Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

Judge Nancy Nolan, District Court, Anchorage

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

II. Summary of Evaluation Information. A survey of 2,927 attorneys in Alaska rated Judge Nolan on sixteen categories that are summarized in the adjacent graph. Attorneys rated Judge Nolan 4.4 on a scale of 5 on overall judicial performance. She scored 4.3 or better in all sixteen categories.

	Attorney Survey	Peace Officer Survey	Juror Survey	Court Employee Survey	Alaska Judicial Observers
Legal Ability	4.3	---	---	---	---
Impartiality	4.5	4.4	4.9	4.6	---
Integrity	4.5	4.4	---	4.6	---
Temperament	4.5	4.5	4.9	4.6	---
Diligence	4.4	4.4	---	4.4	---
Special Skills	4.3	4.4	---	---	---
Overall	4.4	4.4	4.9	4.5	3.8

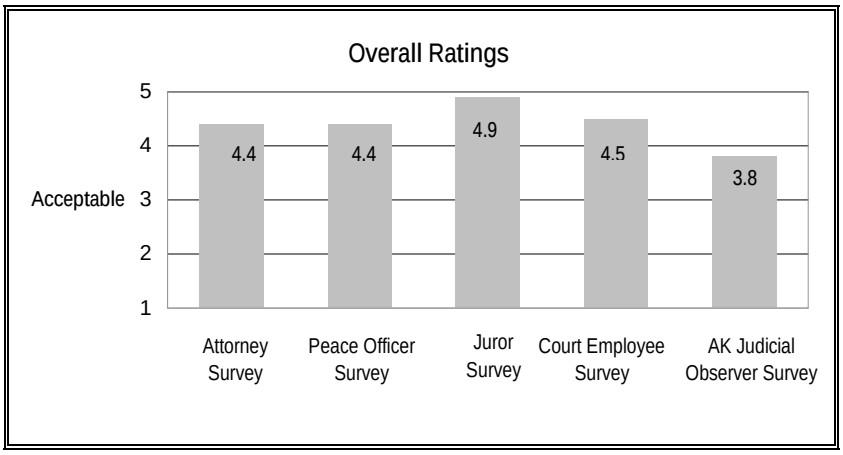
Ratings are based on a one to five scale. Five is the best rating and three is "acceptable."

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 Nolan on twelve categories that are summarized in the adjacent graph. Peace and probation officers rated Judge Nolan 4.4 on a scale of 5 on overall judicial performance. She scored 4.3 or better in all twelve categories.

A survey of jurors appearing before Judge Nolan in 2002 and 2003 rated her 4.9 on a scale of 5 on overall performance. A survey of all court employees rated her 4.5 on a scale of 5 on overall performance. The Alaska Judicial Observers, independent community-based volunteer court observers, gave Judge Nolan a 3.8 overall rating on a scale of 5.

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 Nancy Nolan

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Alaska Judicial Council Questionnaire

Trial Judge
2004 Candidates for Judicial Retention

November 10, 2003

Nancy J. Nolan — Name

District Court, Anchorage — Court

1. Describe your workload during your present term.

   a) 15 % Civil Cases
   80 % Criminal Cases
   5 % Court Administrative
   100 % Total

   b) 20+ # of trials/year
   0 # Administrative Appeals

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

   Please see attached

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 legal knowledge and judicial skills, or other measures of judicial abilities that you believe to be important.

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2. I have served on the Judicial Mentoring Subcommittee since my judicial appointment and am currently chair of the committee. I have also completed training to be a mentor judge for new judges.

I am an elected judicial member of the Commission on Judicial Conduct.

I am a member of the Criminal Rules Committee.

I have participated in judicial education efforts and training, including participation in a panel discussion and presentation at the first annual judicial conference after my appointment.

I am one of the third district training judges with individual responsibility for at least one magistrate evaluation and certification of one deputy magistrate, as well as general support for statewide magistrate training conferences and efforts.

I am involved in therapeutic court efforts by providing coverage of Judge Wanamaker's Wellness Court when needed and have attended the National Drug Court Institute's drug court training course.

I participate in annual Law Day education efforts and visit school classes of various grades and schools, from elementary to high school, to speak to students about the judicial system and the role of judges.

