

**Alaska Judicial Council
2010 Judicial Retention Performance Evaluation Materials
Judge John W. Wolfe
Palmer District Court**

The Judicial Council finds Judge Wolfe to be **Qualified** and recommends unanimously that the public vote **"YES"** to retain him as a district court judge.

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Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

Judge John W. Wolfe, District Court, Palmer

Judicial Council Recommendation 2010

The Alaska Judicial Council is a non-partisan citizens' commission established by the Alaska constitution. Alaskan law requires the Council to evaluate judges' performance and authorizes the Council to recommend to voters whether judges should be retained in office. The Judicial Council reviews judges' integrity, diligence, legal ability, fairness, demeanor, ability to manage their caseloads, and overall performance of their judicial responsibilities in and out of the courtroom. The Judicial Council finds Judge Wolfe to be **Qualified** and recommends unanimously that the public vote "YES" to retain him as a district court judge.

Judicial Council Evaluation

The Judicial Council surveyed thousands of Alaskans including peace and probation officers, court employees, attorneys, jurors, social workers/guardians ad litem, and child advocates about the judges on the ballot. Respondents were asked to rate judicial performance and to submit comments. The Council also reviewed the ratings and observations of the Alaska Judicial Observers, independent community-based volunteers. The Council reviewed the judge's preemptory challenge, recusals, and appellate affirmance and reversal rates; any civil or criminal litigation involving the judge; APOC and court system conflict-of-interest statements; any disciplinary files involving the judge; and whether a judge's pay was withheld for an untimely decision. The Council reviewed other court records and investigated judicial conduct in specific cases. The Council interviewed some judges, attorneys, and court staff, and held a statewide public hearing to obtain comments about judges.

	Attorney Survey	Peace Officer Survey	Juror Survey	Court Employee Survey	Social Workers Guardians ad Litem CASAs
Legal Ability	3.7	---	---	---	---
Impartiality	3.8	4.2	4.7	4.4	4.0
Integrity	4.1	4.4	---	4.5	5.0
Temperament	4.1	4.3	4.9	4.4	4.0
Diligence	4.0	4.3	---	4.4	3.0
Overall	3.9	4.4	4.8	4.5	4.0

Ratings are based on a one to five scale. Five is the best rating and three is "acceptable."

Rating Scale
 5.0 = Excellent
 4.0 = Good
 3.0 = Acceptable
 2.0 = Deficient
 1.0 = Poor

Summary of Survey Informaion

Survey respondents rated Judge Wolfe on the categories summarized in the table above, using 5 as the highest rating possible. The attorney rating for Judge Wolfe on overall performance was 3.9. Peace and probation officers gave Judge Wolfe a rating of 4.4. Jurors rated him 4.8 overall, court employees gave him 4.5, and social workers, guardians ad litem and CASA volunteers rated him at 4.0.

Recommendation: Vote "YES" to retain Judge John W. Wolfe

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**Alaska Judicial Council
Questionnaire**

**Trial Judge
2010 Candidates for Judicial Retention**

October 22, 2009

John William Wolfe

Palmer District Court

Name

Court

1. Please estimate your workload during your present term.

a)	<u>40</u> % civil cases	b)	<u>8</u> # of jury trials/year
	<u>60</u> % criminal cases		<u>120</u> # of non-jury trials/year
	<u>0</u> % court administrative work		<u>0</u> # of administrative appeals/year
	100 % Total		

In counting my non-jury trials, I have included small claims trials but excluded traffic trials.

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

I participated in a court committee to revise the litigant's handbook for landlord/tenant actions.

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3. 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 honored to be able to serve the state as a district court judge. I feel that in this position, particularly in criminal matters, I am often able to make a positive difference for litigants who appear before me and therefore, hopefully, for families and the community as a whole. I find the work fast paced and intellectually stimulating. Every day is a learning experience for me, both in terms of legal knowledge and in my ability to recognize each court case and each litigant as unique. I strive to treat all who appear in court with courtesy and respect and to leave with them a positive impression of the judicial system.

