

Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

Judge Jane F. Kauvar, District Court, Fairbanks

Judicial Council Recommendation

The Alaska Judicial Council, a non-partisan citizens commission established by the Alaska constitution, evaluates judges on a number of criteria, including their legal ability, demeanor, their diligence, their ability to manage their caseloads, and their fairness and integrity. The Judicial Council finds Judge Kauvar to be **Qualified** and recommends unanimously that the public vote "YES" to retain her as a district court judge.

Judicial Council Evaluation

The Judicial Council surveyed 3,036 attorneys, 1,492 peace and probation officers, social workers/guardians ad litem, and child advocates, jurors, and court employees 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 court system records concerning peremptory challenges, 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; and whether a judge's pay was withheld for an untimely decision. The Council investigated judicial conduct in specific cases. The Council interviewed some judges, attorneys, court staff, and others. The Council 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	3.9	---	---	---	---
Impartiality	3.8	3.6	4.7	4.5	3.3
Integrity	4.1	3.9	---	4.6	3.3
Temperament	3.8	3.8	4.8	4.4	3.3
Diligence	3.6	3.8	---	4.4	4.0
Overall	3.9	3.7	4.7	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

Summary of Survey Information

Attorneys in Alaska rated Judge Kauvar on the six categories summarized in the table above, using 5 as the highest rating possible. The attorney rating for Judge Kauvar on overall performance was 3.9. Peace and probation officers rated Judge Kauvar on five categories, using the 5-point scale above. They gave Judge Kauvar a rating of 3.7.

Three other groups also evaluated Judge Kauvar's performance, using the same 5-point scale with 5 as the highest rating. Jurors rated her 4.7, court employees gave her 4.5, and social workers, guardians ad litem and CASA volunteers rated her at 4.5.

Recommendation: Vote "YES" to retain Judge Jane F. Kauvar

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Alaska Judicial Council Questionnaire

Trial Judge 2006 Candidates for Judicial Retention

November 21, 2005

Jane F. Kauvar District--4th Judicial District
Name Court

1. Describe your workload during your present term.

a)	<u>25</u> % Civil Cases	b)	<u>36</u> # of trials/year
	<u>70</u> % Criminal Cases		<u> </u> # Administrative Appeals
	<u>5</u> % Court Administrative		
	100 % Total		

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

Deputy Presiding District Court Judge--I assist the Presiding Judge in making decisions that affect District Court.

Education on Law and Democracy Conference Committee

Rabinowitz Courthouse Building Committee

Hiring committees for court employees, including Clerk of Court, and magistrates for Fairbanks and Tok.

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.

Although I have been a Judge for over twenty years, I find that the work continues to be interesting, challenging, and rewarding. I believe that my experience on the bench is put to good use, and my experience off the bench contributes to giving me a broad perspective. During this last term, I have continued to accept the challenge of filling in for Superior Court Judges whenever and wherever needed. Because of my experience, when Judge Steinkruger became ill, I was able to immediately step in and cover her entire children's case load. I enjoyed the opportunity to work, and expand my knowledge, in that area again. I have traveled to Bethel, Delta Junction, and Kotzebue to handle Superior Court matters. I regularly try Superior court cases in Fairbanks, including unclassified felonies, termination of parental rights cases, and juvenile delinquency matters. I also enjoy doing settlement conferences, and I believe that the knowledge gained from my years of experience is particularly helpful to the parties in enabling them to come to an agreement to the benefit of both sides.

At the same time, I continue to serve as an assistant to the Presiding Judge, by being a Deputy Presiding Judge for District Court, and meeting weekly with Presiding Judge Steinkruger, the ACA, and the Clerk of Court. I have been on hiring selection committees for a number of important positions, including the Clerk of Court, magistrates, and masters. I am happy to contribute new ideas and to help in training court employees. I carry a full District Court case load, and I volunteer to work on week-ends and holidays to give the magistrates time with their families. While I no longer have young children at home, I still remember when I did, and I strive to accommodate the schedules of attorneys, court staff, and Judicial officers who still have children at home.