I participate in community outreach efforts by visiting schools and speaking to classes, and conducting mock trials for students in my courtroom. I have also participated in presentations to other interested groups, such as the statewide conference for Alaska Native Women.

3. The importance of District Court is often unrecognized. Most Alaskans who come in contact with the court system do so at the District Court level. The majority of jurors form their opinions of the court system through a District Court proceeding. Most first offenders are processed through the District Court, and those proceedings are often important in determining their futures. Many pro se litigants appear in District Court.

It is important that people appearing before the court, and those serving the court as jurors, are treated with courtesy and respect. It is important that the legal problems that come before the court receive the attention they deserve. Both the protocols and the legal analyses are particularly challenging given the volume of cases in District Court. One of the strengths I have brought to the job is my ability to maintain the appropriate courtesy and respect for those in my court, and to move beyond superficial legal analyses, while handling the large volume of cases in my court effectively and efficiently.

I am also committed to improving the administration of justice in Alaska, and to community outreach to improve the public's perception of the court system. As noted in answer #2, I serve on the Judicial Mentoring Subcommittee, the Criminal Rules Committee, and the Commission on Judicial Conduct. I am one of the judges for the therapeutic court. I am trained to mentor new judges. I participate in outreach to schools and other interested groups. I expect to continue and expand these efforts in the future. I hope to address reform to the current District Court calendaring system to better serve the public and promote judicial well-being.

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* __X__.

b) been involved in a nonjudicial capacity in any legal proceeding whether as a party or otherwise? *Yes* _____ *No* __X__.

c) engaged in the practice of law (other than as a judge)? *Yes* _____ *No* __X__.

d) held office in any political party? *Yes* _____ *No* __X__.

e) held any other local state or federal office? *Yes* _____ *No* __X__.

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

Please provide any other information which you believe would assist the Council in conducting its evaluations and in preparing its recommendations for the 2002 retention elections.

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.
(Attach additional pages if necessary.)

1

Name of Case MOA v. Ryan T. Macomb

Case Number 3AN-M03-8703CR

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Name of Case SOA v. Clarence G. Dowl

Case Number 3AN-S99-10406CR

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Name of Case MOA v. Glen Ryan Coulson

Case Number 3AN-M02-10848CR

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	NAME OF CASE	CASE NUMBER
4.	MOA v. Julie Leonard	3AN-M02-10689CR
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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. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

	Name of Case	***Case Number***
1	Joanne Henning v. Dan Gale & Ernie Jarrad	3AN-03-10164CI

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	Name of Case	***Case Number***
2	John L. Hastie v. George Redwine	3AN-02-10774CI

Attorneys Involved

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	Name of Case	***Case Number***
3	Western Power & Equipment v. Valley Rental Center, Inc.	3AN-01-11641CI

Attorneys Involved

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6. Continued

	NAME OF CASE	CASE NUMBER
4.	Howard J. Bass v. Patricia J. Henry	3AN-01-07513CI

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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. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

1.

Name of Case J. L. Jones v. Arctic Slope Regional Corporation

Case Number 3AN-03-4405CI

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Name of Case Richard Vanderhoek and Susan Bender v. Lawrence Brown

Case Number 3AN-02-12161CI

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3.

Name of Case Jack and Irene Petersen v. Morris Johnson

Case Number 3AN-01-08717CI

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Address:

8. If you deem it helpful to the Council, please list the name, case number and attorneys' names and current addresses of any other cases during your judicial career in which you believe your work was particularly noteworthy. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

	Name of Case	***Case Number***
1	SOA v. Ronald D. Frank	3AN-S01-5519CR

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	Name of Case	***Case Number***
2	SOA v. Michael Hunter	3AN-S01-6057CR

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	Name of Case	***Case Number***
3		

Attorneys Involved

Name:
Address:

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Name:
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Name:
Address:

H. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE NANCY J. NOLAN

1. ALASKA BAR ASSOCIATION

Demographic Description of all Alaska Bar Association Respondents (N=234)

a.	Type of Practice:	Private, solo	20.9%
		Private, office of 2-5 attorneys	20.9%
		Private, office of 6 or more attorneys	9.4%
		Private corporate employee	0.9%
		State judge or judicial officer	12.4%
		Government	25.6%
		Public service agency or organization	1.7%
		Other	2.6%
		No Answer	5.6%
b.	Years of Experience:	5 Years or fewer	7.3%
		6-10 Years	11.5%
		11-15 Years	11.1%
		16-20 Years	22.2%
		21 Years or more	43.2%
		No Answer	4.7%
c.	Gender:	Male	63.2%
		Female	32.5%
		No Answer	4.3%
d.	Cases Handled:	Prosecution	9.0%
		Mainly criminal	10.7%
		Mixed criminal and civil	29.5%
		Mainly civil	43.6%
		Other	2.1%
		No Answer	5.1%
e.	Location of Practice:	First District	3.0%
		Second District	0.9%
		Third District	88.5%
		Fourth District	2.6%
		Outside Alaska	0.4%
		No Answer	4.7%

Summary of Findings:

Judge Nancy J. Nolan was evaluated by 198 Alaska Bar Association members who reported having direct professional experience with this judge. Of these 198 respondents, 85 (42.9%) had substantial and recent experience, 49 (24.8%) had moderate experience, 36 (18.2%) had limited experience, and 28 (14.1%) did not indicate level of experience. The mean score on the overall evaluation item was 4.4. The highest mean scores were obtained on *equal treatment of all parties* (4.5), *sense of basic fairness and justice* (4.5), *conduct free from impropriety or appearance of impropriety* (4.5), *courtesy, freedom from arrogance* (4.5), and *human understanding and compassion* (4.5). The lowest means scores were obtained on *legal and factual analysis* (4.3), *knowledge of substantive law* (4.3), *knowledge of evidence and procedure* (4.3), *ability to control courtroom* (4.3), and *settlement skills* (4.3). Details are presented in the two tables that follow.

Evaluation of District Court Judge Nancy J. Nolan:
Alaska Bar Association Members

	Poor		***Deficient***		***Acceptable***		***Good***		***Excellent***		
	Num	*%*	*Num*	*%*	*Num*	*%*	*Num*	*%*	*Num*	*%*	*Mean*
Legal Ability											
Legal and factual analysis	2	1.0	3	1.5	21	10.8	79	40.5	90	46.2	4.3
Knowledge of substantive law	1	0.5	3	1.6	23	12.0	74	38.7	90	47.1	4.3
Knowledge of evidence and procedure	1	0.5	3	1.6	23	12.4	66	35.7	92	49.7	4.3
Impartiality											
Equal treatment of all parties	2	1.0	5	2.6	18	9.4	46	24.0	121	63.0	4.5
Sense of basic fairness and justice	1	0.5	5	2.6	14	7.4	49	25.9	120	63.5	4.5
Integrity											
Conduct free from impropriety or appearance of impropriety	2	1.0	4	2.1	12	6.3	48	25.0	126	65.6	4.5
Makes decisions without regard to possible public criticism	2	1.1	4	2.2	12	6.5	62	33.7	104	56.5	4.4
Judicial Temperament											
Courtesy, freedom from arrogance	2	1.0	5	2.6	14	7.2	46	23.6	128	65.6	4.5
Human understanding and compassion	1	0.5	3	1.6	14	7.3	53	27.5	122	63.2	4.5
Diligence											
Reasonable promptness in making decisions	2	1.1	1	0.6	20	11.1	64	35.6	93	51.7	4.4
Willingness to work diligently; preparation for hearings	1	0.5	6	3.3	13	7.1	66	36.1	97	53.0	4.4
Special Skills											
Ability to control courtroom	2	1.1	3	1.7	22	12.4	66	37.3	84	47.5	4.3
Settlement skills	1	0.9	3	2.6	14	12.2	34	29.6	63	54.8	4.3
Consideration of all relevant factors in sentencing	1	0.8	3	2.4	11	8.8	39	31.2	71	56.8	4.4
Talent and ability for cases involving children and families	1	1.0	3	2.9	11	10.5	28	26.7	62	59.0	4.4
Overall Evaluation											
Overall evaluation of judge	2	1.0	3	1.6	18	9.3	70	36.3	100	51.8	4.4

