

**Alaska Judicial Council  
2010 Judicial Retention Performance Evaluation Materials  
Judge Douglas L. Blankenship  
Fairbanks Superior Court**

The Judicial Council finds Judge Blankenship to be **Qualified** and recommends unanimously that the public vote **"YES"** to retain him as a superior court judge.

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# Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

## Judge Douglas L. Blankenship, Superior Court, Fairbanks

### Judicial Council Recommendation 2010

The Alaska Judicial Council is a non-partisan citizens' commission established by the Alaska constitution. Alaskan law requires the Council to evaluate judges' performance and authorizes the Council to recommend to voters whether judges should be retained in office. The Judicial Council reviews judges' integrity, diligence, legal ability, fairness, demeanor, ability to manage their caseloads, and overall performance of their judicial responsibilities in and out of the courtroom. The Judicial Council finds Judge Blankenship 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 thousands of Alaskans including peace and probation officers, court employees, attorneys, jurors, social workers/guardians ad litem, and child advocates 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 the judge's peremptory challenge, 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 involving the judge; and whether a judge's pay was withheld for an untimely decision. The Council reviewed other court records and investigated judicial conduct in specific cases. The Council interviewed some judges, attorneys, and court staff, and 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	3.6	---	---	---	---
Impartiality	3.7	3.7	4.6	4.2	4.3
Integrity	4.0	4.1	---	4.3	4.5
Temperament	3.6	3.9	4.6	4.1	4.3
Diligence	3.6	4.1	---	4.1	4.3
Overall	3.6	4.0	4.6	4.2	4.3

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

Survey respondents rated Judge Blankenship on the categories summarized in the table above, using 5 as the highest rating possible. The attorney rating for Judge Blankenship on overall performance was 3.6. Peace and probation officers gave Judge Blankenship a rating of 4.0. Jurors rated him 4.6 overall, court employees gave him 4.2, and social workers, guardians ad litem and CASA volunteers rated him at 4.3.

**Recommendation: Vote "YES" to retain Judge Douglas L. Blankenship**

## Alaska Judicial Council Questionnaire

### Trial Judge 2010 Candidates for Judicial Retention

October 22, 2009

Douglas L. Blankenship	Fairbanks Superior Court
Name	Court

1. Please estimate your workload during your present term.

a) <u>40</u> % civil cases <u>35</u> % criminal cases <u>25</u> % court administrative work 100 % Total	b) <u>2-3</u> # of jury trials/year <u>10-15</u> # of non-jury trials/year <u>6-8</u> # of administrative appeals/year
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I commenced my service as a judge in May 2006. From then until August, 2007, when DA Gray was appointed, the Fairbanks court as a whole probably heard three or four times more trials than now.

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 Civil Rules Committee and the CINA Court Improvement Project (CIP). The Civil Rules Committee meets twice a year. The CIP is a group of about 16 members (consisting of judges, magistrates, and representatives from the Department of Law, the PD's, OPA, and OCS, and a Tribal rep.) that meets quarterly work on improving the CINA system and make it more it more efficient. I have also been the presiding judge for the Fourth Judicial District since January 2008. The Fourth Judicial District includes Fairbanks and Bethel, nine rural magistrates and three magistrates in Fairbanks. Because of OCS deficiencies in the Bethel region, principally stemming from lack of personnel (empty PCN's- 17 at last count) that affects the processing of cases (such as social workers not appearing for hearings and the state stipulating that "reasonable efforts" to reunite the family as required under state law or "active efforts" to reunite the family as required by ICWA have not been made) [see 2. on attached page]

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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 enjoy the role of judge. I believe we have a good stable of judges in Fairbanks. We get along and we work hard. Personally I enjoy trying to solve the legal questions that confront me from time to time. Getting to the right answer through research and writing is a source of satisfaction. Another facet of judging is communicating with the parties such as the defendant in criminal matter, the parents in a CINA case, and the parents in a domestic relation custody cases. For example, at a sentencing for an offense or a PTR violation in my comments or a colloquy with the defendant, I hope to communicate a sincere interest in the defendant. In conversions with defense bar members, the defense attorneys encourage the comments by the judges to let the defendants know the judges are interested in them. It is important to me to let the parties know that I am engaged in the matter I am deciding.

