Alaska Judicial Council 2010 Judicial Retention Performance Evaluation Materials Judge Brian K. Clark Anchorage District Court

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

Retention evaluation materials for this judge

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	ey scores in 2010 o view survey scores for all judges on the ballot go to main 2010 retention page.)	
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c.	Court employee survey scores	16
4. Surve	ev scores in previous retention evaluations.	17

Retention evaluation materials for all judges on the ballot

(To view these materials go to main 2010 retention page.)

1. Peremptory challenges

Analysis of peremptory challenge rates for judges.

2. Recusals

Evaluation of judge's record of self-disqualification from cases, or "recusals."

3. Appellate Affirmance Rates

Analysis of appellate decisions involving each trial judge's cases.

4. Salary Warrant Withholdings

Evaluation of judge's record of pay withholding for undecided or uncompleted decisions.

Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation Judge Brian K. Clark, District Court, Anchorage

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 Clark to be *Qualified* and recommends unanimously that the public vote "YES" to retain him as a district 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	4.3				
Impartiality	4.4	4.5	4.9	4.7	
Integrity	4.6	4.6		4.7	
Temperament	4.5	4.8	4.9	4.7	
Diligence	4.3	4.6		4.7	
Overall	4.4	4.6	4.9	4.7	

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 Clark on the categories summarized in the table above, using 5 as the highest rating possible. The attorney rating for Judge Clark on overall performance was 4.4. Peace and probation officers gave Judge Clark a rating of 4.6. Jurors rated him 4.9 overall, and court employees gave him 4.7. No social workers, guardians ad litem or CASA volunteers rated Judge Clark. The Alaska Judicial Observers rated him 3.35.

Recommendation: Vote "YES" to retain Judge Brian K. Clark

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Alaska Judicial Council Questionnaire

Trial Judge 2010 Candidates for Judicial Retention

October 23, 2010

 Brian K. Clark Name	Dist. Court
Please estimate your workload during y	our present term.
a) 14 % civil cases 93 % criminal cases 3 % court administrative work 100 % Total	b)# of jury trials/year# of non-jury trials/year# of administrative appeals/year
Please describe your participation on coduring your current term of office.	urt/bar committees or other administrative activities
during your current term of office.	urt/bar committees or other administrative activities departern jury instruction and in classed administration

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.

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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. NA
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.

City, State, Zip:

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 N	lumber 1	
Case Name: _	Kim Smith	_Case Number:	3AN-09-4679 Ci
ν	Brian Saupe		
	Attorney.	s Involved:	
Name:	Kevin Fitzguald	Name:	William English 310 KS+ #200
Address:	813 W 3rd Av	Address:	310 KS+ #200
City, State, Zip:	Anch 99501	City, State, Zip:	Anch 99501
Name:		Name:	
Address:			
City, State, Zip:			
	Case N	lumber 2	
Case Name:	MOA	Case Number:	3AN-09-4172 Cr
v	Brian KD	_	
		s Involved:	
Name:	Jody Dwis	Name:	James Gould
Address:	632 Weth Ste 210	Address:	737 m st.
City, State, Zip:	Auch 99501	City, State, Zip:	Auch 9950/
Name:		Name: _	
Address:		Address:	
City, State, Zip:		City, State, Zip:	
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Name: v.	SOA Rohert Gibson	_Case Number: _	347 08 1313 4.
··		- s Involved:	
Name:	Jason Gist	Name:	Cotherine B. Barnt
Address:	310 KSt. Ste 520	Address:	900 W5 AV Sle 200
City, State, Zip:	Anch 99501	City, State, Zip:	Anch 99501
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Name:		Name: _	
Address:		Address:	

City, State, Zip:

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: Paul Peterson	Case Number: 3AN-09-859 SC
v. WEC	
Name: Paul Peterson- pro pe	eys Involved: Name: Joseph A. Pollock
Address: 18692 327" AV	
City, State, Zip: Sle MN 56342	City, State, Zip: Anch 99503
Name:	Name:
Address:	Address:
City, State, Zip:	City, State, Zip:
Case	Number 2
	Case Number: 3AN-07-4642/6228 C;
v. Charles Mc Alpine	
1 1 .	eys Involved:
Name: Steve Smith	Name: Lisq Kosano
Address: 1029 W 3rd Av 5/c 25	1 1 20 = 1
City, State, Zip: Anch 9950	City, State, Zip: Anth 9750]
Name:	Name:
Address:	Address:
City, State, Zip:	City, State, Zip:
Case	Number 3
Case Name: Robert Westervelt	Case Number: 3AN - 09 - 026215C
v. Misipati Tupuola	
	eys Involved:
Name: Les Syren	Name: Frank Cahill
Address: PO B 0 X 11 2141	Address: <u>880 N St. Ste 203</u>
City, State, Zip: Auch 99502	City, State, Zip: Anch 9950/
Name:	Name:
Address:	Address:
City, State, Zip:	City, State, Zip:

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 in your three most recent non-jury trials. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Case Number 1