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

Ratings on the "Overall Evaluation" Item for District Court Judge Nancy J. Nolan: Alaska Bar Association Members

	Total		***Poor***	***Deficient***	***Acceptable***	***Good***	***Excellent***
Demographics	*n*	*Mean*	*%*	*%*	*%*	*%*	*%*
Basis for Evaluation							
No Answer	13	4.7	-	-	7.7	15.4	76.9
Direct Professional Experience	**193**	**4.4**	**1.0**	**1.6**	**9.3**	**36.3**	**51.8**
Professional Reputation	21	4.3	-	-	14.3	42.9	42.9
Social Contacts	8	4.3	-	-	25.0	25.0	50.0
Type of Practice							
No Answer	11	4.1	9.1	-	18.2	18.2	54.5
Solo	46	4.4	-	2.2	8.7	32.6	56.5
2 – 5 Attorneys	43	4.4	-	2.3	11.6	25.6	60.5
6+ Attorneys	16	4.1	6.3	-	-	62.5	31.3
Corporate	1	5.0	-	-	-	-	100.0
Judge or Judicial Officer	27	4.6	-	-	7.4	29.6	63.0
Government	43	4.2	-	2.3	11.6	48.8	37.2
Public Service	4	4.5	-	-	-	50.0	50.0
Other	2	4.5	-	-	-	50.0	50.0
Years of Experience							
No Answer	9	4.0	11.1	-	22.2	11.1	55.6
5 Years or fewer	15	4.4	-	-	6.7	46.7	46.7
6 – 10 Years	22	4.3	-	-	13.6	45.5	40.9
11 – 15 Years	17	4.4	-	5.9	5.9	29.4	58.8
16 – 20 Years	46	4.4	-	-	13.0	32.6	54.3
21 Years or more	84	4.4	1.2	2.4	6.0	38.1	52.4
Gender							
No Answer	8	3.9	12.5	-	25.0	12.5	50.0
Male	127	4.4	0.8	1.6	6.3	35.4	55.9
Female	58	4.3	-	1.7	13.8	41.4	43.1
Cases Handled							
No Answer	10	4.1	10.0	-	20.0	10.0	60.0
Prosecution	18	4.4	-	-	5.6	50.0	44.4
Criminal	21	4.4	-	-	19.0	23.8	57.1
Criminal and Civil	63	4.4	-	3.2	7.9	38.1	50.8
Civil	76	4.4	1.3	-	7.9	38.2	52.6
Other	5	4.0	-	20.0	-	40.0	40.0
Location of Practice							
No Answer	9	3.9	11.1	-	22.2	22.2	44.4
First District	5	4.6	-	-	-	40.0	60.0
Second District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Third District	173	4.4	0.6	1.2	9.2	37.6	51.4
Fourth District	5	4.2	-	20.0	-	20.0	60.0
Outside Alaska	1	5.0	-	-	-	-	100.0
Amount of Experience							
No Answer	28	4.5	3.6	3.6	3.6	17.9	71.4
Substantial	83	4.4	1.2	1.2	10.8	33.7	53.0
Moderate	48	4.3	-	-	10.4	52.1	37.5
Limited	34	4.4	-	2.9	8.8	35.3	52.9

H. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE NANCY J. NOLAN

2. PEACE AND PROBATION OFFICERS

Demographic Description of all Peace and Probation Officer Respondents (N=44)

a.	Type of Work:	State Law Enforcement Officer	47.7%
		Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	47.7%
		Village Public Safety Officer	2.3%
		Probation-Patrol Officer	2.3%
		Other	0.0%
		No Answer	0.0%
b.	Years of Experience:	5 Years or fewer	9.1%
		6-10 Years	47.7%
		11-15 Years	13.6%
		16-20 Years	15.9%
		21 Years or more	13.6%
		No Answer	0.0%
c.	Gender:	Male	84.1%
		Female	15.9%
		No Answer	0.0%
d.	Location of Work:	First District	0.0%
		Second District	0.0%
		Third District	100.0%
		Fourth District	0.0%
		Outside Alaska	0.0%
		No Answer	0.0%
e.	Community Population:	Under 2,000	2.3%
		Between 2,000 and 35,000	6.8%
		35,000 or over	90.9%
		No Answer	0.0%

***Summary of Findings**:*

Judge Nancy J. Nolan was evaluated by 39 Peace and Probation Officers who reported having direct professional experience with this judge. Of these 39 respondents, 17 (43.6%) had substantial and recent experience, 11 (28.2%) had moderate experience, 8 (20.5%) had limited experience, and 3 (7.7%) did not indicate level of experience. The mean score on the overall evaluation item was 4.4. The highest mean score was obtained on *human understanding and compassion* (4.5). The lowest mean score was obtained on *talent and ability for cases involving children and families* (4.3). Details are presented in the two tables that follow.

