Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

Judge William F. Morse, Superior Court, Anchorage

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 Morse to be ***Qualified*** and recommends with a 5-1 vote that the public vote **"YES"** to retain him as a superior 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	3.8	---	---	---	---
Impartiality	3.5	4.7	4.8	4.3	3.8
Integrity	4.0	4.7	---	4.4	4.0
Temperament	3.2	4.7	4.9	4.1	3.4
Diligence	3.8	4.7	---	4.5	4.1
Overall	3.5	4.7	4.9	4.3	3.9

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 Morse on the six categories summarized in the table above, using 5 as the highest rating possible. The attorney rating for Judge Morse on overall performance was 3.5. Peace and probation officers rated Judge Morse on five categories, using the 5-point scale above. They gave Judge Morse a rating of 4.7.

Four other groups also evaluated Judge Morse's performance, using the same 5-point scale with 5 as the highest rating. Jurors rated him 4.9, court employees gave him 4.3, and social workers, guardians ad litem and CASA volunteers rated him at 3.9. The Alaska Judicial Observers rated him 3.5.

Recommendation: Vote "YES" to retain Judge William F. Morse

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Alaska Judicial Council
Questionnaire

Trial Judge
2006 Candidates for Judicial Retention

November 21, 2005

William F. Morse	Anchorage Superior Court
Name	Court

1. Describe your workload during your present term.

a) 94 % Civil Cases
1 % Criminal Cases
5 % Court Administrative
100 % Total

b) 80 # of trials/year
10 # Administrative Appeals

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

I am a member of the Appellate Rules Committee and several other subcommittees. We review proposed changes to the Appellate Rules. I am on a committee that reviews issues concerning therapeutic courts. I am a training judge responsible for evaluating magistrates annually and providing periodic CLE to magistrates. I helped prepare a presentation to the annual judicial conference. I have recently been assigned as one of two judges responsible for all DUI/drug therapeutic courts.

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 would assess my judicial performance by dividing it into two basic periods. The first would be the first six months on the bench. It was marked by the exposure to the many types of hearings and written requests that a judge must handle. I tried to understand the various decision that I had to make so that I could identify the different information and considerations that each required. I tried to gather input from the litigants and counsel about the nature of the dispute and what I might do to have a sufficient understanding in order to make the decision. The second period would be the remainder of my term. Its hallmark was the slow attempt to define and realize the type of judge I wanted to be now that I had some direct experience with the types of decisions and procedures involved.

I believe that I have done a good job of learning what each type of decision requires of the parties, counsel and myself. I have very much enjoyed the exposure to new areas of the law and the nuances of familiar areas of the law that new and complex facts presented by each case demands.

It has also been very challenging to try to learn how to behave as a judge. It is difficult to learn what to demand of parties and counsel and how to act to have them respond to those demands. It is also difficult to learn what to expect and demand of yourself as a new judge. It is not possible or appropriate to devote as much time to each decision as one might prefer. I have worked hard to determine how much time each decision requires in light of its complexity and importance and in relation to all of the other decisions that are pending.

It has been challenging and rewarding to construct a regime of self-criticism. Few others can offer constructive criticism of your performance so it is vital that a judge develop an ability to be honest and thorough in reviewing decision making to identify errors and poor tendencies so that they are not repeated or can be avoided.

I have been most surprised at the intensity of the continual self-conversation that judging requires. It is a constant struggle as I work through a decision and try to keep my self open to the strengths and weakness of an argument or my reasoning. Even after coming to a conclusion there is much internal review of the result. I have been surprised at but comfortable with the evolution of my internal model of what a good judge does and the ongoing self-evaluation of my performance and comparison of it to the model.

I have found being a judge to be both more demanding and enjoyable that I expected.

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.

6. Please provide any other information which you believe would assist the Council in conducting its evaluations and in preparing its recommendations for the 2006 retention elections.

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: Waukesha AK Corporation ***Case Number:*** 3AN-03-10242 CI
v. Atlas Copco Compressors, Inc.