Alaska Judicial Council
Trial Judge Questionnaire
2006 Retention

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 nonjudicial 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

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

I was cited on September 6, 2004, by a UAF police officer for speeding. I pled no contest to nine mph over the speed limit, paid the fine and surcharge, attended Defensive Driving classes, and the case was dismissed. 4FA-04-T1255648.

7. 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.)

Case Number 1

Case
 Name: State of Alaska Case Number: 4FA-04-4521 CR
 v. Daniel Magana

Attorneys Involved:

Name <u>Darren Watts, Assist. DA</u>	Name <u>Fred Slone</u>
Address <u>455 Third Avenue #150</u>	Address <u>3003 Minnesota Drive #301</u>
City, State, Zip <u>Fairbanks, AK 99701</u>	City, State, Zip <u>Anchorage, AK 99503</u>
Name _____	Name _____
Address _____	Address _____
City, State, Zip _____	City, State, Zip _____

Case Number 2

Case
 Name: State of Alaska Case Number: 4FA-05-1590 CR
 v. Darrell Edwards

Attorneys Involved:

Name <u>Kelly Lawson, Assist. DA</u>	Name <u>Gary Stapp</u>
Address <u>455 Third Avenue #150</u>	Address <u>715 Fourth Avenue</u>
City, State, Zip <u>Fairbanks, AK 99701</u>	City, State, Zip <u>Fairbanks, AK 99701</u>
Name _____	Name _____
Address _____	Address _____
City, State, Zip _____	City, State, Zip _____

Case Number 3

Case
 Name: State of Alaska Case Number: 4FA-05-3764 CR
 v. Ronald Uhl

Attorneys Involved:

Name <u>Ben Seekins, Assist. DA</u>	Name <u>William Spiers, Assist. PD</u>
Address <u>455 Third Avenue #150</u>	Address <u>529 Fifth Avenue #1</u>
City, State, Zip <u>Fairbanks, AK 99701</u>	City, State, Zip <u>Fairbanks, AK 99701</u>
Name _____	Name _____
Address _____	Address _____
City, State, Zip _____	City, State, Zip _____

8. 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)

Case Number 1

Case
Name: In the Matter of: _____ *Case Number:* 4FA-01-263 CP
v. Melody Mason

Attorneys Involved:

Name	<u>Alicia Porter, Assist. AG</u>	Name	<u>Jennifer Hite, Assist. PD</u>
Address	<u>100 Cushman Street #400</u>	Address	<u>529 Fifth Avenue #1</u>
City, State, Zip	<u>Fairbanks, AK 99701</u>	City, State, Zip	<u>Fairbanks, AK 99701</u>
Name	_____	Name	_____
Address	_____	Address	_____
City, State, Zip	_____	City, State, Zip	_____

Case Number 2

Case
Name: Henry Gradney *Case Number:* 4FA-04-1688 CI
v. David Smith

Attorneys Involved:

Name	<u>Allen Vacura</u>	Name	<u>Barry Donnellan</u>
Address	<u>543 Second Avenue</u>	Address	<u>PO Box 73795</u>
City, State, Zip	<u>Fairbanks, AK 99701</u>	City, State, Zip	<u>Fairbanks, AK 99707</u>
Name	_____	Name	_____
Address	_____	Address	_____
City, State, Zip	_____	City, State, Zip	_____

Case Number 3

Case
Name: State of Alaska *Case Number:* 4DJ-05-100 CR
v. Timothy Arrington

Attorneys Involved:

Name	<u>Ben Seekins, Assist. DA</u>	Name	<u>Mike O'Brien, Assist. PD</u>
Address	<u>455 Third Avenue #150</u>	Address	<u>529 Fifth Avenue #1</u>
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Name	_____	Name	_____
Address	_____	Address	_____
City, State, Zip	_____	City, State, Zip	_____