In addition to my attendance at the biannual judicial conferences*, during this past term I have attended several judicial training seminars to further my judicial education. Most recently I attended a Logic and Opinion Writing seminar at the National Judicial College. I took this course because I believe that a fundamental job of a judge is to write clear and logical decisions which can be understood by attorneys and the parties. I also took a course on the dynamics of domestic violence and the role of the justice system involving civil protective orders. I also attended two courses on therapeutic courts involving substance abuse; one of them was specific to DUI therapeutic courts. Here in Palmer, I am working in conjunction with a superior court judge to establish the first DUI therapeutic court for the valley. These courts have been found to be very effective both nationally and also in several other Alaska court locations in, not only holding offenders accountable for their actions, but also reducing the rate of recidivism and therefore making our communities safer.

*I missed the fall 09 conference due to a death in the family.

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4. 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, or with the Alaska Court System that resulted in public proceedings or sanctions? Yes No

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

6. Please provide any other information which you believe would assist the Council in conducting its evaluations and in preparing its recommendations for the 2008 retention elections.

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7. 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, and phone numbers of each attorney involved in these trials. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Case Number 1

Case Name: Janice Perry **Case Number:** 3PA-07-2015 CI
v. John Richard Carr Corp.

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>John Pharr</u>	Name: <u>Andrew Robinson</u>
Address: <u>733 West 4th Ave., Ste. 308</u>	Address: <u>348 East Elmwood Ave.</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, Alaska 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Palmer, Alaska 99645</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case Name: State of Alaska **Case Number:** 3PA-08-3653 CR
v. Orville Newhall

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Jerom Bangerter, Asst. D.A.</u>	Name: <u>Jeffrey Bradley, Asst. P.D.</u>
Address: <u>11921 Palmer-Wa Hwy, Ste. 100</u>	Address: <u>268 E. Fireweed</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Palmer, Ak. 99645</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Palmer, Ak. 99645</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 3

Case Name: State of Alaska **Case Number:** 3PA-08-3401
v. Love A. Rydes

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Jerom Bangerter, Asst. D.A.</u>	Name: <u>Jeffrey Bradley, Asst. P.D.</u>
Address: <u>11921 Palmer-Wa Hwy, Ste. 100</u>	Address: <u>268 E. Fireweed</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Palmer, Ak. 99645</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Palmer, Ak. 99645</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

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Trial Judge Questionnaire
Retention

8. 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, and phone numbers of each attorney involved in your three most recent non-jury trials. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Case Number 1

Case
Name: Mary Weir **Case Number:** 3PA-08-2133 CI
v. Daniel Ra

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>N/A- self represented</u>	Name: <u>N/A- self represented</u>
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case
Name: State of Alaska **Case Number:** 3PA-08-1727 CR
v. William Thomas Butler

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Jarom Bangerter, Asst. D.A.</u>	Name: <u>N/A- self represented</u>
Address: <u>11921 Palmer-Wa Hwy, Ste. 100</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Palmer, Ak. 99645</u>	City, State, Zip: _____
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 3

Case
Name: State of Alaska **Case Number:** 3PA-08-1383 CR
v. Melvin Watkins II

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Jarom Bangerter</u>	Name: <u>N/A- self represented</u>
Address: <u>11921 Palmer-Wa Hwy, Ste. 100</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Palmer, Ak. 99645</u>	City, State, Zip: _____
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

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9. 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, and phone numbers of each attorney involved these cases. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Case Number 1

Case

Name: Michael Lafay dba Meadow Lake **Case Number:** 3PA-08-1628 CI
v. AA-1 Sheet Metal Fabrication

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Richard Payne</u>	Name: <u>Kenneth D. Albertsen</u>
Address: <u>344 North Main Street</u>	Address: <u>P.O. Box 4368</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Wasilla, Ak. 99654</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Palmer, Ak. 99645</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case

Name: Alfred N. Doner **Case Number:** 3PA-09-801 CI
v. Jody L. Lofgren

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>N/A- self represented</u>	Name: <u>Blake Call</u>
Address: _____	Address: <u>250 H. Street</u>
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, Ak. 99501</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 3

Case

Name: Deborah Fischer **Case Number:** 3PA-05-1301 CI
v. Alaska Comp. Health Ins.

