Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

Judge Mark I. Wood, Superior 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 Wood to be ***Qualified*** and recommends unanimously 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	4.2	---	---	---	---
Impartiality	4.1	4.1	4.8	4.6	3.7
Integrity	4.4	4.4	---	4.7	3.9
Temperament	4.2	4.1	4.8	4.6	3.7
Diligence	4.2	4.1	---	4.7	4.0
Overall	4.2	4.1	4.8	4.6	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 Wood on the six categories summarized in the table above, using 5 as the highest rating possible. The attorney rating for Judge Wood on overall performance was 4.2. Peace and probation officers rated Judge Wood on five categories, using the 5-point scale above. They gave Judge Wood a rating of 4.1.

Three other groups also evaluated Judge Wood's performance, using the same 5-point scale with 5 as the highest rating. Jurors rated him 4.8, court employees gave him 4.6, and social workers, guardians ad litem and CASA volunteers rated him at 3.9.

Recommendation: Vote "YES" to retain Judge Mark I. Wood

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Alaska Judicial Council Questionnaire

Trial Judge
2006 Candidates for Judicial Retention

November 21, 2005

Mark I. Wood — Name

Fairbanks Superior Court — Court

1. Describe your workload during your present term.

a) 55 % Civil Cases
40 % Criminal Cases
5 % Court Administrative
100 % Total

b) 31 # of trials/year
4 # Administrative Appeals

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

Currently I participate as a member of the Fairness and Access Committee that meets monthly. I chair the Fairbanks Juvenile Justice Task Force that has met monthly for the past year. The task force has recently divided into three subcommittees: prevention, intervention, and treatment, and is working on specific recommendations to improve services to local youth. I served as a magistrate training judge from 1998 through 2004.

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.

During my present term I have made the transition from a district court judge with some pro tempore superior court experience to a full time superior court judge. While I have been used to a high volume of cases throughout most of my career, the workload of a superior court judge in Fairbanks almost took my breath away. Not only does the superior court here have a high volume of cases, but the nature of the cases and the issues involved require more effort to prepare and to ponder before resolution. While the trial work was the same(only longer), generally the complexity of the cases(especially civil litigation with multiple parties) require greater attention and time per case than the typical district court case. Fortunately, I am not a stranger to either high volume or hard work and after 3 years as a superior court judge I feel that I have settled into my caseload.

During this transition time I have gained confidence in my ability to manage and resolve those types of cases that were previously on the periphery of my experience: complex civil litigation, child in need of aid cases, and divorces. I have found some hidden strengths in my ability to handle family law cases. For example, in contested divorces involving property division, I am generally successful at toning down the hostility arising from the circumstances of the separation and divorce and focusing on the business decisions relating to the dividing of the assets. I do this by using the spreadsheet that retired Judge Richard Savell developed, by swearing in the parties simultaneously, and then proceeding to take testimony item by item on the spreadsheet alternating between the parties (rather than having one party testify as to all the items and then the other party testify to all the items). When the testimony is finished as to an item, I rule whether the item is marital and what the value is. Once the parties realize that I am going to make a practical decision as to the property, the process quickens and we are frequently able to complete a 2 day divorce in 3 or 4 hours, even when there are several pages of property to be divided. My family law skills have also been strengthened by my participation in three conferences: Enhancing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases (2002), The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts 40th Annual Conference (2003), The International Society of Family Law (2005).

I enjoy serving as a judicial officer. Although the crush of the caseload is relentless, and I wonder whether individual effort is making any difference in the big picture of our society, I know that by "doing justice" in accordance with the rule of law on a case by case basis promotes an ordered and otherwise peaceful society. I worry that the system is overtaxed because of burgeoning caseload and dwindling resources. I have become good at managing my caseload and in making solid decisions, but I lament the lack of time to be as thorough and as reasoned as I should be for each case that comes to my attention. More than anything, I would like all litigants who come before me to feel as if their position was understood, fairly and fully considered, and that a reasoned decision was made pursuant to applicable law. I also aspire to respect each person who participates in a case before me. The perception that justice is being done in every case is as important to me as the fact that justice is done in every case.