9. 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)

Case Number 1

Case

Name: Tanana Valley Clinic *Case Number:* 4FA-05-1701CI(Settle Conf.)
v. Medical Concepts NW

Attorneys Involved:

Name	<u>John Burns</u>	Name	<u>Allen Cheek</u>
Address	<u>100 Cushman Street #311</u>	Address	<u>1305 21st Avenue #204</u>
City, State, Zip	<u>Fairbanks, AK 99701</u>	City, State, Zip	<u>Fairbanks, AK 99701</u>

Name	<u></u>	Name	<u></u>
Address	<u></u>	Address	<u></u>
City, State, Zip	<u></u>	City, State, Zip	<u></u>

Case Number 2

Case

Name: Gutman *Case Number:* 4FA-04-629CI(Settle Conf.)
v. MacMartin

Attorneys Involved:

Name	<u>Zane Wilson</u>	Name	<u>Matthew Christian/John Burns</u>
Address	<u>714 Fourth Avenue #200</u>	Address	<u>100 Cushman Street #311</u>
City, State, Zip	<u>Fairbanks, AK 99701</u>	City, State, Zip	<u>Fairbanks, AK 99701</u>

Name	<u></u>	Name	<u></u>
Address	<u></u>	Address	<u></u>
City, State, Zip	<u></u>	City, State, Zip	<u></u>

Case Number 3

Case

Name: State of Alaska *Case Number:* 4FA-05-235CR (Evid. Hrg.)
v. Margaret Kirsch

Attorneys Involved:

Name	<u>Darren Watts, Assist. DA</u>	Name	<u>Geoffrey Wildridge</u>
Address	<u>455 Third Avenue #150</u>	Address	<u>529 Fifth Avenue #1</u>
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Name	<u></u>	Name	<u></u>
Address	<u></u>	Address	<u></u>
City, State, Zip	<u></u>	City, State, Zip	<u></u>

10. 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)

Case Number 1

Case
Name: State of Alaska *Case Number:* 4FA-01-3111 CR
v. Daniel C. Lewis

Attorneys Involved:

Name <u>Kevin Burke, Assist. AG</u>	Name <u>Jennifer Hite, Assist. PD</u>
Address <u>1031 W 4th Street #200</u>	Address <u>529 Fifth Avenue #1</u>
City, State, Zip <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip <u>Fairbanks, AK 99701</u>
Name _____	Name _____
Address _____	Address _____
City, State, Zip _____	City, State, Zip _____

Case Number 2

Case
Name: State of Alaska *Case Number:* 4FA-02-3069 CR, A-4917
v. James Carpentino

Attorneys Involved:

Name <u>Jason Gazewood, Assist. DA</u>	Name <u>Jennifer Hite, Assist. PD</u>
Address <u>455 Third Avenue #150</u>	Address <u>529 Fifth Avenue #1</u>
City, State, Zip <u>Fairbanks, AK 99701</u>	City, State, Zip <u>Fairbanks, AK 99701</u>
Name _____	Name _____
Address _____	Address _____
City, State, Zip _____	City, State, Zip _____

Case Number 3

Case
Name: State of Alaska *Case Number:* 4FA-04-2262 CR
v. Douglas Buckley

Attorneys Involved:

Name <u>Kelly Lawson, Assist. DA</u>	Name <u>Tom Temple/Bill Satterberg</u>
Address <u>455 Third Avenue #150</u>	Address <u>709 Fourth Avenue</u>
City, State, Zip <u>Fairbanks, AK 99701</u>	City, State, Zip <u>Fairbanks, AK 99701</u>
Name _____	Name _____
Address _____	Address _____
City, State, Zip _____	City, State, Zip _____

51. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE JANE F. KAUFER

A. Alaska Bar Association

Demographic Description (N=214)