Evaluation of District Court Judge Nancy J. Nolan:
Peace and Probation Officers

	Poor		***Deficient***		***Acceptable***		***Good***		***Excellent***		
	Num	*%*	*Num*	*%*	*Num*	*%*	*Num*	*%*	*Num*	*%*	*Mean*
Impartiality											
Equal treatment of all parties	-	-	-	-	5	13.5	12	32.4	20	54.1	4.4
Sense of basic fairness and justice	-	-	-	-	5	13.9	11	30.6	20	55.6	4.4
Integrity											
Conduct free from impropriety or appearance of impropriety	-	-	-	-	5	13.2	11	28.9	22	57.9	4.4
Makes decisions without regard to possible public criticism	-	-	-	-	7	20.0	8	22.9	20	57.1	4.4
Judicial Temperament											
Courtesy, freedom from arrogance	-	-	1	2.6	5	13.2	8	21.1	24	63.2	4.4
Human understanding and compassion	-	-	-	-	5	13.5	9	24.3	23	62.2	4.5
Diligence											
Reasonable promptness in making decisions	-	-	-	-	6	16.7	10	27.8	20	55.6	4.4
Willingness to work diligently; preparation for hearings	-	-	-	-	5	16.7	7	23.3	18	60.0	4.4
Special Skills											
Ability to control courtroom	-	-	-	-	6	17.6	8	23.5	20	58.8	4.4
Consideration of all relevant factors in sentencing	-	-	1	3.1	5	15.6	7	21.9	19	59.4	4.4
Talent and ability for cases involving children and families	-	-	-	-	6	22.2	7	25.9	14	51.9	4.3
Overall Evaluation											
Overall evaluation of judge	-	-	-	-	5	13.2	13	34.2	20	52.6	4.4

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

Ratings on the "Overall Evaluation" Item for District Court Judge Nancy J. Nolan: Peace and Probation Officers

	Total		*Poor*	*Deficient*	*Acceptable*	*Good*	*Excellent*
Demographics	*n*	*Mean*	*%*	*%*	*%*	*%*	*%*
Basis for Evaluation							
No Answer	10	4.4	-	-	20.0	20.0	60.0
Direct Professional Experience	**38**	**4.4**	**-**	**-**	**13.2**	**34.2**	**52.6**
Professional Reputation	5	4.2	-	-	20.0	40.0	40.0
Social Contacts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Type of Work							
No Answer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Officer	19	4.6	-	-	10.5	21.1	68.4
Municipal/Borough	18	4.2	-	-	16.7	44.4	38.9
Village Public Safety Officer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Probation/Parole Officer	1	4.0	-	-	-	100.0	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Years of Experience							
No Answer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 Years or fewer	2	5.0	-	-	-	-	100.0
6 – 10 Years	19	4.3	-	-	15.8	42.1	42.1
11 – 15 Years	5	4.6	-	-	-	40.0	60.0
16 – 20 Years	6	4.7	-	-	-	33.3	66.7
21 Years or more	6	4.2	-	-	33.3	16.7	50.0
Gender							
No Answer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Male	31	4.5	-	-	9.7	32.3	58.1
Female	7	4.0	-	-	28.6	42.9	28.6
Location of Work							
No Answer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
First District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Second District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Third District	38	4.4	-	-	13.2	34.2	52.6
Fourth District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Outside Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Population in Community							
No Answer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Under 2,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2,000-35,000	3	4.7	-	-	-	33.3	66.7
Over 35,000	35	4.4	-	-	14.3	34.3	51.4
Amount of Experience							
No Answer	3	3.7	-	-	33.3	66.7	-
Substantial	16	4.8	-	-	-	25.0	75.0
Moderate	11	4.4	-	-	18.2	27.3	54.5
Limited	8	4.0	-	-	25.0	50.0	25.0