Since I started judging my knowledge of the law has increased. As was true in my practice, I do almost all of the research in my cases myself. I had a system of electronic research retention and filing that I still use.

In trying to be a good judge the characteristics I practice are fairness, being considerate to attorneys and parties and court staff, listening and being open to arguments, decisiveness in decision-making, efficient time manager so decisions are promptly made, good work ethic, being prepared for hearings, ability to apply legal reasoning in application of law to facts, clear writer, and clear oral presenter. I aspire to fully master all these qualities. I believe I have a good work ethic and I am prepare for hearings. Time management is an important quality and something I continually try to improve. I believe I am considerate to parties and counsel in the courtroom. One area that I know needs improvement is getting family law decisions issued in a more timely fashion.

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I organized a group (OCS director, statewide AG Human Services section chief, OPA representative, Public Defender representative) to focus solely on Bethel CINA issues.

I am also the presiding judge and leader of the Fairbanks Juvenile Treatment Court (FJTC). The FJTC commenced in August 2008. The FJTC diverts eligible youth from the traditional juvenile delinquency court system to a specialized therapeutic court designed to address the mental health needs of the youth. The FJTC functions through a multidisciplinary team ("MDT") of professionals (judge, district attorney, defense attorney, probation officer, and mental health consultant). The concept of the FJTC encourages collaboration and teamwork among the MDT team members which meet regularly to review case plan progress and determine appropriate actions to be taken in furtherance of the case plan. The maximum number of youth in the court is 20. This court takes about 1 to 1 ½ days per week of my time.

As presiding judge of the Fourth Judicial District, I must deal with administrative issues. I am blessed to have a very capable and experienced Area Court Administrator and Clerks of Court in Bethel and Fairbanks who handle almost all administrative issues for the court. Although the ACA and clerks of court handle many of the issues, on a weekly basis they each bring issues to my attention requiring a PJ decision. As PJ, I must also deal with court calendaring issues, magistrate selection, and performance issues. I also handle inquiries from the public counsel office chiefs, private counsel, and other inquiries. I estimate the PJ duties consume about one day a week.

Finally one initiative I am implementing for the rural Alaska magistrates is "Circuit Magistrates." Magistrates are now located in Fairbanks, Tok, Delta Junction, and Nenana on the highway system. Rural magistrates are in Ft. Yukon, Galena, Aniak/McGrath, St. Marys, Emmonak, and Chevak. As I have worked on PJ issues relating to rural Alaska I have recognized that there is a void of a state presence in rural Alaska. To address this in the context of the court system I have asked our rural magistrates if they could come up with a plan to hold court as needed in communities in the vicinity of the existing magistrate locations. All rural magistrates have enthusiastically embraced the concept. In the next six months or so I hope to have a written plan to include as many rural villages as reasonably possible in each magistrate's "circuit."

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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 non-judicial 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
  - f) had any complaints, charges or grievances filed against you with the Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct, the Alaska Bar Association, or with the Alaska Court System that resulted in public proceedings or sanctions?     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 2010 retention elections.

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7. Please list your three most recent jury trials including case names and numbers. Please list the names, current addresses, including zip codes and suite numbers where applicable, and phone numbers of each attorney involved in these trials. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

**Case Number 1**

*Case Name:* State of Alaska *Case Number:* 4FA-09-01159CR  
*v.* John R. Martin

**Attorneys Involved:**

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**Case Number 2**

*Case Name:* State of Alaska *Case Number:* 4FA 08-1985 CR  
*v.* Julius Bedminster

**Attorneys Involved:**

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**Case Number 3**

*Case Name:* State of Alaska *Case Number:* 4FA 08-1985 CR  
*v.* Daniel Christenson

**Attorneys Involved:**

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8. Please list your three most recent non-jury trials including case names and numbers. Please list the names, current addresses, including zip codes and suite numbers where applicable, and phone numbers of each attorney involved in your three most recent non-jury trials. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

**Case Number 1**

*Case Name:* Keith Palmieri *Case Number:* 4FA-06-1069 CI  
*v.* Briana Harvey

**Attorneys Involved:**

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**Case Number 2**

*Case Name:* Westling *Case Number:* 4FA-07-2354 CI  
*v.* Westling

**Attorneys Involved:**

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Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