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Michael Brain	Name: James Seedorf
Address: 1407 W. 31st Ave.	Address: 3900 C Street, Ste. 1001
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99503	City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99503
Name: Jason Bergevin	Name: Thomas P. Owens
Address: 1407 W. 31st Ave.	Address: 810 N Street
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99503	City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

Case Number 2

Case Name: Granville Couey ***Case Number:*** 3AN-03-10682 CI
v. ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc.,

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Michael Stehle	Name: Douglas Parker
Address: 737 W. 5th Ave., Ste. 206	Address: 420 L Street, Ste 400
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501	City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501
Name:	Name:
Address:	Address:
City, State, Zip:	City, State, Zip:

Case Number 3

Case Name: Michael & Tracy Jamison ***Case Number:*** 3PA-02-432 CI
v. Roger Swingle, M.D.

Attorneys Involved:

Name: James Wendt	Name: Matthew Peterson
Address: 425 G Street, Ste. 610	Address: 711 H Street, Ste. 620
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501	City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501
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: James Crane ***Case Number:*** 3AN-96-07547 CI

v. Logan Crane

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Robert Frenz	Name: Jennifer Wagner
Address: 733 W. 4th Ave., Ste. 400	Address: 421 W. 1st Ave., Ste. 250
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501	City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501
Name: Vanessa White	Name:
Address: 211 H Street	Address:
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501	City, State, Zip:

Case Number 2

Case Name: ITMO: G.K. ***Case Number:*** 3AN-05-1154PR

v.

Attorneys Involved:

Name: LESTER Syren	Name: David Shoup
Address: Box 112141	Address: 508 W. 2nd Ave.
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99511	City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501
Name: Erik Leroy	Name: Gregory Oczkus
Address: 500 L Street, Ste. 302	Address: 430 W. 7th Ave., Ste. 202
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501	City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

Case Number 3

Case Name: ITMO: B.D. ***Case Number:*** 3AN-99-561 CP

v.

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Caitlyn Shortell	Name: Sara Acharya
Address: 1031 W. 4th Avenue	Address: 1107 W. 7th Ave.
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501	City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501
Name: James Hopper	Name:
Address: 750 W 2nd Ave., Ste 104	Address:
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501	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: Erica Hobson ***Case Number:*** 3AN-04-08542 CI
v. Lithia

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Christian Bataille
Address: 1029 W. 3rd Ave., Ste 250
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

Name: Joan Rohlf
Address: 510 L Street, Ste. 700
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

Name: Trena Heikes
Address: 3380 C Street, Ste. 202
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99503

Name: Michael Flanigan
Address: 1029 W. 3rd Ave., Ste. 250
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

Case Number 2

Case Name: Albert Ball ***Case Number:*** 3AN-02-9572CI
v. Eldridge Hicks

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Michael Flanigan
Address: 1029 W. 3rd Ave., Ste. 250
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

Name: Sanford Gibbs
Address: 821 N Street, Ste. 202
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99504

Name: Robert Bundy
Address: 1031 W. 4th Ave., Ste. 600
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

Name:
Address:
City, State, Zip:

Case Number 3

Case Name: Chester Deptula ***Case Number:*** 3AN-04-04765 CI
v. Beth Simpson

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Laurel Peterson
Address: 805 W. 3rd Ave., Ste. 200
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

Name: Brewster Jamieson
Address: 301 W. Northern Lights
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99503

Name:
Address:
City, State, Zip:

Name: Erin Marston
Address: 745 W. 4th Ave., Ste. 502
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 9950

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: Michael Jeffrey/Nancy Nolan ***Case Number:*** 3AN-04-10296 CI

v. State of Alaska/Div. of Elec

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Eric Sanders	Name: Joanne Grace
Address: 1029 W. 3rd Ave., Ste. 650	Address: 1031 W. 4th Ave., Ste. 200
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501	City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501
Name: Jonathan Katcher	Name: Keith Levy
Address: 421 W. 1st Ave., Ste. 220	Address: 1031 W. 4th Ave., Ste. 200
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501	City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