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: State of Alaska ***Case Number:*** 4FA-05-917,930,931CR(cons.)

v. Bernard Steadman

Attorneys Involved:

Name	Jason Gazewood, ADA	Name	Paul Canarsky, PD
Address	455 Third Avenue, Ste 150	Address	529 Fifth Avenue, Ste 1
City, State, Zip	Fairbanks AK 99701	City, State, Zip	Fairbanks AK 99701
Name		Name	
Address		Address	
City, State, Zip		City, State, Zip	

Case Number 2

Case Name: State of Alaska ***Case Number:*** 4FA-S05-2113 CR

v. Brook Hillyer

Attorneys Involved:

Name	Elizabeth Crail, ADA	Name	Lee Barringer, PD
Address	455 Third Avenue, Ste 150	Address	225 Central Park W Apt 320
City, State, Zip	Fairbanks AK 99701	City, State, Zip	New York NY 10024
Name		Name	
Address		Address	
City, State, Zip		City, State, Zip	

Case Number 3

Case Name: Gregory Wagner ***Case Number:*** 4FA-03-181 CI

v. Richard Wagner, et al.

Attorneys Involved:

Name	John Connors	Name	Charles Cole
Address	P.O. Box 75124	Address	406 Cushman Street
City, State, Zip	Fairbanks AK 99707	City, State, Zip	Fairbanks AK 99701
Name	David Bundy	Name	Douglas Blankenship
Address	3201 C Street, Ste 301	Address	100 Cushman Street, Ste 402
City, State, Zip	Anchorage AK 99503	City, State, Zip	Fairbanks AK 99701

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: Karen Manns ***v.*** Monty Manns ***Case Number:*** 4FA-02-1080 CI

Attorneys Involved:

Name	Foster Wallace	Name	Craig Partyka
Address	711 Gaffney Rd Ste 202	Address	714 4th Avenue, Ste 200
City, State, Zip	Fairbanks AK 99701	City, State, Zip	Fairbanks AK 99701
Name		Name	
Address		Address	
City, State, Zip		City, State, Zip	

Case Number 2

Case Name: Douglas Toelle ***v.*** Kelly Wien-Toelle ***Case Number:*** 4FA-03-1197 CI

Attorneys Involved:

Name	John Franich	Name	Daniel Callahan
Address	1305 21st Avenue, Ste 204	Address	250 Cushman Street, Ste 3D
City, State, Zip	Fairbanks AK 99701	City, State, Zip	Fairbanks AK 99701
Name		Name	
Address		Address	
City, State, Zip		City, State, Zip	

Case Number 3

Case Name: Jeffrey Manns ***v.*** Jennifer Manns ***Case Number:*** 4FA-04-2449 CI

Attorneys Involved:

Name	Michael Kramer	Name	Daniel Callahan
Address	714 4th Avenue, Ste 200	Address	250 Cushman Street, Ste 3D
City, State, Zip	Fairbanks AK 99701	City, State, Zip	Fairbanks AK 99701
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: State of Alaska ***Case Number:*** 4FA-S05-852 CR
v. Brandon C. Hinnen

Attorneys Involved:

Name	Scott Mattern, ADA	Name	Geoffrey Wildridge, PD
Address	455 Third Avenue, Ste 150	Address	529 Fifth Avenue, Ste 1
City, State, Zip	Fairbanks AK 99701	City, State, Zip	Fairbanks AK 99701
Name		Name	
Address		Address	
City, State, Zip		City, State, Zip	

Case Number 2

Case Name: OK Lumber ***Case Number:*** 4FA-03-184 CI
v. Alaska Railroad

Attorneys Involved:

Name	Joseph Sheehan	Name	James DeWitt
Address	P.O. Box 70906	Address	100 Cushman Street, Ste 500
City, State, Zip	Fairbanks AK 99707	City, State, Zip	Fairbanks AK 99701
Name		Name	
Address		Address	
City, State, Zip		City, State, Zip	

