

Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

Judge Michael I. Jeffery, Superior Court, Barrow

I. Judicial Council Evaluation. The Alaska Judicial Council, a non-partisan citizens commission established by the Alaska Constitution, finds Judge Jeffery to be *Qualified* and recommends unanimously that the public vote "YES" to retain him as a superior court judge.

II. Summary of Evaluation Information. A survey of 2,927 attorneys in Alaska rated Judge Jeffery on sixteen categories that are summarized in the adjacent graph. Attorneys rated Judge Jeffery 4.3 on a scale of 5 on overall judicial performance. He scored 4.1 or better in all sixteen categories.

	Attorney Survey	Peace Officer Survey	Juror Survey	Court Employee Survey
Legal Ability	4.3	---	---	---
Impartiality	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.6
Integrity	4.4	4.2	---	4.6
Temperament	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.8
Diligence	4.2	4.4	---	4.4
Special Skills	4.3	4.3	---	---
Overall	4.3	4.2	4.5	4.5

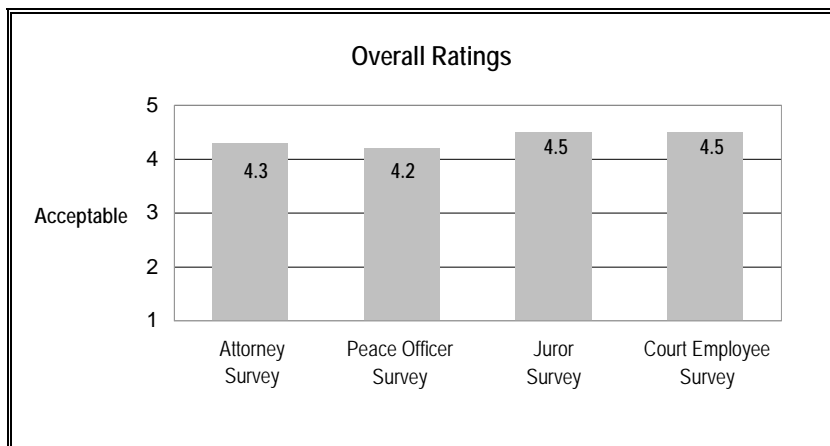
Ratings are based on a one to five scale. Five is the best rating and three is "acceptable."

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

A survey of 1,495 peace and probation officers in Alaska rated Judge Jeffery on twelve categories that are summarized in the adjacent graph. Peace and probation officers rated Judge Jeffery 4.2 on a scale of 5 on overall judicial performance. He scored 4.0 or better in all twelve categories.

A survey of jurors appearing before Judge Jeffery in 2002 and 2003 rated him 4.5 on a scale of 5 on overall performance. A survey of all court employees rated him 4.5 on a scale of 5 on overall performance.

The Council also completed a background investigation including a court records check, a disciplinary records check, a review of conflict of interest statements submitted to the court system and a review of financial disclosure statements submitted to the Alaska Public Offices Commission. Attorneys, peace officers, court employees and jurors were asked to submit written comments about the judge. The Council actively encouraged the public to comment, both in writing and in a statewide public hearing teleconference.



Recommendation: Vote "YES" to retain Judge Michael I. Jeffery

Contact the Judicial Council at 1029 W. 3rd, Suite 201, Anchorage, AK 99501 (telephone: (907) 279-2526) for more detailed information, or review the information on our Internet site at:

www.ajc.state.ak.us

November 2004

Alaska Judicial Council Questionnaire

**Trial Judge
2004 Candidates for Judicial Retention**

November 10, 2003

Name: Michael I. Jeffery

Court: Superior Court at Barrow

1. Describe your workload during your present term.

- a) 35% Civil Cases (including CP cases)
60% Criminal Cases
5% Court Administrative
100 % TOTAL

- b) 12 # of trials (jury & non jury)/year
less than 1# Administrative Appeals/year

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

I have been Presiding Judge of the Second Judicial District throughout the current term. I also serve as co-chair of the Court System's CINA/Delinquency Rules Committee, and I am member of the Judicial Outreach Commission. I am currently a member (representing the Court System) of Alaska's Statewide Steering Committee on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders. I am a Public/Judiciary Member of the Alaska Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee. I was a member of the Trial Court Standards Committee and the Criminal Justice Assessment Commission. I was a member of a panel on Pro Se litigation at the 2001 Fall Judicial Conference. I was also a panelist on "Arrest to Trial" during the 2002 Alaska Native Law Conference on "Alaska Natives and the Criminal Justice System: Searching For Justice". I was a panelist at the Statewide Bar Convention in 2003 on "Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders: How It Impacts Judges and Lawyers in their Practice and in the Courtroom."