Case Number 2

Case Name: Anchorage Chyrsler ***Case Number:*** 3AN-99-09780 CI

v. DaimlerChrysler Motors, Corp

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Gary Sleeper	Name: Jeffrey Feldman
Address: 3000 A Street, Ste.300	Address: 500 L Street, Ste. 400
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501	City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501
Name: Randall Simpson	Name:
Address: 3000 A. Street, Ste. 300	Address:
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501	City, State, Zip:

Case Number 3

Case Name: 4th Avenue Theatre ***Case Number:*** 3AN-03-11552 CI

v. Aldeman

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Walter Featherly	Name: Kenneth Jacobus
Address: 601 W. 5th Ave., Ste. 700	Address: 425 G Street, Ste. 920
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501	City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501
Name: Michael Grisham	Name: Paul Stockler
Address: 601 W. 5th Ave., Ste. 700	Address: 1309 W. 16th Ave.
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501	City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

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A. Alaska Bar Association

Demographic Description (N=442)

		N	%
Type of Practice			
	No Response	7	1.5%
	Private, Solo	104	23.5%
	Private, 2-5 Attorneys	93	21.0%
	Private, 6+ Attorneys	86	19.4%
	Private, Corporate Employee	10	2.2%
	State Judge or Judicial Officer	27	6.1%
	Government	101	22.8%
	Public Service Agency or Organization (not govt)	10	2.2%
	Other	4	0.9%
Length of Alaska Practice			
	No Response	7	1.5%
	5 Years or fewer	43	9.7%
	6 to 10 years	40	9.0%
	11 to 15 years	57	12.8%
	16 to 20 years	66	14.9%
	21 years or more	229	51.8%
Gender			
	No Response	7	1.5%
	Male	310	70.1%
	Female	125	28.2%
Cases Handled			
	No Response	6	1.3%
	Prosecution	20	4.5%
	Mainly Criminal	27	6.1%
	Mixed Criminal & Civil	92	20.8%
	Mainly Civil	286	64.7%
	Other	11	2.4%
Location of Practice			
	No Response	6	1.3%
	First District	20	4.5%
	Second District	2	0.4%
	Third District	407	92.0%
	Fourth District	6	1.3%
	Outside of Alaska	1	0.2%

Evaluation of Judge William F. Morse:
Alaska Bar Association Members

Summary of Findings

Judge William F. Morse was evaluated by 371 Alaska Bar Association members who reported having direct professional experience with the judge. The mean score on *overall evaluation* was 3.5. The highest mean score was obtained on *integrity* (4.0) and the lowest score was obtained on *judicial temperament* (3.2). Details are present in the two tables that follow.

	Poor		Deficient		Accept		Good		Excellent		
	N	**%**	**N**	**%**	**N**	**%**	**N**	**%**	**N**	**%**	**Mean**
Legal Ability	13	3.5%	39	10.5%	76	20.4%	138	37.1%	105	28.3%	3.8
Impartiality/Fairness	32	8.6%	53	14.3%	78	21.0%	109	29.4%	98	26.4%	3.5
Integrity	10	2.7%	18	5.0%	75	20.8%	102	28.4%	154	42.8%	4.0
Judicial Temperament	55	14.8%	53	14.3%	93	25.1%	86	23.2%	83	22.4%	3.2
Diligence	17	4.6%	21	5.8%	84	23.2%	122	33.7%	118	32.5%	3.8
Overall Rating	28	7.6%	54	14.7%	72	19.7%	116	31.7%	95	26.0%	3.5

