Case Number:** 3AN-16-07699 CI
 v. Chugach Adventure Guides

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Al Clayton</u>	Name: <u>Tracy Knutson</u>
Address: <u>500 L St., #200</u>	Address: <u>P.O. Box 3504</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Homer, AK 99603</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case Name: Monrean **Case Number:** 3AN-14-9217
 v. Perez

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Whitney Power</u>	Name: <u>Stacy Walker</u>
Address: <u>10950 O'Malley Centre Drive, Suite C</u>	Address: <u>329 F Street, Suite 200</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99515</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>
Name: <u>Cheryl Graves</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>807 G Street, Suite 250</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 3

Case Name: Solberg **Case Number:** 3AN-15-11352 CI
 v. Kralick

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Zane Wilson</u>	Name: <u>David Shoup</u>
Address: <u>714 Fourth Ave, Ste 200</u>	Address: <u>508 W 2nd Ave, #300</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Fairbanks, AK 99701</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

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

Case Number 1

Case Name: Cruz **Case Number:** 3AN-17-10361
v. Cruz

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Dan Allan</u>	Name: <u>Steve Priddle</u>
Address: <u>800 E. Dimond Blvd, Ste 620</u>	Address: <u>700 Hollywood Dr.</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99515</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case Name: Kellar **Case Number:** 3AN-19-04716 CI
v. McCubbin

Attorneys Involved:

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

Case Number 3

Case Name: Montana **Case Number:** 3AN-17-08065 CI
v. Hanson

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Dan Allan</u>	Name: <u>Cameron Compton</u>
Address: <u>800 E. Dimond Blvd, Ste 620</u>	Address: <u>405 W. 36th Ave, Ste 200</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99515</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99503</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

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

Case Number 1

Case Name: Stafford **Case Number:** 3AN-19-05405 CI
 v. Stafford

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Cameron Compton</u>	Name: <u>Andrew Lambert</u>
Address: <u>405 W. 36th Ave, Ste 200</u>	Address: <u>711 H St.</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99503</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case Name: Burlingame **Case Number:** 3AN-18-06657 CI
 v. Johnson

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Charlie Coe</u>	Name: <u>Christina Rankin</u>
Address: <u>810 W. 2nd Ave</u>	Address: <u>1029 W. 3rd Ave, Ste 400</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 3

Case Name: Lake Hood Hangars **Case Number:** 3AN-17-07115 CI
 v. Walatka

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Michael Jungreis</u>	Name: <u>Michael Bedinger</u>
Address: <u>500 L Street, Ste 300</u>	Address: <u>PO Box 241546</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99524</u>
Name: <u>Martin Burzynski</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>600 N. Mount Pilot Cir</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Palmer, AK 99524</u>	City, State, Zip: _____

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

Case Number 1

Case Name: _____ **Case Number:** _____
v. _____

Attorneys Involved:

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

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

Case Number 2

Case Name: _____ **Case Number:** _____
v. _____

Attorneys Involved:

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

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

Case Number 3

Case Name: _____ **Case Number:** _____
v. _____

Attorneys Involved:

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

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

(This question pertains to Superior Court judges only.)

State law requires the Council to conduct an evaluation of judges standing for retention, and to provide information to the public about the judges. Under a provision added in 2013, the information the Council provides to the public "shall include the judge's consideration of victims when imposing sentence on persons convicted of felony offenses where the offenses involve victims." (see AS 22.10.150). Although the Council's evaluations address all aspects of judicial performance, including felony sentencing, they have not in the past explicitly solicited judges' thoughts on this topic.

Please submit a short statement about how you consider victims when imposing sentences in felony offenses.

I have not handled any felony sentencing during my current term in office.

Dani Crosby