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3. SOCIAL WORKERS/GUARDIANS AD LITEM/CASA VOLUNTEERS

Demographic Description of all Social Workers/GAL/CASA Respondents (N=1)

a.	Type of Work:	Social Worker	0.0%
		Guardian ad Litem	0.0%
		CASA Volunteer	0.0%
		Other	100%
		No Answer	0.0%
b.	Years of Experience:	5 Years or fewer	0.0%
		6-10 Years	0.0%
		11-15 Years	100%
		16-20 Years	0.0%
		21 Years or more	0.0%
		No Answer	0.0%
c.	Gender:	Male	0.0%
		Female	100%
		No Answer	0.0%
d.	Location of Work:	First District	0.0%
		Second District	0.0%
		Third District	100%
		Fourth District	0.0%
		Outside Alaska	0.0%
		No Answer	0.0%
e.	Community Population:	Under 2,000	0.0%
		Between 2,000 and 35,000	0.0%
		35,000 or over	0.0%
		No Answer	100%

***Summary of Findings**:*

Judge Nancy J. Nolan was evaluated by one Social Worker, Guardian ad Litem, or CASA volunteers who reported not having direct professional experience with Judge Nolan. Given this limited data no tables are presented.

Table 10:
Juror Survey Results for Nancy J. Nolan
2004 Alaska Judicial Council Retention Juror Survey

Question	Excellent %	(n)	Good %	(n)	Acceptable %	(n)	Deficient %	(n)	Unacceptable %	(n)	Mean	Total returned = 50
Was the judge fair and impartial to all sides in the case?	94%	46	6%	3	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	4.9	49
Was the judge respectful and courteous?	96%	47	4%	2	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	4.96	49
Was the judge attentive during proceedings?	92%	45	8%	4	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	4.9	49
Did the judge exercise appropriate control over the proceedings?	92%	45	8%	4	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	4.9	49
How would you evaluate the judge's intelligence and skill as a judge?	92%	45	8%	4	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	4.9	49
How would you evaluate the judge overall?	92%	45	8%	4	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	4.9	49

Table 9: Court Employee Survey Results for Nancy J. Nolan
2004 Alaska Judicial Council Retention Court Employee Survey

Question	Excellent %	(n)	Good %	(n)	Acceptable %	(n)	Deficient %	(n)	Poor %	(n)	Mean	Total returned = 58
Does this judge treat court staff with respect?	71%	41	14%	8	10%	6	3%	2	2%	1	4.5	58
Does this judge treat other people with respect?	71%	39	20%	11	7%	4	2%	1	0%	0	4.6	55
Does this judge manage the caseload and staff capably and effectively?	56%	27	25%	12	10%	5	6%	3	2%	1	4.3	48
Does this judge work diligently and act promptly on matters that need attention?	65%	30	20%	9	7%	3	4%	2	4%	2	4.4	46
Does this judge act with integrity?	75%	36	13%	6	10%	5	0%	0	2%	1	4.6	48
Does this judge act with fairness and impartiality?	74%	34	15%	7	9%	4	0%	0	2%	1	4.6	46
Does this judge have the ability to control the courtroom?	66%	29	23%	10	7%	3	2%	1	2%	1	4.5	44
Overall evaluation of the judge's performance.	69%	36	17%	9	8%	4	4%	2	2%	1	4.5	52

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RE: Comparison of Previous Survey Results - Nancy J. Nolan

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

This is Judge Nolan's first time to stand for retention. She was evaluated with the other non-retention judges in 2002.

Judge Nolan applied for and was appointed to the Anchorage District Court in 2001.

Judge Nancy L. Nolan

Appointed to Anchorage District Court 2/19/01

	2004 Retention		2002 Retention Preview	
	Bar	**PPO**	**Bar**	**PPO**
Legal Ability	4.3	—	4.1	—
Impartiality	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.3
Integrity	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.5
Judicial Temperament	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.4
Diligence	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.3
Special Skills	4.3	4.4	—	—
Overall Performance	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.3