Case Number 3

Case Name: Harold Prentzel ***Case Number:*** 4FA-99-2423 CI
v. State of AK Public Safety

Attorneys Involved:

Name	Harold Prentzel, pro se	Name	Gene Gustafson, AAG
Address	P.O. Box 73446	Address	100 Cushman Street, Ste 400
City, State, Zip	Fairbanks AK 99707	City, State, Zip	Fairbanks AK 99701
Name		Name	
Address		Address	
City, State, Zip		City, State, Zip	

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: Lucier ***Case Number:*** 4FA-00-1575 CI

v. Oliva

Attorneys Involved:

Name	Ray Brown	Name	Michael Jungreis
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City, State, Zip	Anchorage AK 99501	City, State, Zip	Anchorage AK 99501
Name	Christian Bataille	Name	
Address	1305 21st Avenue, Ste 204	Address	
City, State, Zip	Fairbanks AK 99701	City, State, Zip	

Case Number 2

Case Name: State of Alaska ***Case Number:*** 4BE-97-167 CR

v. Evan Ramsey

Attorneys Involved:

Name	Renee Erb, AAG	Name	Wallace Tetlow, PD
Address	310 K Street, Ste 501	Address	900 W 4th Avenue, Ste 200
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: ***Case Number:***

v.

Attorneys Involved:

Name		Name	
Address		Address	
City, State, Zip		City, State, Zip	
Name		Name	
Address		Address	
City, State, Zip		City, State, Zip	

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A. Alaska Bar Association

Demographic Description (N=255)

		N	%
Type of Practice			
	No Response	5	1.9%
	Private, Solo	47	18.4%
	Private, 2-5 Attorneys	52	20.3%
	Private, 6+ Attorneys	34	13.3%
	Private, Corporate Employee	4	1.5%
	State Judge or Judicial Officer	36	14.1%
	Government	65	25.4%
	Public Service Agency or Organization (not govt)	4	1.5%
	Other	8	3.1%
Length of Alaska Practice			
	No Response	4	1.5%
	5 Years or fewer	23	9.0%
	6 to 10 years	17	6.6%
	11 to 15 years	25	9.8%
	16 to 20 years	40	15.6%
	21 years or more	146	57.2%
Gender			
	No Response	6	2.3%
	Male	178	69.8%
	Female	71	27.8%
Cases Handled			
	No Response	5	1.9%
	Prosecution	15	5.8%
	Mainly Criminal	12	4.7%
	Mixed Criminal & Civil	73	28.6%
	Mainly Civil	138	54.1%
	Other	12	4.7%
Location of Practice			
	No Response	5	1.9%
	First District	18	7.0%
	Second District	5	1.9%
	Third District	130	50.9%
	Fourth District	95	37.2%
	Outside of Alaska	2	0.7%

Evaluation of Judge Mark I. Wood:
Alaska Bar Association Members

Summary of Findings

Judge Mark I. Wood was evaluated by 220 Alaska Bar Association members who reported having direct professional experience with the judge. The mean score on *overall evaluation* was 4.2. The highest mean score was obtained on *integrity* (4.4) and the lowest score was obtained on *impartiality/fairness* (4.1). Details are present in the two tables that follow.

	Poor		Deficient		Accept		Good		Excellent		
	N	**%**	**N**	**%**	**N**	**%**	**N**	**%**	**N**	**%**	**Mean**
Legal Ability	--	0	4	1.8%	37	16.9%	95	43.5%	82	37.6%	4.2
Impartiality/Fairness	--	0	12	5.4%	47	21.3%	60	27.2%	101	45.9%	4.1
Integrity	--	0	4	1.8%	32	14.6%	60	27.5%	122	55.9%	4.4
Judicial Temperament	3	1.3%	4	1.8%	38	17.5%	70	32.2%	102	47.0%	4.2
Diligence	--	0	5	2.3%	35	16.5%	78	36.7%	94	44.3%	4.2
Overall Rating	--	0	4	1.8%	40	18.6%	76	35.5%	94	43.9%	4.2