3. On a separate sheet of paper 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 your legal knowledge and judicial skills, or other measures of judicial abilities that you believe to be important.

[See attached sheet]

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? **No**
 - b) been involved in a nonjudicial capacity in any legal proceeding whether as a party or otherwise? **No**
 - 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**

Please provide any other information which you believe would assist the Council in conducting its evaluations and in preparing its recommendations for the 2004 retention elections.

There have been times during which the Barrow Trial Court has had an unusually high number of felony trials—during one year this term we had more felony trials than the Juneau Superior Court. Until 2002, I did not have a law clerk residing in Barrow. These two factors have caused delays in processing other cases, especially civil cases. Having a law clerk in Barrow since fall 2002 has been a big help!

In addition to the administrative activities listed above, I am very active in the local community through activities such as the Rotary Club,

coordinator (along with my wife) of the middle school/high school youth group at our church, and various outreach activities at schools in Barrow as well as the Fairview Elementary School in Anchorage (where my sister in law is the counselor). The Barrow Court has sponsored Mock Trials for local youth for each year.

5. Please list the names and case numbers of the three most recent jury cases tried before you, identify the attorneys involved, and show their current addresses.

1. Name of case: State v. James B. Ipalook Case No. 2BA-S03-668 CR

Attorneys involved

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2. Name of case: State v. Vincent Bodfish Case No. 2BA-S03-228 CR

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3. Name of case: State v. Dusan Boceski

Case No. 2BA-S00-514 CR

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6. Please list the names and case numbers of the three most recent non-jury cases tried before you, identify the attorneys involved, and show their current addresses.

1. Name of case: Matter of E. Children

**Case Numbers: 2BA-95-06 CP;
2BA-95-08 CP; 2BA-95-05 CP;
2BA-95-07 CP; 2BA-97-24 CP;
2BA-99-53 CP**

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2. Name of case: Norma Sikvayugak v. Riley Sikvayugak, Jr.

Case No. 2BA-02-115 CI

Attorneys involved

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3. Name of case: Francine Hopson-Rochon v. Francis Rochon
Case No. 2BA-03-03- CR

Attorneys involved

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Defendant was self-represented.

7. Please list the names and case numbers of the three most recent cases which did not go to trial, but on which you did significant work (such as settlement conference, hearings, motion work, etc.), identify the attorneys involved, and show their current addresses.

1. Name of case: Matter of V. Children **Case Numbers: 2BA-87-25 CP;**
2BA-90-10 CP; 2BA-99-42 CP;
2BA-99-43 CP

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2. Name of Case: Bronson et. al. v. City of Kotzebue, et al.

Case Number: 2KB-00-29 CI

Attorneys involved

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3. Name of Case: Matter of S.K./Adoption of S.K.M.

**Case Numbers: 2BA-99-06 CP;
2BA-03-14 PR**

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8. If you deem it helpful to the Council, please list the name, case number and attorney's names and current addresses of any other cases during your judicial career in which your work was particularly noteworthy.

1. Name of Case: Sookiayak v. Polaris Industries et al.

Case Number: 2NO-98-82 CI

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2. Name of Case: State of Alaska v. Houston Contracting & Bock

Case Number: 2BA-95-184 CR

Attorneys involved

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3. Name of Case: Voight v. Arthur Snowden, II, et. al.