**Case Number 3**

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*v.* McLean

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9. Please list your three most recent cases, including case names and numbers, which did not go to trial, but on which you did significant work (such as settlement conference, hearings, motion work, etc.). Please list the names, current addresses, including zip codes and suite numbers where applicable, and phone numbers of each attorney involved these cases. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

**Case Number 1**

*Case Name:* COUNCIL OF ALASKA PRODUCERS et *Case Number:* 4FA-07-2696 CI  
 v. Sean Parnell, Lt. Gov et al

**Attorneys Involved:**

Name: See Attached	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

**Case Number 2**

*Case Name:* TRACY A. MURPHY *Case Number:* 4FA-06-1996 CI  
 v. MICHAEL J. HELMBRECHT, D.D.S.,

**Attorneys Involved:**

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**Case Number 3**

*Case Name:* Johnson, Mary & James *Case Number:* 4FA 07-1345 CI  
 v. SOA Dept. of Public Safety et al

**Attorneys Involved:**

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9. Three most recent cases on which you did significant work:

Case Number 1

COUNCIL OF ALASKA PRODUCERS, ASSOCIATION OF ANCSA REGIONAL CORPORATION PRESIDENTS/CEOs, INC., ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES, INC., and PEBBLE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, acting through its General Partner, PEBBLE MINES Corp., Plaintiffs,  
vs.

SEAN PARNELL, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, and the STATE OF ALASKA, DIVISION OF ELECTIONS, JOHN H. HOLMAN, JACK G. HOBSON and LUKI AKELKOK, Defendants.

Case No. 4FA-07-2696 CI

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10. *Optional:* If you deem it helpful to the Council, please list up to three other cases during your past term in which you believe your work was particularly noteworthy. Please list the names, current addresses, including zip codes and suite numbers where applicable, and phone numbers of each attorney involved in these cases. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

**Case Number 1**

*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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Case Number 2**

*Case Name:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Case Number:* \_\_\_\_\_  
v. \_\_\_\_\_

***Attorneys Involved:***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Case Number 3**

*Case Name:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Case Number:* \_\_\_\_\_  
v. \_\_\_\_\_

***Attorneys Involved:***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Fourth Judicial District Douglas L. Blankenship - Fairbanks Superior Court

### Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores

#### ***Summary of survey information***

Judge Blankenship's detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated him 3.6 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated him 4.0 overall, and social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASA volunteers rated him 4.3 overall.

	Attorney Survey N=114	Peace Officer Survey N=42	Social Workers Guardians ad Litem CASAs N=4
Legal Ability	3.6	--	--
Impartiality	3.7	3.7	4.3
Integrity	4.0	4.1	4.5
Temperament	3.6	3.9	4.3
Diligence	3.6	4.1	4.3
Overall	3.6	4.0	4.3

#### ***The Judicial Council's Evaluation Process***

State law requires the Judicial Council to evaluate each judge standing for retention, and to report its evaluations to the voters. The three surveys reported here are an important part of the Council's evaluations. The Council also considers survey ratings by jurors and court employees, public comments, and the ratings by the independent citizen volunteers at Alaska Judicial Observers. Along with the personal observations of the hundreds of people who had direct professional experience with the judge, the Council reviews any litigation involving the judge, conflict of interest records, public disciplinary files, and indicators of judicial performance such as appellate affirmances and reversals, and peremptory challenges and recusals. All of the evaluation information about the judge is on the Council's website at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us).

**Superior Court Judge Douglas L. Blankenship****A. Alaska Bar Association****Demographic Description**

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	3	2.2%
Private, Solo	20	14.8%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	20	14.8%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	21	15.6%
Private, Corporate Employee	2	1.5%
Judge or Judicial Officer	26	19.3%
Government	39	28.9%
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	--	0.0%
Other	4	3.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	6	4.4%
5 Years or fewer	15	11.1%
6 to 10 years	15	11.1%
11 to 15 years	13	9.6%
16 to 20 years	13	9.6%
21 years or more	73	54.1%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	7	5.2%
Male	81	60.0%
Female	47	34.8%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	5	3.7%
Prosecution	8	5.9%
Mainly Criminal	4	3.0%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	47	34.8%
Mainly Civil	65	48.1%
Other	6	4.4%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	4	3.0%
First District	7	5.2%
Second District	2	1.5%
Third District	50	37.0%
Fourth District	72	53.3%
Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%