	N	%
Type of Practice		
No Response	5	2.3%
Private, Solo	42	19.6%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	39	18.2%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	15	7.0%
Private, Corporate Employee	2	0.9%
State Judge or Judicial Officer	39	18.2%
Government	55	25.7%
Public Service Agency or Organization (not govt)	7	3.2%
Other	10	4.6%
Length of Alaska Practice		
No Response	3	1.4%
5 Years or fewer	25	11.6%
6 to 10 years	13	6.0%
11 to 15 years	18	8.4%
16 to 20 years	35	16.3%
21 years or more	120	56.0%
Gender		
No Response	5	2.3%
Male	146	68.2%
Female	63	29.4%
Cases Handled		
No Response	4	1.8%
Prosecution	17	7.9%
Mainly Criminal	14	6.5%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	71	33.1%
Mainly Civil	99	46.2%
Other	9	4.2%
Location of Practice		
No Response	4	1.8%
First District	17	7.9%
Second District	4	1.8%
Third District	99	46.2%
Fourth District	88	41.1%
Outside of Alaska	2	0.9%

**Evaluation of Judge Jane F. Kauver:
Alaska Bar Association Members**

Summary of Findings

Judge Jane F. Kauver was evaluated by 174 Alaska Bar Association members who reported having direct professional experience with the judge. The mean score on *overall evaluation* was 3.9. The highest mean score was obtained on *integrity* (4.1) and the lowest score was obtained on *diligence* (3.6). Details are present in the two tables that follow.

	Poor		Deficient		Accept		Good		Excellent		Mean
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Legal Ability	4	2.2%	11	6.3%	38	21.8%	71	40.8%	50	28.7%	3.9
Impartiality/Fairness	6	3.4%	14	8.0%	35	20.1%	67	38.5%	52	29.8%	3.8
Integrity	3	1.7%	8	4.6%	32	18.7%	61	35.6%	67	39.1%	4.1
Judicial Temperament	6	3.4%	9	5.1%	44	25.2%	68	39.0%	47	27.0%	3.8
Diligence	9	5.2%	15	8.7%	48	28.0%	55	32.1%	44	25.7%	3.6
Overall Rating	3	1.7%	11	6.4%	38	22.2%	66	38.5%	53	30.9%	3.9