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

Judge Mark I. Wood: 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	3.7	3	3.3	3	4.0	3	4.0	3	4.3	3	3.7	3
Direct Professional	**4.2**	**218**	**4.1**	**220**	**4.4**	**218**	**4.2**	**217**	**4.2**	**212**	**4.2**	**214**
Professional Reputation	4.1	26	4.1	27	4.4	27	4.3	27	4.2	26	4.3	28
Other Personal Contacts	4.7	7	4.7	7	4.9	7	4.9	7	4.9	7	4.9	7
Type of Practice												
No Response	4.6	5	4.4	5	4.2	5	4.4	5	4.3	4	4.5	4
Private, Solo	4.2	36	4.2	37	4.4	37	4.1	36	4.3	37	4.3	36
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	4.3	50	4.3	50	4.4	50	4.5	49	4.3	48	4.4	48
Private, 6+ Attorneys	4.0	28	4.0	28	4.5	28	4.0	28	4.1	28	4.1	28
Private, Corporate Employee	4.5	4	4.3	4	4.3	3	4.5	4	4.3	3	4.3	3
State Judge or Judicial Officer	4.5	30	4.6	31	4.7	31	4.5	31	4.7	29	4.6	30
Government	3.9	55	3.8	55	4.1	54	3.9	54	3.9	54	3.9	55
Public Service Agency or Organization (not govt)	4.0	4	4.0	4	4.0	4	3.8	4	4.0	4	4.0	4
Other	3.8	6	4.0	6	4.5	6	4.2	6	4.2	5	4.3	6
Years Experience												
No Response	4.5	4	4.3	4	4.0	4	4.3	4	4.0	3	4.3	3
5 Years or fewer	4.3	20	3.9	20	4.2	20	4.1	20	4.1	20	4.1	19
6 to 10 years	4.2	14	4.2	15	4.3	15	4.3	15	4.1	14	4.4	14
11 to 15 years	4.0	23	3.9	23	4.1	23	3.9	23	4.0	22	3.9	23
16 to 20 years	3.9	36	3.9	36	4.2	36	4.0	36	4.1	36	4.0	36
21 years or more	4.3	121	4.3	122	4.5	120	4.4	119	4.3	117	4.3	119
Gender												
No Response	4.5	6	4.2	6	4.2	6	3.8	6	4.2	5	4.2	5
Male	4.2	152	4.3	154	4.5	153	4.3	151	4.3	149	4.3	150
Female	4.1	60	3.8	60	4.2	59	4.0	60	4.0	58	4.0	59
Majority of Practice Consists of												
No Response	4.6	5	4.4	5	4.2	5	4.2	5	4.3	4	4.5	4
Prosecution	4.1	15	4.1	15	4.3	15	3.9	15	4.1	15	4.1	15
Mainly Criminal	4.1	12	4.1	12	4.2	12	4.2	12	4.3	11	4.2	12
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.2	57	4.2	58	4.5	58	4.3	58	4.4	57	4.3	57
Mainly Civil	4.1	120	4.1	121	4.4	120	4.2	118	4.2	117	4.2	118
Other	4.3	9	4.1	9	4.4	8	4.2	9	4.4	8	4.4	8
Location of Practice												
No Response	4.6	5	4.4	5	4.2	5	4.4	5	4.3	4	4.5	4
First District	3.8	14	3.9	14	4.2	14	4.2	13	4.0	14	3.9	14
Second District	4.7	3	4.0	3	4.3	3	4.0	3	4.7	3	4.3	3
Third District	4.1	106	4.1	107	4.4	105	4.3	105	4.2	101	4.2	103
Fourth District	4.3	88	4.2	89	4.4	89	4.1	89	4.3	88	4.2	88
Outside of Alaska	4.0	2	4.0	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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B. Peace and Probation Officers

Demographic Description (N=48)