Case Number 4FA-94-1308 CI

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Question 8 continued:

4. Name of Case: Bering Straits Coastal Management Program, et. al. v. Harry Noah, et. al. Case Number 2NO-94-06 CI

Attorneys involved

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5. Name of case: Rexford v. Demientieff Case Number 2BA-94-91 CI

Attorneys involved

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6. Name of case: State v. Andy N. Ritter Case Number: 2BA-S01-163CR

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ATTACHMENT (QUESTION 3)

I continue to value the privilege of serving the people of the North Slope as Superior Court Judge. Sometimes people ask me if I "enjoy" being a judge. I explain that I can't say I "enjoy" being in the middle of an emotional domestic relations matter or a difficult felony sentencing. But there is a deeper sense of appreciation for the chance to make decisions that are so important to the people involved in a case, and sometimes to the community as a whole. Judges have the precious opportunity to make a decision that embodies justice, rather than simply advocating for one side or another.

I have become more involved with the effort to make the judicial system understandable, specifically to those affected by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders. Realizing how profound the problems can be, but also realizing that I could not make an easy determination if someone were actually affected during a court hearing, I have made strong efforts to make the process more understandable for everyone. With assistance of experts in the FASD issue, I redrafted commonly used forms in criminal cases so that they are in more concrete, understandable English. I will also use a "chalk talk" format when doing some sentencings or changes of plea to make sure people understand the possible penalties. I can imagine that some out of town attorneys participating by telephone sometimes get frustrated with the length of some of these hearings; however, I feel that accommodations must be made to ensure that I am really communicating what is going on instead of just going through the motions. I have attended training events and also done presentation to other judges and the Alaska Bar Association on these issues. The forms have been shared on a national FASD website and in Canada as well.

Another factor at Barrow is the opportunity to work with one of the few tribal courts in Alaska that has received "exclusive jurisdiction" over child welfare cases. The Native Village of Barrow Tribal Court is now handling all new Barrow child welfare cases. The State Court is handling the older Barrow cases (including various termination of parental rights proceedings) as well as all village child welfare cases and all juvenile delinquency cases. So far, there has been excellent cooperation between the tribe and the social workers and the State Court. Our children's case load remains very busy at this time.

B. SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE MICHAEL I. JEFFERY

1. ALASKA BAR ASSOCIATION

Demographic Description of all Alaska Bar Association Respondents (N=214)

a. <u>Type of Practice:</u>	Private, solo	23.4%
	Private, office of 2-5 attorneys	14.0%
	Private, office of 6 or more attorneys	12.6%
	Private corporate employee	0.9%
	State judge or judicial officer	18.2%
	Government	21.0%
	Public service agency or organization	3.3%
	Other	3.3%
	No Answer	3.3%
b. <u>Years of Experience:</u>	5 Years or fewer	6.1%
	6-10 Years	6.1%
	11-15 Years	8.9%
	16-20 Years	16.8%
	21 Years or more	58.9%
	No Answer	3.3%
c. <u>Gender:</u>	Male	65.4%
	Female	30.4%
	No Answer	4.2%
d. <u>Cases Handled:</u>	Prosecution	6.5%
	Mainly criminal	7.9%
	Mixed criminal and civil	31.8%
	Mainly civil	44.4%
	Other	5.1%
	No Answer	4.2%
e. <u>Location of Practice:</u>	First District	6.5%
	Second District	6.5%
	Third District	59.8%
	Fourth District	23.4%
	Outside Alaska	0.5%
	No Answer	3.3%

Summary of Findings:

Judge Michael I. Jeffery was evaluated by 171 Alaska Bar Association members who reported having direct professional experience with this judge. Of these 171 respondents, 57 (33.3%) had substantial and recent experience, 46 (26.9%) had moderate experience, 55 (32.2%) had limited experience, and 13 (7.6%) did not indicate level of experience. The mean score on the overall evaluation item was 4.3. The highest mean score was obtained on *human understanding and compassion* (4.6). The lowest mean scores were obtained on *reasonable promptness in making decisions* (4.1) and *ability to control courtroom* (4.1). Details are presented in the two tables that follow.