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

**Judge Jane F. Kauver: Detailed Information Responses
Alaska Bar Association Members**

	Legal Ability		Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Rating	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
	Basis for Evaluation of Judge											
No Response	3.2	6	3.5	6	3.6	7	2.9	7	2.6	7	3.3	6
Direct Professional	3.9	174	3.8	174	4.1	171	3.8	174	3.6	171	3.9	171
Professional Reputation	4.2	33	4.2	33	4.4	34	4.2	34	4.1	31	4.2	34
Other Personal Contacts	4.8	4	5.0	3	5.0	4	4.8	4	4.7	3	4.3	4
Type of Practice												
No Response	2.8	5	3.0	5	3.0	5	3.0	5	2.4	5	3.0	5
Private, Solo	3.9	31	3.8	32	4.0	31	3.7	32	3.8	32	3.8	32
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	3.7	34	3.7	34	4.0	33	3.8	34	3.5	34	3.7	33
Private, 6+ Attorneys	3.9	12	3.8	12	4.0	12	3.9	12	4.0	11	4.3	11
Private, Corporate Employee	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2
State Judge or Judicial Officer	4.4	34	4.4	34	4.6	34	4.4	33	4.2	34	4.4	34
Government	3.8	44	3.6	43	3.9	43	3.6	44	3.3	42	3.7	43
Public Service Agency or Organization (not govt)	2.5	4	2.8	4	3.0	3	2.8	4	2.0	3	3.0	3
Other	4.4	8	4.3	8	4.4	8	4.1	8	3.8	8	4.4	8
Years Experience												
No Response	3.0	3	3.3	3	3.3	3	3.3	3	2.3	3	3.3	3
5 Years or fewer	4.0	22	3.8	21	4.1	21	3.8	22	3.9	19	4.0	20
6 to 10 years	3.6	12	3.4	12	3.8	11	3.6	12	3.3	12	3.6	12
11 to 15 years	3.4	16	3.1	16	3.5	16	3.1	16	3.1	16	3.4	14
16 to 20 years	3.8	29	3.6	30	3.9	29	3.6	30	3.5	30	3.7	30
21 years or more	4.0	92	4.1	92	4.3	91	4.1	91	3.8	91	4.1	92
Gender												
No Response	2.8	5	3.0	5	3.0	5	3.0	5	2.6	5	3.5	4
Male	3.9	119	3.9	120	4.1	118	3.9	119	3.7	119	3.9	119
Female	3.9	50	3.7	49	4.0	48	3.7	50	3.7	47	3.9	48
Majority of Practice Consists of												
No Response	3.3	4	3.5	4	3.3	4	3.3	4	2.3	4	3.3	4
Prosecution	3.6	14	3.1	14	3.6	14	3.3	14	3.1	13	3.5	13
Mainly Criminal	4.1	13	4.0	13	4.4	13	4.2	13	3.5	13	4.1	13
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.1	58	4.1	57	4.2	57	4.0	57	3.8	57	4.1	57
Mainly Civil	3.8	78	3.8	79	4.0	76	3.8	79	3.7	77	3.8	77
Other	3.9	7	3.9	7	4.1	7	3.6	7	3.7	7	3.9	7
Location of Practice												
No Response	3.3	4	3.5	4	3.5	4	3.5	4	2.8	4	3.5	4
First District	3.9	13	3.7	13	4.2	13	3.8	13	3.8	13	3.9	12
Second District	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	1	5.0	2	5.0	2
Third District	3.9	73	3.9	74	4.1	72	3.9	74	3.8	73	3.9	73
Fourth District	3.8	80	3.8	79	4.0	78	3.7	80	3.5	77	3.8	78
Outside of Alaska	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	3.5	2	4.5	2

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

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B. Peace and Probation Officers

Demographic Description (N=55)

	N	%
Type of Work		
No Response	1	1.8%
State Law Enforcement Officer	24	43.6%
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	12	21.8%
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	14	25.4%
Other	4	7.2%
Length of Alaska Experience		
No Response	1	1.8%
5 Years or fewer	22	40.0%
6 to 10 years	9	16.3%
11 to 15 years	10	18.1%
16 to 20 years	7	12.7%
21 years or more	6	10.9%
Gender		
No Response	1	1.8%
Male	39	70.9%
Female	15	27.2%
Location of Practice		
No Response	1	1.8%
First District	--	0
Second District	1	1.8%
Third District	5	9.0%
Fourth District	48	87.2%
Outside of Alaska	--	0
Community Population		
No Response	1	1.8%
Under 2,000	4	7.2%
Between 2,000 and 35,000	19	34.5%
Over 35,000	31	56.3%

**Evaluation of Judge Jane F. Kauver
Peace and Probation Officers**

Summary of Findings

Judge Jane F. Kauver was evaluated by 46 Peace and Probation Officers who reported having direct professional experience with the judge. The mean score on *overall evaluation* was 3.7. The highest mean score was obtained on *integrity* (3.9) and lowest score was obtained on *impartiality/fairness* (3.6). Details are present in the two tables that follow.

