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Alaska Judicial Council Trial Judge Questionnaire

2024 Candidates for Judicial Retention

Deadline: November 17, 2023

Adolf Zeman

Anchorage Superior Court

Name

Court

1. Please estimate your workload during your present term.

a) 80 % civil cases

b) 2 # of jury trials/year

10 % criminal cases

50 # of non-jury trials/year

10 % court administrative work

8 # 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.

Law Related Education Committee - Alaska Bar Association

Court System:

Pattern Civil Jury Instructions Committee - Chair

Newer Judge Conference Planning Committee

E-File Planning Committee

In-Court Clerk Pod Program Committee

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

Newer Judges Meetings for first three years
Judicial Conference annually
General Jurisdiction Course at National Judicial College in Reno (2 week program)
Mindfulness for Judges - National Judicial College
Alaska Bar Convention courses

Presenter at Newer Judge Conference

4. Please describe any public outreach activities during your current term in office.

Presenter for CLE for Court Early Resolution Program
Serve as Judge each year for Attorney General interns for their end of internship mock trials
Judge for AK High School Mock trial competition
Presenter for Anchorage School District Engage and Inspire Professional Learning Summit
Presenter at Alaska Native Justice Center training for CINA ICWA workers

Serve on the Board of Directors for Special Olympics Alaska - Board Secretary
Served on the National Board of Directors for the University of Oregon Alumni Association - President
Alaska Ducks - local University of Oregon alumni group volunteer
Youth Soccer Coach - Anchorage Youth Soccer Club
Martin Luther King Jr. Legal Clinic volunteer
Participated in Informational Interview (podcast) with Jeff Landfield of Alaska
Landmine

5. 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).

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

To the extent I am imposing a sentence in a criminal matter I always ensure that victims have been contacted and have an opportunity to address the Court prior to any sentence being imposed. Victim impact is part of the overall process of sentencing and is something I ensure is taken into consideration to the extent victims wish to participate in the process.

6. 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 pleased with my overall performance during my first term on the bench. Of course there are things I wish I could redo or mistakes I've made that I wish didn't occur, but I use those as learning moments to ensure I become the best judge I can possibly be. I work everyday to ensure the people who appear before me feel heard and that they know that I take their legal issues seriously and do my best to resolve their dispute in a timely and fair manner. I believe that my interactions with litigants is overall a positive one and I strive to make their legal process as seamless and efficient as possible.

When I first took the bench there were many areas I had little or limited knowledge about, i.e. child protective cases, criminal matters, and family law cases to name a few. I have worked hard to learn as much as possible about these topics and believe I have been able to preside over these matters effectively. It was a steep learning curve (and a curve that is still going) but again, I work each day to make sure I have as much substantive information and knowledge that I can apply in the courtroom.

In addition to the administrative roles I have taken on, I currently preside over the felony drug and DUI therapeutic court along with Judge Easter. This is an incredibly rewarding court to be part of as it takes an entirely different approach to how criminal defendants are treated. The Court and team work together to address root problems of criminal behavior and to assist the participants in changing that behavior.

7. 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

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

9. Please provide any other information which you believe would assist the Council in conducting its evaluations and in preparing its recommendations for the 2024 retention elections.

For questions 10 - 13, please do not list any cases that have pending issues in your court.

- 10. Please list your three most recent jury trials during your current term in office including case names and numbers. Please list the names and 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: State of Alaska Case Number: 3AN-16-03570CR
 v. Henry Rendon

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Betsy Bull
 Address: 310 K St, Ste. 520
 City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

Name: Kaila Hurley
 Address: 310 K St, Ste. 520
 City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

Name: Benjamin Dressner
 Address: 900 W. 5th Ave., Ste. 200
 City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

Name: Kyle Barber
 Address: 900 W. 5th Ave., Ste. 200
 City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

Case Number 2

Case Name: State of Alaska Case Number: 3AN-22-03953CR
 v. Dominik Spivey

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Diana Kniazewycz
 Address: 310 K St, Ste. 520
 City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

Name: Steven Priddle
 Address: 700 Hollywood Drive
 City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

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

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

Case Number 3

Case Name: _____ Case Number: _____
 v. _____

Attorneys Involved:

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

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

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

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

- 11. Please list your three most recent non-jury trials during your current term in office including case names and numbers. Please list the names and 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: Benjamin Kennah **Case Number:** 3AN-21-06065CI
 v. Paola Kennah

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Gary Eschbacher	Name: Cameron Compton
Address: 718 Barrow Street	Address: 1227 W. 9th Ave., Ste. 301
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501	City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case Name: Erin Rivard **Case Number:** 3AN-21-08653CI
 v. Jason Rivard

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Evan Barrickman	Name: Christopher Smith
Address: 471 W. 36th Ave., Ste. 202	Address: 807 G Street, Ste. 10
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99503	City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 3

Case Name: Joyce Shanklin **Case Number:** 3AN-22-05998CI
 v. Zane Shanklin

Attorneys Involved:

Name: David Houston	Name: Jimmy White
Address: 517 W. Northern Lights Blvd.	Address: 1029 W. 3rd Ave., Ste. 110
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99503	City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

- 12. Please list your three most recent cases during your current term in office, 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 and 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: Christopher Harris et al. **Case Number:** 3AN-15-11175CI
 v. Schlumberger Technology Corporation et al.

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Timothy Seaver	Name: Kenneth Legacki
Address: 500 L St., Ste. 501	Address: PO Box 241581
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501	City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99524

Name: David Gross	Name: Martin Regimbal
Address: 500 L St. Ste. 700	Address: 119 3rd Street South, Ste. 2
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501	City, State, Zip: Columbus, MS 39701

Case Number 2

Case Name: Retired Public Employees of Alaska, Inc. **Case Number:** 3AN-18-06722CI
 v. State of Alaska, Department of Administration, Div

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Grant Callow	Name: Jeffrey Pickett
Address: 310 K St., Ste. 305	Address: 1031 W. 4th Ave., Ste. 200
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501	City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

Name: Kevin Dilg	Name:
Address: PO Box 110300	Address:
City, State, Zip: Juneau, AK 99811	City, State, Zip:

Case Number 3

Case Name: Edward Anderson **Case Number:** 3AN-21-06850CI
 v. Bryanna Anderson

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Cameron Compton	Name: Phyllis Shepherd
Address: 1227 W. 9th Ave., Ste. 301	Address: 645 G St., Ste. 100 PMB #963
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501	City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

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

- 13. *Optional:* If you deem it helpful to the Council, please list up to three other cases during your current term in which you believe your work was particularly noteworthy. Please list the names and 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: Madylin Short et al. **Case Number:** 3AN-22-04028CI
 v. Michael Dunleavy et al.

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Scott Kendall</u>	Name: <u>Jahna Lindemuth</u>
Address: <u>510 L St., Ste. 601</u>	Address: <u>510 L St., Ste. 601</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>

Name: <u>Margaret Paton-Walsh</u>	Name: <u>Katherine Demarest</u>
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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: _____