**Evaluation of Superior Court Judge Michael I. Jeffery:
Alaska Bar Association Members**

	<i>Poor</i>		<i>Deficient</i>		<i>Acceptable</i>		<i>Good</i>		<i>Excellent</i>		<i>Mean</i>
	<i>Num</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Num</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Num</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Num</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Num</i>	<i>%</i>	
Legal Ability											
Legal and factual analysis	2	1.3	1	0.6	23	14.4	63	39.4	71	44.4	4.3
Knowledge of substantive law	1	0.7	1	0.7	21	14.0	61	40.7	66	44.0	4.3
Knowledge of evidence and procedure	1	0.7	2	1.4	20	13.5	62	41.9	63	42.6	4.2
Impartiality											
Equal treatment of all parties	2	1.2	5	3.1	13	8.0	41	25.2	102	62.6	4.4
Sense of basic fairness and justice	1	0.6	3	1.9	12	7.7	41	26.5	98	63.2	4.5
Integrity											
Conduct free from impropriety or appearance of impropriety	2	1.2	3	1.9	10	6.2	44	27.2	103	63.6	4.5
Makes decisions without regard to possible public criticism	2	1.4	7	4.7	15	10.1	46	31.1	78	52.7	4.3
Judicial Temperament											
Courtesy, freedom from arrogance	3	1.8	-	-	14	8.4	38	22.8	112	67.1	4.5
Human understanding and compassion	1	0.6	2	1.3	14	8.9	30	19.0	111	70.3	4.6
Diligence											
Reasonable promptness in making decisions	3	2.1	5	3.4	27	18.6	49	33.8	61	42.1	4.1
Willingness to work diligently; preparation for hearings	1	0.7	1	0.7	22	14.9	47	31.8	77	52.0	4.3
Special Skills											
Ability to control courtroom	2	1.5	4	2.9	23	16.8	54	39.4	54	39.4	4.1
Settlement skills	2	2.1	4	4.1	13	13.4	36	37.1	42	43.3	4.2
Consideration of all relevant factors in sentencing	2	2.0	2	2.0	10	9.9	25	24.8	62	61.4	4.4
Talent and ability for cases involving children and families	1	0.8	2	1.7	11	9.3	.0	25.4	74	62.7	4.5
Overall Evaluation											
Overall evaluation of judge	2	1.2	1	0.6	20	12.2	57	34.8	84	51.2	4.3

NOTE: Results are based on respondents who reported having direct professional experience with this judge.

**Ratings on the “Overall Evaluation” Item for Superior Court Judge Michael I. Jeffery:
Alaska Bar Association Members**

	Total		Poor	Deficient	Acceptable	Good	Excellent
<i>Demographics</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
Basis for Evaluation							
No Answer	4	4.5	-	-	-	50.0	50.0
Direct Professional Experience	164	4.3	1.2	0.6	12.2	34.8	51.2
Professional Reputation	28	4.1	3.6	-	17.9	42.9	35.7
Social Contacts	6	4.3	-	-	-	66.7	33.3
Type of Practice							
No Answer	6	4.0	-	-	33.3	33.3	33.3
Solo	42	4.5	-	2.4	4.8	38.1	54.8
2 – 5 Attorneys	21	4.0	4.8	-	23.8	38.1	33.3
6+ Attorneys	20	4.2	5.0	-	15.0	35.0	45.0
Corporate	1	4.0	-	-	-	100.0	-
Judge or Judicial Officer	30	4.8	-	-	-	20.0	80.0
Government	34	4.2	-	-	20.6	38.2	41.2
Public Service	7	4.3	-	-	14.3	42.9	42.9
Other	3	4.7	-	-	-	33.3	66.7
Years of Experience							
No Answer	6	4.0	-	-	33.3	33.3	33.3
5 Years or fewer	9	4.2	-	-	11.1	55.6	33.3
6 – 10 Years	10	4.3	-	-	20.0	30.0	50.0
11 – 15 Years	17	4.4	-	-	5.9	47.1	47.1
16 – 20 Years	26	4.2	3.8	-	11.5	42.3	42.3
21 Years or more	96	4.4	1.0	1.0	11.5	29.2	57.3
Gender							
No Answer	7	4.0	-	-	28.6	42.9	28.6
Male	106	4.3	1.9	0.9	12.3	30.2	54.7
Female	51	4.4	-	-	9.8	43.1	47.1
Cases Handled							
No Answer	8	4.1	-	-	25.0	37.5	37.5
Prosecution	12	4.3	-	-	25.0	25.0	50.0
Criminal	11	4.5	-	-	9.1	27.3	63.6
Criminal and Civil	55	4.6	-	1.8	7.3	20.0	70.9
Civil	71	4.2	2.8	-	12.7	47.9	36.6
Other	7	4.3	-	-	14.3	42.9	42.9
Location of Practice							
No Answer	6	4.0	-	-	33.3	33.3	33.3
First District	6	5.0	-	-	-	-	100.0
Second District	14	4.4	-	-	-	57.1	42.9
Third District	96	4.4	2.1	1.0	10.4	31.3	55.2
Fourth District	42	4.2	-	-	19	40.5	40.5
Outside Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amount of Experience							
No Answer	13	4.2	-	-	15.4	53.8	30.8
Substantial	55	4.6	1.8	-	5.5	21.8	70.9
Moderate	44	4.3	2.3	-	13.6	29.5	54.5
Limited	52	4.1	-	1.9	17.3	48.1	32.7

B. SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE MICHAEL I. JEFFERY

2. PEACE AND PROBATION OFFICERS

Demographic Description of all Peace and Probation Officer Respondents (N=34)

a. <u>Type of Work:</u>	State Law Enforcement Officer	29.4%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	35.3%
	Village Public Safety Officer	2.9%
	Probation-Patrol Officer	17.6%
	Other	11.8%
	No Answer	2.9%
b. <u>Years of Experience:</u>	5 Years or fewer	17.6%
	6-10 Years	17.6%
	11-15 Years	26.5%
	16-20 Years	23.5%
	21 Years or more	11.8%
	No Answer	2.9%
c. <u>Gender:</u>	Male	82.4%
	Female	14.7%
	No Answer	2.9%
d. <u>Location of Work:</u>	First District	2.9%
	Second District	52.9%
	Third District	8.8%
	Fourth District	32.4%
	Outside Alaska	0.0%
	No Answer	2.9%
e. <u>Community Population:</u>	Under 2,000	8.8%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	55.9%
	35,000 or over	32.4%
	No Answer	2.9%

Summary of Findings:

Judge Michael I. Jeffery was evaluated by 31 Peace and Probation Officers who reported having direct professional experience with this judge. Of these 31 respondents, 13 (41.9%) had substantial and recent experience, 5 (16.1%) had moderate experience, 11 (35.5%) had limited experience, and 2 (6.5%) did not indicate level of experience. The mean score on the overall evaluation item was 4.2. The highest mean score was obtained on *human understanding and compassion* (4.6). The lowest mean score was obtained on *makes decisions without regard to possible public criticism* (4.0). Details are presented in the two tables that follow.

**Evaluation of Superior Court Judge Michael I. Jeffery:
Peace and Probation Officers**

	<i>Poor</i>		<i>Deficient</i>		<i>Acceptable</i>		<i>Good</i>		<i>Excellent</i>		<i>Mean</i>
	<i>Num</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Num</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Num</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Num</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Num</i>	<i>%</i>	
Impartiality											
Equal treatment of all parties	1	3.3	1	3.3	2	6.7	12	40.0	14	46.7	4.2
Sense of basic fairness and justice	-	-	2	6.5	4	12.9	9	29.0	16	51.6	4.3
Integrity											
Conduct free from impropriety or appearance of impropriety	-	-	-	-	4	12.9	10	32.3	17	54.8	4.4
Makes decisions without regard to possible public criticism	1	3.3	-	-	7	23.3	11	36.7	11	36.7	4.0
Judicial Temperament											
Courtesy, freedom from arrogance	-	-	-	-	3	9.7	9	29.0	19	61.3	4.5
Human understanding and compassion	-	-	-	-	2	6.7	7	23.3	21	70.0	4.6
Diligence											
Reasonable promptness in making decisions	-	-	1	3.2	3	9.7	14	45.2	13	41.9	4.3
Willingness to work diligently; preparation for hearings	-	-	1	3.3	2	6.7	10	33.3	17	56.7	4.4
Special Skills											
Ability to control courtroom	-	-	-	-	5	16.1	13	41.9	13	41.9	4.3
Consideration of all relevant factors in sentencing	-	-	2	6.5	5	16.1	10	32.3	14	45.2	4.2
Talent and ability for cases involving children and families	-	-	1	3.8	4	15.4	7	26.9	14	53.8	4.3
Overall Evaluation											
Overall evaluation of judge	-	-	1	3.2	4	12.9	13	41.9	13	41.9	4.2