	Poor		Deficient		Accept		Good		Excellent		Mean
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Impartiality/Fairness	6	13.0%	5	10.8%	5	10.8%	15	32.6%	15	32.6%	3.6
Integrity	2	4.8%	4	9.7%	5	12.1%	14	34.1%	16	39.0%	3.9
Judicial Temperament	4	9.0%	3	6.8%	7	15.9%	13	29.5%	17	38.6%	3.8
Diligence	3	7.1%	4	9.5%	6	14.2%	13	30.9%	16	38.0%	3.8
Overall Rating	5	11.3%	2	4.5%	8	18.1%	15	34.0%	14	31.8%	3.7

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

Judge Jane F. Kauver: Detailed Information on Responses Peace and Probation Officers

	Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Rating	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
Basis for Evaluation of Judge										
No Response	2.0	2	2.0	2	2.0	2	2.0	2	2.0	2
Direct Professional	3.6	46	3.9	41	3.8	44	3.8	42	3.7	44
Professional Reputation	3.1	8	3.3	6	3.0	8	3.3	6	3.3	7
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Type of Work										
No Response	1.0	1	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
State Law Enforcement Officer	4.1	20	4.3	19	4.1	20	4.2	19	4.0	20
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	2.0	9	2.3	7	2.4	9	2.4	8	2.0	8
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	4.0	13	4.1	12	4.1	12	3.9	12	4.0	13
Other	4.7	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3
Years Experience										
No Response	1.0	1	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
5 Years or fewer	3.8	18	4.1	16	3.9	17	3.9	17	3.9	18
6 to 10 years	3.5	8	3.4	7	3.6	8	3.0	6	3.5	8
11 to 15 years	3.6	8	4.0	7	3.8	8	4.1	8	3.6	7
16 to 20 years	3.7	6	4.2	6	4.2	6	4.2	6	3.8	6
21 years or more	3.4	5	3.6	5	3.6	5	3.8	5	3.4	5
Gender										
No Response	1.0	1	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Male	3.4	32	3.8	29	3.7	32	3.7	30	3.5	32
Female	4.2	13	4.3	12	4.2	12	4.3	12	4.3	12
Location of Practice										
No Response	1.0	1	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	5.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1
Third District	4.6	5	4.6	5	4.6	5	4.8	5	4.6	5
Fourth District	3.5	39	3.8	35	3.7	38	3.7	36	3.6	38
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Community Population										
No Response	1.0	1	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Under 2,000	3.5	4	4.0	4	4.3	4	4.3	4	3.8	4
Between 2,000 and 35,000	3.9	15	3.9	13	3.9	15	4.1	14	3.8	15
Over 35,000	3.6	26	3.9	24	3.7	25	3.6	24	3.6	25

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

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C. Social Workers, Guardians ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers

Demographic Description (N=7)

	N	%
Type of Work		
No Response	--	0
Social Worker	5	71.4%
Guardian ad Litem	--	0
CASA Volunteer	2	28.5%
Other	--	0
Length of Alaska Experience		
No Response	--	0
5 Years or fewer	1	14.2%
6 to 10 years	5	71.4%
11 to 15 years	--	0
16 to 20 years	1	14.2%
21 years or more	--	0
Gender		
No Response	--	0
Male	2	28.5%
Female	5	71.4%
Location of Practice		
No Response	--	0
First District	--	0
Second District	--	0
Third District	1	14.2%
Fourth District	6	85.7%
Outside of Alaska	--	0
Community Population		
No Response	--	0
Under 2,000	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	1	14.2%
Over 35,000	6	85.7%

**Evaluation of Judge Jane F. Kauver
Social Workers, Guardians Ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers**

Summary of Findings

Judge Jane F. Kauver was evaluated by three Social Workers who reported having direct professional experience with the judge. The mean score on *overall evaluation* was 4.5. The highest mean score was obtained on *diligence* (4.0) and all the other areas obtained a score of 3.3. Details are present in the two tables that follow.