		N	%
Type of Work			
	No Response	--	0
	State Law Enforcement Officer	17	35.4%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	11	22.9%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0
	Probation/Parole Officer	17	35.4%
	Other	3	6.2%
Length of Alaska Experience			
	No Response	--	0
	5 Years or fewer	13	27.0%
	6 to 10 years	9	18.7%
	11 to 15 years	11	22.9%
	16 to 20 years	6	12.5%
	21 years or more	9	18.7%
Gender			
	No Response	--	0
	Male	36	75.0%
	Female	12	25.0%
Location of Practice			
	No Response	--	0
	First District	1	2.0%
	Second District	1	2.0%
	Third District	4	8.3%
	Fourth District	42	87.5%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0
Community Population			
	No Response	--	0
	Under 2,000	3	6.2%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	14	29.1%
	Over 35,000	31	64.5%

Evaluation of Judge Mark I. Wood
Peace and Probation Officers

Summary of Findings

Judge Mark I. Wood was evaluated by 38 Peace and Probation Officers who reported having direct professional experience with the judge. The mean score on *overall evaluation* was 4.1. The highest mean score was obtained on *integrity* (4.4) and all the other areas obtained a score of 4.1. Details are present in the two tables that follow.

	Poor		Deficient		Accept		Good		Excellent		
	N	**%**	**N**	**%**	**N**	**%**	**N**	**%**	**N**	**%**	**Mean**
Impartiality/Fairness	2	5.2%	2	5.2%	6	15.7%	10	26.3%	18	47.3%	4.1
Integrity	--	0	--	0	7	18.9%	10	27.0%	20	54.0%	4.4
Judicial Temperament	1	2.6%	4	10.5%	5	13.1%	10	26.3%	18	47.3%	4.1
Diligence	1	2.7%	2	5.5%	6	16.6%	11	30.5%	16	44.4%	4.1
Overall Rating	1	2.6%	3	7.8%	6	15.7%	10	26.3%	18	47.3%	4.1

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

Judge Mark I. Wood: 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	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
Direct Professional	**4.1**	**38**	**4.4**	**37**	**4.1**	**38**	**4.1**	**36**	**4.1**	**38**
Professional Reputation	4.0	8	4.3	8	4.1	8	4.0	7	4.1	7
Other Personal Contacts	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Type of Work										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
State Law Enforcement Officer	4.1	15	4.5	14	4.2	15	4.3	13	4.2	15
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	3.8	8	4.0	8	3.6	8	3.8	8	3.8	8
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	4.0	13	4.3	13	4.0	13	3.9	13	4.0	13
Other	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
Years Experience										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
5 Years or fewer	4.0	12	4.4	12	4.3	12	4.3	11	4.1	12
6 to 10 years	3.6	8	3.8	8	3.3	8	3.4	7	3.6	8
11 to 15 years	4.4	7	4.3	6	4.3	7	4.4	7	4.4	7
16 to 20 years	3.8	5	4.6	5	4.0	5	3.8	5	3.8	5
21 years or more	4.5	6	4.8	6	4.5	6	4.3	6	4.5	6
Gender										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Male	4.1	28	4.4	27	4.1	28	4.2	26	4.1	28
Female	4.0	10	4.3	10	4.0	10	3.9	10	4.0	10
Location of Practice										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	5.0	1	--	0	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Third District	5.0	2	5.0	2	4.5	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
Fourth District	4.0	35	4.3	35	4.0	35	4.0	33	4.0	35
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Community Population										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Under 2,000	4.0	2	4.5	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2
Between 2,000 and 35,000	3.9	9	4.0	8	3.9	9	4.3	8	4.0	9
Over 35,000	4.1	27	4.4	27	4.1	27	4.0	26	4.1	27

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

45. SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE MARK I. WOOD

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

Demographic Description (N=9)