NOTE: Results are based on respondents who reported having direct professional experience with this judge.

**Ratings on the “Overall Evaluation” Item for Superior Court Judge Michael I. Jeffery:
Peace and Probation Officers**

	Total		Poor	Deficient	Acceptable	Good	Excellent
<i>Demographics</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
Basis for Evaluation							
No Answer	7	3.4	-	28.6	14.3	42.9	14.3
Direct Professional Experience	31	4.2	-	3.2	12.9	41.9	41.9
Professional Reputation	3	4.0	-	-	33.3	33.3	33.3
Social Contacts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Type of Work							
No Answer	1	4.0	-	-	-	100.0	-
State Officer	9	3.7	-	11.1	22.2	55.6	11.1
Municipal/Borough	11	4.5	-	-	9.1	36.4	54.5
Village Public Safety Officer	1	5.0	-	-	-	-	100.0
Probation/Parole Officer	6	4.2	-	-	16.7	50.0	33.3
Other	3	5.0	-	-	-	-	100.0
Years of Experience							
No Answer	1	4.0	-	-	-	100.0	-
5 Years or fewer	6	4.0	-	16.7	-	50.0	33.3
6 – 10 Years	4	4.5	-	-	-	50.0	50.0
11 – 15 Years	8	4.4	-	-	12.5	37.5	50.0
16 – 20 Years	8	4.0	-	-	37.5	25.0	37.5
21 Years or more	4	4.5	-	-	-	50.0	50.0
Gender							
No Answer	1	4.0	-	-	-	100.0	0.0
Male	26	4.0	-	-	15.4	42.3	42.3
Female	4	4.0	-	25.0	-	25.0	50.0
Location of Work							
No Answer	1	4.0	-	-	-	100.0	-
First District	1	4.0	-	-	-	100.0	-
Second District	17	4.4	-	5.9	5.9	29.4	58.8
Third District	3	3.3	-	-	66.7	33.3	-
Fourth District	9	4.2	-	-	11.1	55.6	33.3
Outside Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Population in Community							
No Answer	1	4.0	-	-	-	100.0	-
Under 2,000	3	4.7	-	-	-	33.3	66.7
2,000-35,000	18	4.2	-	5.6	16.7	27.8	50.0
Over 35,000	9	4.1	-	-	11.1	66.7	22.2
Amount of Experience							
No Answer	2	4.0	-	-	50.0	-	50.0
Substantial	13	4.5	-	-	-	46.2	53.8
Moderate	5	4.2	-	20.0	-	20.0	60.0
Limited	11	3.9	-	-	27.3	54.5	18.2

B. SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE MICHAEL I. JEFFERY

3. SOCIAL WORKERS/GUARDIANS AD LITEM/CASA VOLUNTEERS

Demographic Description of all Social Workers/GAL/CASA Respondents (N=4)

a.	<u>Type of Work:</u>	Social Worker	50.0%
		Guardian ad Litem	25.0%
		CASA Volunteer	0.0%
		Other	0.0%
		No Answer	25.0%
b.	<u>Years of Experience:</u>	5 Years or fewer	25.0%
		6-10 Years	25.0%
		11-15 Years	0.0%
		16-20 Years	25.0%
		21 Years or more	0.0%
		No Answer	25.0%
c.	<u>Gender:</u>	Male	0.0%
		Female	75.0%
		No Answer	25.0%
d.	<u>Location of Work:</u>	First District	0.0%
		Second District	75.0%
		Third District	0.0%
		Fourth District	0.0%
		Outside Alaska	0.0%
		No Answer	25.0%
e.	<u>Community Population:</u>	Under 2,000	0.0%
		Between 2,000 and 35,000	75.0%
		35,000 or over	0.0%
		No Answer	25.0%