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

Judge William F. Morse: 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	3.3	9	3.0	9	3.6	9	2.9	9	3.4	9	3.2	9
Direct Professional	**3.8**	**371**	**3.5**	**370**	**4.0**	**359**	**3.2**	**370**	**3.8**	**362**	**3.5**	**365**
Professional Reputation	3.8	53	3.5	55	3.9	52	3.5	53	3.9	45	3.6	54
Other Personal Contacts	4.4	12	4.2	12	4.4	12	4.0	12	4.3	12	4.3	12
Type of Practice												
No Response	4.1	7	4.1	7	4.1	7	3.6	7	4.1	7	4.1	7
Private, Solo	3.8	94	3.6	94	4.2	89	3.4	94	3.9	92	3.7	93
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	3.6	86	3.4	86	3.9	84	3.1	86	3.6	85	3.4	85
Private, 6+ Attorneys	3.7	73	3.5	74	4.1	72	3.3	74	3.9	73	3.5	73
Private, Corporate Employee	3.7	7	3.4	7	4.2	6	3.6	7	4.0	7	3.4	7
State Judge or Judicial Officer	4.5	21	4.4	21	4.7	21	3.9	21	4.6	20	4.4	20
Government	3.8	74	3.2	72	3.8	72	2.9	72	3.7	70	3.3	71
Public Service Agency or Organization (not govt)	4.1	7	4.0	7	4.2	6	3.4	7	4.2	6	4.0	7
Other	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.0	2	3.0	2	4.5	2	4.0	2
Years Experience												
No Response	4.4	7	4.1	7	4.1	7	3.4	7	4.1	7	4.1	7
5 Years or fewer	3.9	35	3.5	36	3.8	34	3.0	36	3.9	33	3.5	35
6 to 10 years	3.8	32	3.3	32	3.7	32	3.1	32	3.7	31	3.4	30
11 to 15 years	3.8	50	3.5	50	4.0	48	3.1	49	3.8	50	3.6	49
16 to 20 years	3.5	54	3.4	53	3.8	51	3.1	54	3.6	53	3.3	54
21 years or more	3.8	193	3.6	192	4.2	187	3.4	192	3.9	188	3.6	190
Gender												
No Response	4.6	7	4.4	7	4.4	7	3.9	7	4.4	7	4.4	7
Male	3.7	266	3.5	265	4.1	259	3.3	265	3.8	259	3.5	261
Female	3.9	98	3.4	98	3.9	93	3.1	98	3.9	96	3.5	97
Majority of Practice Consists of												
No Response	4.5	6	4.3	6	4.3	6	3.7	6	4.3	6	4.3	6
Prosecution	3.1	15	2.3	14	2.9	15	1.9	15	3.0	12	2.4	15
Mainly Criminal	4.1	13	3.9	14	4.1	13	3.6	14	4.0	14	3.7	14
Mixed Criminal & Civil	3.9	77	3.6	77	4.1	76	3.4	77	3.9	76	3.7	76
Mainly Civil	3.7	253	3.5	253	4.1	242	3.2	252	3.8	247	3.5	248
Other	4.9	7	4.5	6	4.7	7	4.3	6	4.7	7	4.5	6
Location of Practice												
No Response	4.5	6	4.3	6	4.3	6	3.7	6	4.3	6	4.3	6
First District	3.8	11	3.7	10	4.2	10	3.8	11	3.6	10	3.6	11
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	3.7	349	3.5	350	4.0	338	3.2	349	3.8	342	3.5	344
Fourth District	4.0	4	3.3	3	4.0	4	2.7	3	4.3	4	3.7	3
Outside of Alaska	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	--	0	5.0	1

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B. Peace and Probation Officers

Demographic Description (N=6)

		N	%
Type of Work			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	2	33.3%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	1	16.6%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	2	33.3%
	Other	1	16.6%
Length of Alaska Experience			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	1	16.6%
	6 to 10 years	2	33.3%
	11 to 15 years	1	16.6%
	16 to 20 years	1	16.6%
	21 years or more	1	16.6%
Gender			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	2	33.3%
	Female	4	66.6%
Location of Practice			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	6	100.0%
	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	16.6%
	Over 35,000	5	83.3%

Evaluation of Judge William F. Morse
Peace and Probation Officers

Summary of Findings

Judge William F. Morse was evaluated by three Peace and Probation Officers who reported having direct professional experience with the judge. The mean score on *overall evaluation* was 4.7. This judge obtained ratings of 4.7 in all areas. Details are present in the two tables that follow

	Poor		Deficient		Accept		Good		Excellent		
	N	**%**	**N**	**%**	**N**	**%**	**N**	**%**	**N**	**%**	**Mean**
Impartiality/Fairness	--	0.0%	--	0.0%	--	0.0%	1	33.3%	2	66.6%	4.7
Integrity	--	0.0%	--	0.0%	--	0.0%	1	33.3%	2	66.6%	4.7
Judicial Temperament	--	0.0%	--	0.0%	--	0.0%	1	33.3%	2	66.6%	4.7
Diligence	--	0.0%	--	0.0%	--	0.0%	1	33.3%	2	66.6%	4.7
Overall Rating	--	0.0%	--	0.0%	--	0.0%	1	33.3%	2	66.6%	4.7