	Poor		Deficient		Accept		Good		Excellent		Mean
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Impartiality/Fairness	1	33.3%	--	0	--	0	1	33.3%	1	33.3%	3.3
Integrity	1	33.3%	--	0	--	0	1	33.3%	1	33.3%	3.3
Judicial Temperament	1	33.3%	--	0	--	0	1	33.3%	1	33.3%	3.3
Diligence	--	0	--	0	1	33.3%	1	33.3%	1	33.3%	4.0
Overall Rating	--	0	--	0	--	0	1	50.0%	1	50.0%	4.5

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

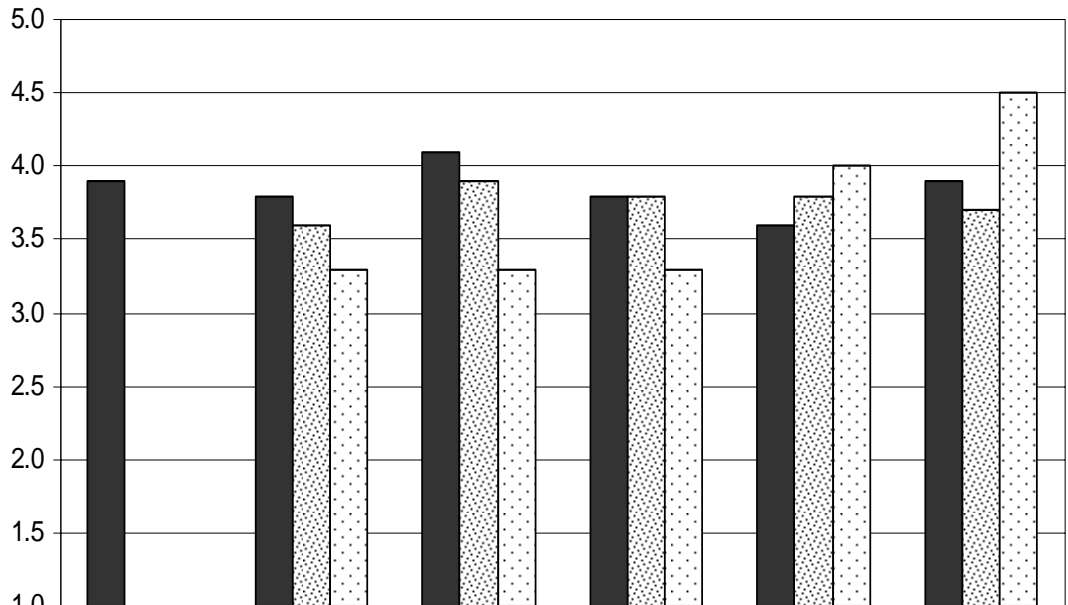
**Judge Jane F. Kauver: Detail Information on Responses
Social Workers, Guardians Ad Litem, and CASA volunteers**

	Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Rating	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
Basis for Evaluation of Judge										
No Response	4.3	4	4.3	4	4.3	4	4.3	4	4.3	4
Direct Professional	3.3	3	3.3	3	3.3	3	4.0	3	4.5	2
Professional Reputation	4.0	3	4.3	3	4.0	3	4.3	3	4.3	3
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Type of Work										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Social Worker	3.3	3	3.3	3	3.3	3	4.0	3	4.5	2
Guardian ad Litem	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
CASA Volunteer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Years Experience										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
5 Years or fewer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
6 to 10 years	3.0	2	3.0	2	3.0	2	4.0	2	5.0	1
11 to 15 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
16 to 20 years	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
21 years or more	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Gender										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Male	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Female	3.0	2	3.0	2	3.0	2	4.0	2	5.0	1
Location of Practice										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Fourth District	3.3	3	3.3	3	3.3	3	4.0	3	4.5	2
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	1.0	1	1.0	1	1.0	1	3.0	1	--	0
Over 35,000	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

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Average Ratings from All Groups Surveyed



	Legal Ability*	Impartiality	Integrity	Judicial Temperament	Diligence	Overall Evaluation
■ Alaska Bar Association	3.9	3.8	4.1	3.8	3.6	3.9
▨ Peace and Probation Officers		3.6	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.7
□ Social Workers/ GALSCASA Volunteers		3.3	3.3	3.3	4.0	4.5

*Legal Ability items are only completed by Alaska Bar Association members.