Summary of Findings:

Judge Michael I. Jeffery was evaluated by a total of 4 Social Workers, Guardians ad Litem, and CASA volunteers who reported having direct professional experience with this judge. Of these 4 respondents, 3 (75.0%) had substantial and recent experience, 0 (0.0%) had moderate experience, 1 (25.0%) had limited experience, and 0 (0.0%) did not indicate level of experience. The mean score on the overall evaluation item was 4.0. The highest mean scores were obtained on *conduct free from impropriety or appearance of impropriety* (4.5) and *courtesy, freedom from arrogance* (4.5). The lowest mean score was obtained on *settlement skills* (3.7). Details are presented in the two tables that follow.

**Evaluation of Superior Court Judge Michael I. Jeffery:
Social Workers/Guardians ad Litem/CASA Volunteers**

	<i>Poor</i>		<i>Deficient</i>		<i>Acceptable</i>		<i>Good</i>		<i>Excellent</i>		<i>Mean</i>
	<i>Num</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Num</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Num</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Num</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Num</i>	<i>%</i>	
Impartiality											
Equal treatment of all parties	-	-	-	-	1	25.0	3	75.0	-	-	3.8
Sense of basic fairness and justice	-	-	-	-	1	25.0	3	75.0	-	-	3.8
Integrity											
Conduct free from impropriety or appearance of impropriety	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	50.0	2	50.0	4.5
Judicial Temperament											
Courtesy, freedom from arrogance	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	50.0	2	50.0	4.5
Human understanding and compassion	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	75.0	1	25.0	4.3
Diligence											
Reasonable promptness in making decisions	-	-	-	-	1	25.0	3	75.0	-	-	3.8
Willingness to work diligently; preparation for hearings	-	-	-	-	1	25.0	2	50.0	1	25.0	4.0
Special Skills											
Ability to control courtroom	-	-	-	-	1	25.0	3	75.0	-	-	3.8
Settlement skills	-	-	-	-	1	33.3	2	66.7	-	-	3.7
Talent and ability for cases involving children and families	-	-	-	-	1	25.0	3	75.0	-	-	3.8
Overall Evaluation											
Overall evaluation of judge	-	-	-	-	1	25.0	2	50.0	1	25.0	4.0

NOTE: Results are based on respondents who reported having direct professional experience with this judge.

**Ratings on the “Overall Evaluation” Item for Superior Court Judge Michael I. Jeffery:
Social Workers/Guardians ad Litem/CASA Volunteers**

<i>Demographics</i>	<i>Total</i>		<i>Poor</i>	<i>Deficient</i>	<i>Acceptable</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Excellent</i>
	<i>n</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
Basis for Evaluation							
No Answer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Direct Professional Experience	4	4.0	-	-	25.0	50.0	25.0
Professional Reputation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Social Contacts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Type of Work							
No Answer	1	4.0	-	-	-	100.0	-
Social Worker	2	3.5	-	-	50.0	50.0	-
Guardian ad Litem	1	5.0	-	-	-	-	100.0
CASA Volunteer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Years of Experience							
No Answer	1	4.0	-	-	-	100.0	-
5 Years or fewer	1	4.0	-	-	-	100.0	-
6 – 10 Years	1	3.0	-	-	100.0	-	-
11 – 15 Years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16 – 20 Years	1	5.0	-	-	-	-	100.0
21 Years or more	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gender							
No Answer	1	4.0	-	-	-	100.0	-
Male	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Female	3	4.0	-	-	33.3	33.3	33.3
Location of Work							
No Answer	1	4.0	-	-	-	100.0	-
First District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Second District	3	4.0	-	-	33.3	33.3	33.3
Third District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fourth District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Outside Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Population of Community							
No Answer	1	4.0	-	-	-	100.0	-
Under 2,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2,000-35,000	3	4.0	-	-	33.3	33.3	33.3
Over 35,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amount of Experience							
No Answer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Substantial	3	4.0	-	-	33.3	33.3	33.3
Moderate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Limited	1	4.0	-	-	-	100.0	-

