



alaska judicial council

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Retention Questionnaire

2026 Candidates for Judicial Retention

Full Name: Martin C. Fallon

Court: Kenai District Court

1a. Please estimate your workload during your present term:

- **Case work:** 95%
- **Administrative work, outreach, continuing education, etc:** 5%

1b. District Court Judges:

- **Criminal:** 45%
- **Minor Offense:** 5%
- **Small Claims:** 10%
- **Civil Protective Orders:** 20%
- **General Civil:** 20%

1c. Number of jury trials/year: 15

1d. Number of non-jury trials/year: 135

1e. Any additional information you would like to provide about your workload?

I included probate, family law, divorce, dissolution, guardianships, mental commitments, adoptions, landlord/tenant, CINA and delinquency cases in "general civil". I very rarely cover CINA and delinquency cases.

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

I am a member of the Judicial Conference Planning Committee. We are responsible for planning and facilitating the annual judicial training conference. I participate, along with the peninsula bench, in civil, criminal and CINA bench/bars. I plan and book my own travel for coverage of jury trials in Seward and Palmer, as well as outside training.

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

I am a member of the Judicial Conference Planning Committee. I help plan, and attend, the annual fall conference. The conference alone covers all required CLE and ethics requirements. I attended the NJC training entitled: Ethical Issues in the Law, in Ashland, Oregon, from 7/27/ - 7/31/25.

4. Please describe any public outreach activities.

I continue to be a member of the Kenai Peninsula College Council.
I have hosted student tour groups from Nikiski High School and Alaska Christian College.

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 continue to be honored to serve as District Court Judge in Kenai. It is an enormously rewarding, challenging and interesting position that presents new challenges every day. As a District Court Judge, I handle every type of criminal and civil case. It is a tremendous responsibility making decisions that effect the lives of each individual that appears before me, as well as the community on the Kenai Peninsula as a whole.

I take special care to explain the process for each hearing to self represented litigants that appear before me. I treat each person that appears before me with respect, fairness and dignity.

I volunteered to help cover the Palmer docket earlier this year. Palmer had lost two judges and had a serious backlog that needed to be addressed.

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?

No

b) been involved in a non-judicial capacity in any legal proceeding whether as a party or otherwise?

Yes

c) engaged in the practice of law (other than as a judge)?

No

d) held office in any political party?

No

e) held any other local, state or federal office?

No

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

Yes

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

I had two matters remaining undecided before me for more than six months and executed three pay affidavits while one of them was ripe. I was publicly reprimanded by the Alaska Supreme Court on March 8, 2024. (See 544 P. 3d 626, Alaska 2024). I cooperated with the investigation by the Commission and, most importantly, received extremely helpful strategies and advice ensuring this will never happen again. I apologized to the litigants involved and have made lasting changes to assure decisions are rendered in a timely manner.

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 continue to strive every day to become a better judge. The challenges are enormous but exceedingly rewarding. In Kenai, we have had the benefit of piloting the launch of both the criminal and now civil electronic filing system. This has given us more time to become adept at navigating the system to find documents which may have been filed in cases for which we are responsible. This enables us to be more efficient in our case management.

Trial Judges: Questions 9a-9d please do not list any cases that have pending issues in your court.

9a. 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. (If there are additional pages, please email these to sdipietro@ajc.state.ak.us)

Jury Trial Cases

Case 1: State v. Carlson

(Case No: 3KN-25-00777CR)

Total Attorneys: 2

Atty 1: John C. Schroeder 120 Trading Bay Road, Suite 200 Kenai, Alaska 99611	Atty 2: Matthew Sanford 130 Trading Bay Road, Suite 390 Kenai, Alaska 99611
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Case 2: State v. Brandenburg

(Case No: 3SW-23-00155CR)

Total Attorneys: 2

Atty 1: Deborah Duggin 130 Trading Bay Road, Suite 390 Kenai, Alaska 99611	Atty 2: Logan Bray 120 Trading Bay Road, Suite 200 Kenai, Alaska 99611
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Case 3: State v. Marston

(Case No: 3KN-24-00552CR)

Total Attorneys: 2

Atty 1: Patrick Raymond 120 Trading Bay Road, Suite 200 Kenai, Alaska 99611	Atty 2: Eric Derleth 386 Heath Place Soldotna, Alaska 99669
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Trial Judges: Questions 9a-9d please do not list any cases that have pending issues in your court.

9b. 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. (If there are additional pages, please email these to sdipietro@ajc.state.ak.us)

Non-Jury Trial Cases

Case 1: City of Soldotna v. Broyles

(Case No: 3KN-25-01831MO)

Total Attorneys: 0

Atty 1: Officer Patricia Gordon (non-attorney) 44510 Sterling Hwy, Soldotna, Alaska 99669	Atty 2: Rylan Broyles (non-attorney) 36160 Lake Shore Drive Soldotna, Alaska 99669
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Case 2: Robbins v. Robbins

(Case No: 3KN-25-00130SC)

Total Attorneys: 0

Atty 1: Randy Robbins (non-attorney) 36053 Kenai Spur Hwy, #8 Soldotna, Alaska 99699	Atty 2: Elena Robins (non-attorney) P.O. Box 327 Soldotna, Alaska 99699
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Case 3: Blom v. Everybody Rides Again, LLC

(Case No: 3KN-25-00084SC)

Total Attorneys: 0

Atty 1: Andrew Blom (non-attorney) 507 S. Willow, #2 Kenai, Alaska 99611	Atty 2: Duane Bannock (non-attorney) 43700 Kalifornsky Beach Road Soldotna, Alaska 99699
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Trial Judges: Questions 9a-9d please do not list any cases that have pending issues in your court.

9c. 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. (If there are additional pages, please email these to sdipietro@ajc.state.ak.us)

Cases that Did Not Go to Trial

Case 1: State v. Evans

(Case No: 3KN-24-00298CR)

Total Attorneys: 2

Atty 1: Logan Bray 120 Trading Bay Road, Suite 200 Kenai, Alaska 99611	Atty 2: Josh B. Cooley 245 Fidalgo Ave, Ste 201 Kenai, Alaska 99611
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Case 2: Christopherson v. Glaves

(Case No: 3KN-24-00072CI)

Total Attorneys: 2

Atty 1: Zoe Eisberg 3801 W 40th Ave Unit B Anchorage, Alaska 99517	Atty 2: Megan Sandone 111 West 16th Avenue, Suite 203 Anchorage, Alaska 99501
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Case 3: State v. Berry

(Case No: 3KN-24-00476CR)

Total Attorneys: 2

Atty 1: Bear Combs 120 Trading Bay Road, Suite 200 Kenai, Alaska 99611	Atty 2: Lars Danner 900 W 5th Ave #200 Anchorage, Alaska 99501
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