## Judge Douglas L. Blankenship: Detailed Information Responses Alaska Bar Association Members

	Legal Ability		Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>												
No Response		2		4		6		1		2		2
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>114</b>
Professional Reputation	3.0	9	3.3	8	3.5	8	3.5	8	3.4	8	3.1	9
Other Personal Contacts	3.9	9	4.1	9	4.3	9	4.1	9	4.5	8	4.2	9
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		0		0		0		0		0
Private, Solo	3.5	15	3.5	14	4.0	15	3.3	15	3.6	15	3.5	15
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	3.0	18	3.2	18	3.2	18	2.9	18	3.1	18	2.9	18
Private, 6+ Attorneys	3.8	19	3.8	18	4.3	18	3.8	19	3.7	19	3.8	18
Private, Corporate Employee	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1
Judge or Judicial Officer	3.9	25	4.1	25	4.0	25	4.0	25	4.0	25	4.0	25
Government	3.4	31	3.7	31	4.2	28	3.6	32	3.7	31	3.7	32
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Other	4.0	3	4.0	3	4.7	3	4.7	3	3.7	3	4.0	3
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		0		2		1		1		0		1
5 Years or fewer	3.5	14	3.2	14	3.5	13	3.3	15	3.6	14	3.4	14
6 to 10 years	3.5	15	3.7	15	4.2	15	3.8	15	3.5	14	3.6	15
11 to 15 years	3.6	11	3.8	12	4.1	10	3.3	12	3.7	12	3.8	12
16 to 20 years	3.3	12	3.2	11	3.9	11	3.6	12	3.3	12	3.3	12
21 years or more	3.7	58	3.9	56	4.1	57	3.7	57	3.8	58	3.8	57
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		0		1		2		1		0		0
Male	3.7	69	3.8	68	4.1	67	3.7	68	3.8	69	3.7	69
Female	3.4	39	3.6	38	3.8	37	3.4	41	3.5	39	3.5	39
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		1		2		2		1		1		0
Prosecution	3.5	6	3.2	6	4.0	5	3.3	6	3.5	6	3.3	6
Mainly Criminal	3.0	3	2.3	3	3.5	2	1.7	3	2.3	3	2.3	3
Mixed Criminal & Civil	3.5	44	3.6	43	3.7	43	3.6	44	3.6	44	3.5	43
Mainly Civil	3.7	54	3.9	53	4.3	53	3.8	54	3.7	54	3.8	55
Other	4.3	3	4.7	3	4.7	3	3.5	4	4.3	3	4.3	3
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		2		3		4		2		2		2
First District	4.0	4	4.3	4	4.8	4	4.3	3	4.3	4	4.0	4
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	3.9	40	4.0	39	4.2	38	3.9	42	4.0	40	4.0	40
Fourth District	3.3	67	3.5	66	3.9	65	3.4	67	3.4	67	3.4	67
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0

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

**Superior Court Judge Douglas L. Blankenship****B. Peace and Probation Officers****Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	20	41.7%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	13	27.1%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	15	31.3%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	13	27.1%
	6 to 10 years	13	27.1%
	11 to 15 years	12	25.0%
	16 to 20 years	6	12.5%
	21 years or more	4	8.3%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	37	77.1%
	Female	11	22.9%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	1	2.1%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	4	8.3%
	Fourth District	43	89.6%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Under 2,000	--	0.0%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	13	27.1%
	Over 35,000	35	72.9%



## Judge Douglas L. Blankenship Peace and Probation Officers

	Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		2		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>42</b>
Professional Reputation	4.3	4	4.0	4	3.8	4	4.0	4	4.0	4
Other Personal Contacts	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		1		0
State Law Enforcement Officer	3.5	18	3.9	18	3.6	17	4.0	17	3.7	18
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	4.1	11	4.2	11	4.1	11	4.1	11	4.2	11
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	3.8	13	4.3	13	4.0	13	4.2	12	4.2	13
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		1		0
5 Years or fewer	3.7	12	4.0	12	3.8	11	4.1	11	4.1	12
6 to 10 years	4.3	13	4.5	13	4.2	13	4.3	12	4.3	13
11 to 15 years	3.5	11	4.0	11	3.7	11	4.1	11	3.7	11
16 to 20 years	3.4	5	4.0	5	3.8	5	3.8	5	3.6	5
21 years or more	2.0	1	3.0	1	2.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		2		0
Male	3.8	33	4.2	33	3.8	32	4.1	31	4.0	33
Female	3.6	9	3.9	9	4.0	9	4.0	9	4.0	9
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
First District	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	3.3	3	3.7	3	3.0	3	3.0	2	3.7	3
Fourth District	3.8	38	4.2	38	4.0	37	4.2	37	4.0	38
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		1		0
Under 2,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	3.8	12	3.9	12	3.9	12	3.9	11	4.0	12
Over 35,000	3.7	30	4.2	30	3.8	29	4.1	29	4.0	30

