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## Press Release

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### **Alaska Judicial Council Evaluation of Judges on the Ballot in November Wednesday, May 22, 2024 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

As required by State law, the Alaska Judicial Council is evaluating the judges who are eligible to stand for retention in November of 2024 (see list below). On **Wednesday, May 22, 2024, beginning at 12:00 p.m., the Council will meet in public session to consider judges eligible to stand for retention. At 2:00 p.m., the Council will hold a public vote on its recommendations to the public regarding retention or rejection.** Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting in Courtroom 29 of the Boney Courthouse, 303 K Street, Anchorage, Alaska, or to listen to the meeting and public vote **by calling Zoom toll-free: 1 888-788-0099 with Meeting ID 875 819 3866.** The Council took public comments at a statewide public hearing on May 8, 2024. The Council will continue to receive written comments until May 21, 2024.

Statutes enacted in 1976 authorize the Judicial Council to make recommendations to the voters about whether each judge's performance merits another term in office. Those statutes also require the Judicial Council to provide the evaluation information to the public in advance of the retention election. The judicial performance evaluations will be posted on the Judicial Council web site and published in the Lieutenant Governor's Official Election Pamphlet.

The Judicial Council’s process to evaluate judges is designed to fairly and comprehensively evaluate each judge’s performance. During this process, the Council solicits input from Alaskans who observed or interacted with judges at work, including jurors, police officers, court staff, lawyers, social services professionals, and litigants. The Council also investigates each judge’s compliance with financial disclosure requirements, any disciplinary proceedings, how often a trial judge’s decisions were affirmed on appeal, and whether a judge’s pay was withheld for any untimely decisions, among other performance measures. The Council then uses this information to determine whether the judge met performance standards. The performance standards include the judges’ knowledge of the law, fairness, diligence, integrity, and temperament.

### **Judges Eligible to Stand for Retention in November 2024**

Judge Rachel Ahrens	Valdez Superior Court	Third Judicial District
Judge Marjorie K. Allard	Alaska Court of Appeals	
Judge Maria P. Bahr	Fairbanks District Court	Fourth Judicial District
Justice Dario Borghesan	Alaska Supreme Court	
Judge Matthew Christian	Fairbanks District Court	Fourth Judicial District
Judge Leslie Dickson	Anchorage District Court	Third Judicial District
Judge Michael Franciosi	Anchorage District Court	Third Judicial District
Judge Patricia Haines	Fairbanks Superior Court	Fourth Judicial District
Judge J. Patrick Hanley	Anchorage District Court	Third Judicial District
Justice Jennifer S. Henderson	Alaska Supreme Court	
Judge Michael B. Logue	Anchorage District Court	Third Judicial District
Judge Kristian B. Pickrell	Ketchikan District Court	First Judicial District
Judge Kari L. McCrea	Anchorage District Court	Third Judicial District
Judge Bride Seifert	Homer Superior Court	Third Judicial District
Judge Timothy W. Terrell	Alaska Court of Appeals	
Judge Herman G. Walker, Jr.	Anchorage Superior Court	Third Judicial District
Judge David R. Wallace	Anchorage District Court	Third Judicial District
Judge Pamela S. Washington	Anchorage District Court	Third Judicial District
Judge Adolf V. Zeman	Anchorage Superior Court	Third Judicial District