		N	%
Type of Work			
	No Response	--	0
	Social Worker	8	88.8%
	Guardian ad Litem	--	0
	CASA Volunteer	1	11.1%
	Other	--	0
Length of Alaska Experience			
	No Response	--	0
	5 Years or fewer	2	22.2%
	6 to 10 years	5	55.5%
	11 to 15 years	1	11.1%
	16 to 20 years	1	11.1%
	21 years or more	--	0
Gender			
	No Response	--	0
	Male	2	22.2%
	Female	7	77.7%
Location of Practice			
	No Response	--	0
	First District	--	0
	Second District	--	0
	Third District	--	0
	Fourth District	9	100.0%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0
Community Population			
	No Response	--	0
	Under 2,000	--	0
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	1	11.1%
	Over 35,000	8	88.8%

Evaluation of Judge Mark I. Wood
Social Workers, Guardians Ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers

Summary of Findings

Judge Mark I. Wood was evaluated by seven 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* (4.0) and the lowest scores were obtained on *impartiality/fairness* (3.7) and *judicial temperament* (3.7). Details are present in the two tables that follow.

	Poor		Deficient		Accept		Good		Excellent		
	N	**%**	**N**	**%**	**N**	**%**	**N**	**%**	**N**	**%**	**Mean**
Impartiality/Fairness	1	14.2%	1	14.2%	--	0	2	28.5%	3	42.8%	3.7
Integrity	1	14.2%	--	0	1	14.2%	2	28.5%	3	42.8%	3.9
Judicial Temperament	1	14.2%	1	14.2%	--	0	2	28.5%	3	42.8%	3.7
Diligence	1	14.2%	--	0	1	14.2%	1	14.2%	4	57.1%	4.0
Overall Rating	1	14.2%	--	0	1	14.2%	2	28.5%	3	42.8%	3.9

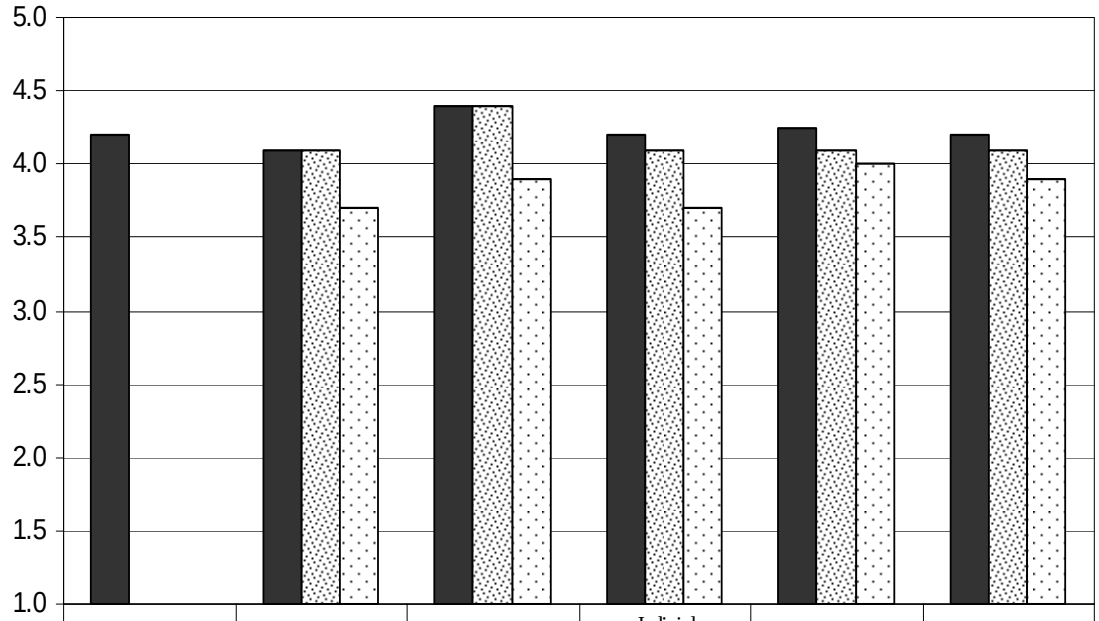
Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