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

Judge William F. Morse: 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	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Direct Professional	**4.7**	**3**	**4.7**	**3**	**4.7**	**3**	**4.7**	**3**	**4.7**	**3**
Professional Reputation	3.0	3	3.0	3	3.0	3	3.0	3	3.0	3
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Type of Work										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
State Law Enforcement Officer	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Other	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Years Experience										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
5 Years or fewer	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
6 to 10 years	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
11 to 15 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
16 to 20 years	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	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	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
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	4.7	3	4.7	3	4.7	3	4.7	3	4.7	3
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	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
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.

36. SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE WILLIAM F. MORSE

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

Demographic Description (N=12)

		N	%
Type of Work			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Social Worker	9	75.0%
	Guardian ad Litem	3	25.0%
	CASA Volunteer	--	0.0%
	Other	--	0.0%
Length of Alaska Experience			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	4	33.3%
	6 to 10 years	5	41.6%
	11 to 15 years	--	0.0%
	16 to 20 years	3	25.0%
	21 years or more	--	0.0%
Gender			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	1	8.3%
	Female	11	91.6%
Location of Practice			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	12	100.0%
	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	--	0.0%
	Over 35,000	12	100.0%

Evaluation of Judge William F. Morse
Social Workers, Guardians Ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers

Summary of Findings

Judge William F. Morse was evaluated by 12 Social Workers, Guardians Ad Litem, and CASA volunteers 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 *diligence* (4.1) and the lowest score was obtained on *judicial temperament* (3.4). Details are present in the two tables that follow.

	Poor		Deficient		Accept		Good		Excellent		
	N	**%**	**N**	**%**	**N**	**%**	**N**	**%**	**N**	**%**	**Mean**
Impartiality/Fairness	--	0.0%	2	16.6%	2	16.6%	5	41.6%	3	25.0%	3.8
Integrity	--	0.0%	1	8.3%	2	16.6%	5	41.6%	4	33.3%	4.0
Judicial Temperament	--	0.0%	1	8.3%	6	50.0%	4	33.3%	1	8.3%	3.4
Diligence	--	0.0%	1	8.3%	2	16.6%	4	33.3%	5	41.6%	4.1
Overall Rating	--	0.0%	1	8.3%	3	25.0%	4	33.3%	4	33.3%	3.9

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

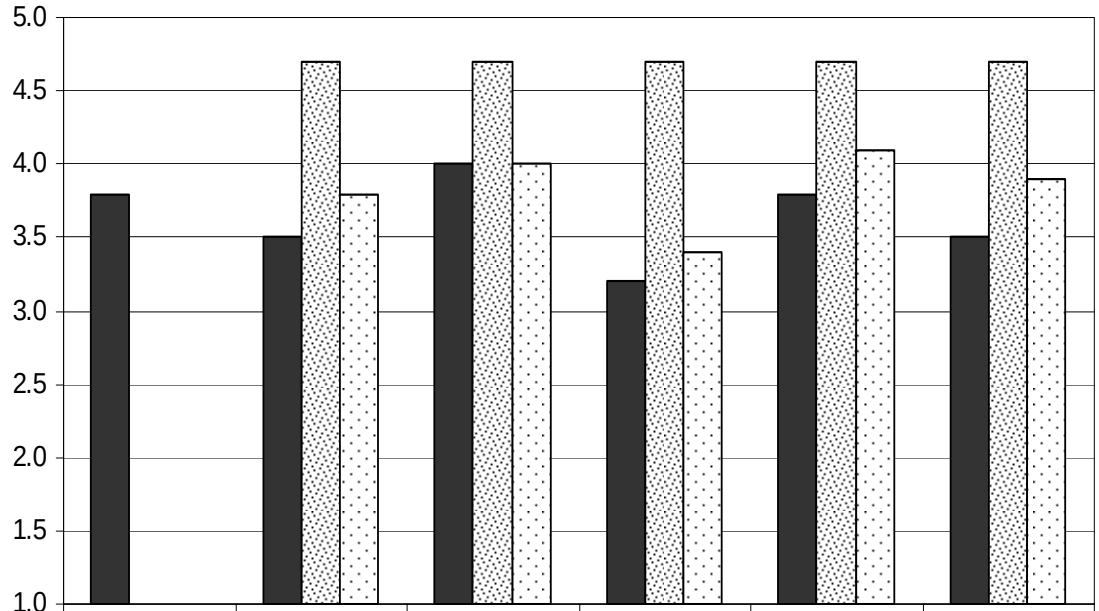
Judge William F. Morse: Detail Information on Responses
Social Workers, Guardians Ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers