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Eric Jensen</u>	Name: <u>Susan Orlansky</u>
Address: <u>167 Park Ave.</u>	Address: <u>500 L. St., Ste. 400</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Wasilla, Ak. 99654</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, Ak. 99501</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

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10. *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, and phone numbers 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: _____

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.

	Attorney Survey N=74	Peace Officer Survey N=28	Social Workers Guardians ad Litem CASAs N=1
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.

District Court Judge John W. Wolfe**A. Alaska Bar Association****Demographic Description**

		N	%
Type of Practice			
	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%
Length of Alaska Practice			
	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%
Gender			
	No Response	2	2.4%
	Male	48	57.1%
	Female	34	40.5%
Cases Handled			
	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%
Location of Practice			
	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
Basis for Evaluation												
No Response		0		0		1		0		1		1
Direct Professional	3.7	74	3.8	74	4.1	73	4.1	74	4.0	73	3.9	73
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
Type of Practice												
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
Years of Practice in Alaska												
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
Gender												
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
Cases Handled												
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
Location of Practice												
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**

		N	%
Type of Work			
	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%
Length of Alaska Experience			
	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%
Gender			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	36	76.6%
	Female	11	23.4%
Location of Work			
	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%
Community Population			
	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
Basis for Evaluation										
No Response		0		0		0		1		0
Direct Professional	4.2	28	4.4	28	4.3	28	4.3	27	4.4	28
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
Type of Work										
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
Length of Experience										
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
Gender										
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
Location of Work										
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
Community Population										
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**

		N	%
Type of Work			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Social Worker	1	100%
	Guardian ad Litem	--	0.0%
	CASA Volunteer	--	0.0%
	Other	--	0.0%
Length of Alaska Experience			
	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%
Gender			
	No Response	1	100%
	Male	--	0.0%
	Female	--	0.0%
Location of Work			
	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%
Community Population			
	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

	Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
Basis for Evaluation										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Direct Professional	4.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	3.0	1	4.0	1
Professional Reputation	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Type of Work										
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
Length of Experience										
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
Gender										
No Response			0	0		0		0	0	0
Male	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Female	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Location of Work										
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
Community Population										
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.

Juror Survey Results 2010 Retention Evaluation John W. Wolfe												
		Distribution of Ratings										
Survey Category	Mean	Excellent		Good		Acceptable		Deficient		Poor		Total Responses
		%	(n)	%	(n)	%	(n)	%	(n)	%	(n)	
Impartiality/Fairness	4.7	79%	23	14%	4	7%	2	0%	0	0%	0	29
Respectful/Courteous	4.9	90%	26	10%	3	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	29
Attentive during Proceedings	4.7	76%	22	17%	5	3%	1	3%	1	0%	0	29
Control over Proceedings	4.8	79%	23	21%	6	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	29
Intelligence/Skill as a Judge	4.8	79%	23	17%	5	3%	1	0%	0	0%	0	29
Overall Evaluation	4.8	83%	24	10%	3	7%	2	0%	0	0%	0	29

Court Employee Survey Results 2010 Retention Evaluation John Wolfe									
Question	Excellent % (n)	Good % (n)	Acceptable % (n)	Deficient % (n)	Poor % (n)	Mean	Total Responses		
Impartiality/Fairness	54% 14	35% 9	12% 3	0% 0	0% 0	4.4	26		
Integrity	63% 17	30% 8	4% 1	4% 1	0% 0	4.5	27		
Judicial Temperament	56% 15	30% 8	11% 3	4% 1	0% 0	4.4	27		
Diligence	56% 15	37% 10	4% 1	0% 0	4% 1	4.4	27		
Overall Evaluation	56% 15	41% 11	0% 0	4% 1	0% 0	4.5	27		

Prior Retention Scores
 Judge John W. Wolfe
 Palmer District Court: Retention 2010
 Appointed to Palmer District Court 2004

Bar Survey						
2010 Retention	3.7	3.8	4.1	4.1	4.0	3.9
2006 Retention	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.1
	Legal Ability	Impartiality	Integrity	Judicial Temperament	Diligence	Overall Performance
Peace & Probation Officer Survey						
2010 Retention	4.2	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.4	
2006 Retention	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.1	
	Impartiality	Integrity	Judicial Temperament	Diligence	Overall Performance	