**Table 8:
Juror Survey Results for Michael I. Jeffery
2004 Alaska Judicial Council Retention Juror Survey**

Question	Excellent % (n)	Good % (n)	Acceptable % (n)	Deficient % (n)	Unacceptable % (n)	Mean	Total returned = 67
Was the judge fair and impartial to all sides in the case?	51% 34	40% 27	9% 6	0% 0	0% 0	4.4	67
Was the judge respectful and courteous?	64% 43	30% 20	6% 4	0% 0	0% 0	4.6	67
Was the judge attentive during proceedings?	47% 31	44% 29	8% 5	2% 1	0% 0	4.4	66
Did the judge exercise appropriate control over the proceedings?	52% 35	37% 25	10% 7	0% 0	0% 0	4.4	67
How would you evaluate the judge's intelligence and skill as a judge?	65% 42	28% 18	8% 5	0% 0	0% 0	4.6	65
How would you evaluate the judge overall?	63% 42	28% 19	8% 5	0% 0	2% 1	4.5	67

**Table 7: Court Employee Survey Results for Michael I. Jeffery
 2004 Alaska Judicial Council Retention Court Employee Survey**

Question	Excellent % (n)	Good % (n)	Acceptable % (n)	Deficient % (n)	Poor % (n)	Mean	Total returned = 27
Does this judge treat court staff with respect?	69% 18	27% 7	4% 1	0% 0	0% 0	4.7	26
Does this judge treat other people with respect?	80% 20	20% 5	0 0	0% 0	0% 0	4.8	25
Does this judge manage the caseload and staff capably and effectively?	44% 7	31% 5	19% 3	6% 1	0% 0	4.1	16
Does this judge work diligently and act promptly on matters that need attention?	52% 11	38% 8	5% 1	5% 1	0% 0	4.4	21
Does this judge act with integrity?	61% 14	35% 8	4% 1	0% 0	0% 0	4.6	23
Does this judge act with fairness and impartiality?	61% 14	35% 8	4% 1	0% 0	0% 0	4.6	23
Does this judge have the ability to control the courtroom?	53% 8	33% 5	13% 2	0% 0	0% 0	4.4	15
Overall evaluation of the judge's performance.	63% 15	25% 6	13% 3	0% 0	0% 0	4.5	24



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Judicial Council Members
FROM: Staff
DATE: April 22, 2004
RE: Comparison of Previous Survey Results - Michael I. Jeffery

Judge Jeffery is standing for retention in 2004. The table on the following page compares Judge Jeffery's retention survey scores.

Judge Jeffery previously stood for retention in 1986, 1992 and 1998. He was evaluated with the other non-retention judges in 1990, 1996 and 2002.

Judge Jeffery applied for and was appointed to the Barrow Superior Court in 1982.

Judge Michael I. Jeffery														
Appointed to Barrow Superior Court 10/28/82														
	2004 Retention		2002 Retention Preview		1998 Retention		1996 Retention Preview		1992 Retention		1990 Retention Preview		1986 Retention	
	Bar	PPO	Bar	PPO	Bar	PPO	Bar	PPO	Bar	PPO	Bar	PPO	Bar	PPO
Legal Ability	4.3	--	4.3		4.1	---	4.0	---	3.7	---	3.9	---	3.3	---
Impartiality	4.5	4.3	4.3	3.8	4.2	3.4	---	---	3.9	3.5	3.9	3.7	3.6	3.4
Integrity	4.4	4.2	4.6	4.2	4.3	3.2	---	---	3.9	3.7	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.0
Judicial Temperament	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.1	4.3	3.7	4.2	4.0	4.0	3.8	4.1	4.0	3.8	3.8
Diligence	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.0	4.1	3.6	3.8	3.6	---	---	---	---	---	---
Special Skills	4.3	4.3	--	--	4.1	3.3	---	---	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.5
Overall Performance	4.3	4.2	4.4	3.8	4.2	3.5	4.0	3.4	3.9	3.6	4.0	3.9	3.5	3.5