	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	4.0	1	5.0	1	3.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Direct Professional	**3.8**	**12**	**4.0**	**12**	**3.4**	**12**	**4.1**	**12**	**3.9**	**12**
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	3.6	9	3.7	9	3.4	9	3.8	9	3.7	9
Guardian ad Litem	4.3	3	5.0	3	3.3	3	5.0	3	4.7	3
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	4.0	4	3.8	4	3.5	4	4.0	4	4.0	4
6 to 10 years	3.2	5	3.6	5	3.4	5	3.6	5	3.4	5
11 to 15 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
16 to 20 years	4.3	3	5.0	3	3.3	3	5.0	3	4.7	3
21 years or more	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Gender										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Male	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
Female	3.8	11	4.1	11	3.5	11	4.2	11	4.0	11
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	3.8	12	4.0	12	3.4	12	4.1	12	3.9	12
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	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Over 35,000	3.8	12	4.0	12	3.4	12	4.1	12	3.9	12

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

Superior Court Judge William F. Morse

Average Ratings from All Groups Surveyed



	Legal Ability*	Impartiality	Integrity	Judicial Temperament	Diligence	Overall Evaluation
Alaska Bar Association	3.8	3.5	4.0	3.2	3.8	3.5
Peace and Probation Officers		4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7
Social Workers/ GALS/CASA Volunteers		3.8	4.0	3.4	4.1	3.9

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

Juror Survey Results
2006 Retention Evaluation
William F. Morse

		Distribution of Ratings										
Survey Category	**Mean**	**Excellent**		**Good**		**Acceptable**		**Deficient**		**Poor**		**Total**
		%	**(n)**	**%**	**(n)**	**%**	**(n)**	**%**	**(n)**	**%**	**(n)**	**Returned = 36**
Impartiality/Fairness	**4.8**	86%	31	11%	4	3%	1	0%	0	0%	0	36
Respectful/Courteous	**4.9**	86%	31	14%	5	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	36
Attentive during Proceedings	**4.7**	67%	24	28%	10	3%	1	0%	0	0%	0	35
Control over Proceedings	**4.9**	92%	33	6%	2	3%	1	0%	0	0%	0	36
Intelligence/Skill as a Judge	**4.9**	89%	32	8%	3	3%	1	0%	0	0%	0	36
Overall Evaluation	**4.9**	92%	33	6%	2	3%	1	0%	0	0%	0	36

Court Employee Survey Results
2006 Retention Evaluation
William F. Morse

		Distribution of Ratings										
Survey Category	**Mean**	**Excellent**		**Good**		**Acceptable**		**Deficient**		**Poor**		**Total**
		%	**(n)**	**%**	**(n)**	**%**	**(n)**	**%**	**(n)**	**%**	**(n)**	**Returned = 61**
Impartiality/Fairness	**4.3**	36%	22	34%	21	12%	7	2%	1	0%	0	51
Integrity	**4.4**	44%	27	39%	24	5%	3	0%	0	0%	0	54
Judicial Temperament	**4.1**	34%	21	39%	24	15%	9	3%	2	2%	1	57
Diligence	**4.5**	46%	28	39%	24	2%	1	2%	1	0%	0	54
Overall Evaluation	**4.3**	46%	28	36%	22	7%	4	2%	1	2%	1	56