Juror Survey Results 2006 Retention Evaluation Jane F. Kauvar											
		Distribution of Ratings									
Survey Category	Mean	Excellent % (n)	Good % (n)	Acceptable % (n)	Deficient % (n)	Poor % (n)	Total Returned = 119				
Impartiality/Fairness	4.7	74% 88	25% 30	1% 1	0% 0	0% 0	119				
Respectful/Courteous	4.8	85% 101	15% 18	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	119				
Attentive during Proceedings	4.5	64% 76	28% 33	7% 8	2% 2	0% 0	119				
Control over Proceedings	4.8	76% 90	24% 29	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	119				
Intelligence/Skill as a Judge	4.7	71% 84	29% 34	1% 1	0% 0	0% 0	119				
Overall Evaluation	4.7	74% 88	26% 31	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	119				

<p align="center">Court Employee Survey Results 2006 Retention Evaluation Jane F. Kauvar</p>											
		<p align="center">Distribution of Ratings</p>									
<p align="center">Survey Category</p>	<p align="center">Mean</p>	<p align="center">Excellent % (n)</p>	<p align="center">Good % (n)</p>	<p align="center">Acceptable % (n)</p>	<p align="center">Deficient % (n)</p>	<p align="center">Poor % (n)</p>	<p align="center">Total Returned = 46</p>				
<p>Impartiality/Fairness</p>	<p>4.5</p>	<p>59% 27</p>	<p>26% 12</p>	<p>9% 4</p>	<p>0% 0</p>	<p>0% 0</p>	<p align="center">43</p>				
<p>Integrity</p>	<p>4.6</p>	<p>61% 28</p>	<p>30% 14</p>	<p>7% 3</p>	<p>0% 0</p>	<p>0% 0</p>	<p align="center">45</p>				
<p>Judicial Temperament</p>	<p>4.4</p>	<p>50% 23</p>	<p>30% 14</p>	<p>15% 7</p>	<p>0% 0</p>	<p>0% 0</p>	<p align="center">44</p>				
<p>Diligence</p>	<p>4.4</p>	<p>57% 26</p>	<p>24% 11</p>	<p>15% 7</p>	<p>0% 0</p>	<p>0% 0</p>	<p align="center">44</p>				
<p>Overall Evaluation</p>	<p>4.5</p>	<p>65% 30</p>	<p>24% 11</p>	<p>11% 5</p>	<p>0% 0</p>	<p>0% 0</p>	<p align="center">46</p>				

Judge Jane F. Kauvar
 Prior Scores Summary
 Retention 2006
 Appointed 02/18/81 to Fairbanks District Court

Bar Survey							
2006 Retention	3.9	3.8	4.1	3.8	3.6	3.9	
2004 Interim	3.8	3.7	4.0	3.6	3.5		3.7
2002 Retention	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.5		3.6
1998 Retention	3.3	3.4	3.6	3.4	3.2		3.3
1994 Retention	3.2	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.2		3.3
1990 Retention	3.6	3.7	3.9	3.6	--		3.6
1986 Retention	3.6	3.5	3.8	3.5	3.1		3.4
1982 Retention	3.8	3.7	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.6	
	Legal Ability	Impartiality	Integrity	Judicial Temperament	Diligence	Overall Performance	

Peace & Probation Officer Survey						
2006 Retention	3.6	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.7	
2004 Interim	3.0	3.4	3.2	3.1		3.0
2002 Retention	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0		4.0
1998 Retention	3.9	4.1	3.9	3.9		3.9
1994 Retention	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.6		3.7
1990 Retention	3.5	3.9	3.6	--		3.6
1986 Retention	3.5	3.8	3.5	3.5		3.4
1982 Retention	3.0	3.2	3.1	3.3	2.9	
	Impartiality	Integrity	Judicial Temperament	Diligence	Overall Performance	