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

**Superior Court Judge Douglas L. Blankenship****C. Social Workers, Guardians ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers****Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	1	20.0%
	Social Worker	--	0.0%
	Guardian ad Litem	2	40.0%
	CASA Volunteer	2	40.0%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	3	60.0%
	6 to 10 years	--	0.0%
	11 to 15 years	--	0.0%
	16 to 20 years	--	0.0%
	21 years or more	1	20.0%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	1	20.0%
	Male	--	0.0%
	Female	4	80.0%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	1	20.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	1	20.0%
	Third District	--	0.0%
	Fourth District	3	60.0%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>			
	No Response	1	20.0%
	Under 2,000	--	0.0%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	1	20.0%
	Over 35,000	3	60.0%

**Judge Douglas L. Blankenship**  
**Social Workers, Guardians ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers**

	Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4</b>
Professional Reputation	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Social Worker	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Guardian ad Litem	3.5	2	4.0	2	3.5	2	3.5	2	3.5	2
CASA Volunteer	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
6 to 10 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
11 to 15 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
16 to 20 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
21 years or more	2.0	1	3.0	1	2.0	1	2.0	1	2.0	1
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Male	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Female	4.0	3	4.3	3	4.0	3	4.0	3	4.0	3
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	2.0	1	3.0	1	2.0	1	2.0	1	2.0	1
Third District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Fourth District	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Under 2,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	2.0	1	3.0	1	2.0	1	2.0	1	2.0	1
Over 35,000	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2

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

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Juror Survey Results                      2010 Retention Evaluation                      Douglas L. Blankenship</b></p>												
		<b>Distribution of Ratings</b>										
<b>Survey Category</b>	<b>Mean</b>	<b>Excellent</b>		<b>Good</b>		<b>Acceptable</b>		<b>Deficient</b>		<b>Poor</b>		<b>Total Responses</b>
		%	(n)	%	(n)	%	(n)	%	(n)	%	(n)	
<b>Impartiality/Fairness</b>	<b>4.6</b>	65%	38	31%	18	3%	2	0%	0	0%	0	58
<b>Respectful/Courteous</b>	<b>4.6</b>	68%	40	29%	17	3%	2	0%	0	0%	0	59
<b>Attentive during Proceedings</b>	<b>4.6</b>	64%	38	34%	20	2%	1	0%	0	0%	0	59
<b>Control over Proceedings</b>	<b>4.7</b>	66%	39	34%	20	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	59
<b>Intelligence/Skill as a Judge</b>	<b>4.6</b>	59%	35	37%	22	3%	2	0%	0	0%	0	59
<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	<b>4.6</b>	61%	36	37%	22	2%	1	0%	0	0%	0	59

<b>Court Employee Survey Results 2010 Retention Evaluation Douglas L. Blankenship</b>												
<b>Question</b>	<b>Excellent</b>		<b>Good</b>		<b>Acceptable</b>		<b>Deficient</b>		<b>Poor</b>		<b>Mean</b>	<b>Total Responses</b>
	<b>%</b>	<b>(n)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>(n)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>(n)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>(n)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>(n)</b>		
<b>Impartiality/Fairness</b>	46%	27	31%	18	24%	14	0%	0	0%	0	4.2	59
<b>Integrity</b>	53%	32	26%	16	15%	9	7%	4	0%	0	4.3	61
<b>Judicial Temperament</b>	48%	29	25%	15	20%	12	8%	5	0%	0	4.1	61
<b>Diligence</b>	47%	28	27%	16	17%	10	8%	5	2%	1	4.1	60
<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	53%	33	24%	15	16%	10	7%	4	0%	0	4.2	62