Judge Mark I. Wood: 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	1.7	3	3.3	3	2.0	3	3.3	3	2.7	3
Direct Professional	**3.7**	**7**	**3.9**	**7**	**3.7**	**7**	**4.0**	**7**	**3.9**	**7**
Professional Reputation	3.0	2	3.5	2	4.0	2	3.5	2	3.5	2
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Type of Work										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Social Worker	3.5	6	3.7	6	3.5	6	3.8	6	3.7	6
Guardian ad Litem	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
CASA Volunteer	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
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	3.5	4	3.5	4	3.8	4	3.8	4	3.5	4
11 to 15 years	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
16 to 20 years	2.0	1	3.0	1	2.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
21 years or more	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Gender										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Male	2.0	1	3.0	1	2.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
Female	4.0	6	4.0	6	4.0	6	4.2	6	4.0	6
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	3.7	7	3.9	7	3.7	7	4.0	7	3.9	7
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	3.5	6	3.7	6	3.5	6	3.8	6	3.7	6

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

Superior Court Judge Mark I. Wood



	Legal Ability*	Impartiality	Integrity	Judicial Temperament	Diligence	Overall Evaluation
Alaska Bar Association	4.2	4.1	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.2
Peace and Probation Officers		4.1	4.4	4.1	4.1	4.1
Social Workers/ GALS/CASA Volunteers		3.7	3.9	3.7	4.0	3.9

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

Juror Survey Results
2006 Retention Evaluation
Mark I. Wood

		Distribution of Ratings										
Survey Category	**Mean**	**Excellent**		**Good**		**Acceptable**		**Deficient**		**Poor**		**Total**
		%	**(n)**	**%**	**(n)**	**%**	**(n)**	**%**	**(n)**	**%**	**(n)**	**Returned = 103**
Impartiality/Fairness	**4.8**	78%	80	20%	21	2%	2	0%	0	0%	0	103
Respectful/Courteous	**4.8**	85%	88	14%	14	1%	1	0%	0	0%	0	103
Attentive during Proceedings	**4.6**	67%	69	28%	29	5%	5	0%	0	0%	0	103
Control over Proceedings	**4.8**	79%	81	20%	21	1%	1	0%	0	0%	0	103
Intelligence/Skill as a Judge	**4.9**	86%	89	13%	13	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	102
Overall Evaluation	**4.8**	81%	83	18%	19	1%	1	0%	0	0%	0	103

Court Employee Survey Results
2006 Retention Evaluation
Mark I. Wood

		Distribution of Ratings										
Survey Category	**Mean**	**Excellent**		**Good**		**Acceptable**		**Deficient**		**Poor**		**Total**
		%	**(n)**	**%**	**(n)**	**%**	**(n)**	**%**	**(n)**	**%**	**(n)**	**Returned = 42**
Impartiality/Fairness	**4.6**	67%	28	21%	9	7%	3	0%	0	0%	0	40
Integrity	**4.7**	71%	30	21%	9	5%	2	0%	0	0%	0	41
Judicial Temperament	**4.6**	62%	26	26%	11	7%	3	0%	0	0%	0	40
Diligence	**4.7**	71%	30	19%	8	2%	1	0%	0	0%	0	39
Overall Evaluation	**4.6**	69%	29	24%	10	7%	3	0%	0	0%	0	42

Judge Mark I. Wood
Prior Scores Summary
Retention 2006
Appointed 08/30/02 to Fairbanks Superior Court
Appointed 1/21/93 to Fairbanks District Court

Bar Survey

	Legal Ability	Impartiality	Integrity	Judicial Temperament	Diligence	**Overall Performance**
2006 Retention	4.2	4.1	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.2
2002 Interim	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.1
2000 Retention	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.1
1996 Retention	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.0

Peace & Probation Officer Survey

	Impartiality	Integrity	Judicial Temperament	Diligence	**Overall Performance**
2006 Retention	4.1	4.4	4.1	4.1	4.1
2002 Interim	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.4
2000 Retention	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2
1996 Retention	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3