Case Name:	MUA	Case Number:	3AN-09-153 Cr.
v. (A V		
-	Attorneys	Involved:	
Name:	Hanley Smith	Name:	Terry Aglietti
Address:	ie32 Jw. 6th Av Ste 21	Address:	
City, State, Zip:	Anch 99501	City, State, Zip:	Anch 99501
Name:		Name:	
Address:		Address:	
City, State, Zip:		City, State, Zip:	
	Case No	umber 2	
Case Name: _	mo4		3AN-08- \$4980
v	Agent Mittee Ray Sore		
	Attorneys		
Name:	Tractice James	•	Don Koistacher
Address:	20 00000		750 West 2nd Ste 210
City, State, Zip:		City, State, Zip:	4nch 99501
Name:		Name:	
Address:			
City, State, Zip:			
	Case Nu	ımber 3	
Case	MOA 10 000	Casa Numbar	3AN-08-6792
Name: _ v.	Code Dahl	Case Number: _	5/11/2
-	Attorneys	Involved:	
Name:	Hanleys Smith	Name:	Christina Alfonso
Address:	Con dibone	Address:	× 6 0 1 1 2 1 3 1 1 2
City, State, Zip:	300	City, State, Zip:	
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Name:		Name:	
Address:		Address: _	
City, State, Zip:		City, State, Zip:	

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:	
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	Attorneys Involved:	
Name:	Name:	
	Address:	
City, State, Zip:	City, State, Zip:	
Name:	Name:	
Address:	Address:	
City, State, Zip:		
	Case Number 2	
Case Name:	Case Number:	
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	Attorneys Involved:	
Name:	Name:	
Address:	Address:	
City, State, Zip:	City, State, Zip:	
Name:	Name:	
Address:	Address:	
	City, State, Zip:	
	Case Number 3	
Case Name:		
ν.		
	Attorneys Involved:	
Name:	Name:	
Address:	Address:	
City, State, Zip:	City, State, Zip:	
Name:	Name:	
Address:	Address:	
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Third Judicial District Brian K. Clark – Anchorage District Court

Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores

Summary of survey information

Judge Clark's detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated him 4.4 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated him 4.6 overall. He was not rated by any social workers, Guardians ad Litem or CASA volunteers.

	Attorney Survey N=127	Peace Officer Survey N=21
Legal Ability	4.3	
Impartiality	4.4	4.5
Integrity	4.6	4.6
Temperament	4.5	4.8
Diligence	4.3	4.6
Overall	4.4	4.6

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.

District Court Judge Brian K. Clark

A. Alaska Bar Association

Demographic Description

		N	%
Type of Practice			
	No Response	4	2.8%
	Private, Solo	32	22.7%
	Private, 2-5 Attorneys	23	16.3%
	Private, 6+ Attorneys	13	9.2%
	Private, Corporate Employee	3	2.1%
	Judge or Judicial Officer	24	17.0%
	Government	37	26.2%
	Public Service Agency or Organization	4	2.8%
	(Not Govt)		
	Other	1	.7%
Length of Alaska Practice			
	No Response	6	4.3%
	5 Years or fewer	17	12.1%
	6 to 10 years	11	7.8%
	11 to 15 years	22	15.6%
	16 to 20 years	17	12.1%
	21 years or more	68	48.2%
Gender	•		
	No Response	6	4.3%
	Male	86	61.0%
	Female	49	34.8%
Cases Handled			
	No Response	4	2.8%
	Prosecution	16	11.3%
	Mainly Criminal	18	12.8%
	Mixed Criminal & Civil	44	31.2%
	Mainly Civil	57	40.4%
	Other	2	1.4%
Location of Practice			
	No Response	3	2.1%
	First District		0.0%
	Second District		0.0%
	Third District	131	92.9%
	Fourth District	5	3.5%
	Outside of Alaska	2	1.4%

Judge Brian K. Clark: Detailed Information Responses Alaska Bar Association Members

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Basis for Evaluation												
No Response		2		1		1		1		2		2
Direct Professional	4.3	127	4.4	128	4.6	128	4.5	128	4.3	127	4.4	127
Professional Reputation	4.5	6	4.7	6	4.8	6	4.7	6	4.4	5	4.7	6
Other Personal Contacts	4.6	5	4.8	5	4.8	5	4.8	5	4.6	5	4.6	5
Type of Practice												
No Response		0		0		1		0		0		0
Private, Solo	4.3	30	4.4	30	4.6	30	4.5	30	4.3	30	4.4	30
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	4.1	22	4.3	23	4.5	23	4.5	23	4.1	23	4.2	22
Private, 6+ Attorneys	4.3	11	4.2	11	4.4	11	4.3	12	4.2	11	4.3	11
Private, Corporate Employee	3.5	2	3.5	2	3.5	2	4.0	2	3.5	2	3.5	2
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.4	23	4.6	23	4.7	23	4.6	23	4.3	23	4.5	23
Government	4.5	32	4.6	32	4.7	32	4.6	32	4.6	31	4.6	32
Public Service Agency or												
Organization (Not Govt)	5.0	4	5.0	4	5.0	4	5.0	4	5.0	4	5.0	4
Other	30	1	2.0	1	4.0	1		0	4.0	1	3.0	1
Years of Practice in Alaska												
No Response		2		1		1		1		1		2
5 Years or fewer	4.3	17	4.4	17	4.5	17	4.4	17	4.3	16	4.4	17
6 to 10 years	4.3	10	4.4	10	4.4	10	4.5	10	4.2	10	4.2	10
11 to 15 years	4.3	18	4.5	18	4.6	18	4.7	18	4.6	18	4.6	18
16 to 20 years	4.8	17	4.8	17	4.9	17	4.8	17	4.7	17	4.8	17
21 years or more	4.2	61	4.4	62	4.6	62	4.5	62	4.2	62	4.3	61
Gender												
No Response		1		0		0		1		0		1
Male	4.3	80	4.4	81	4.6	81	4.5	80	4.3	81	4.4	80
Female	4.5	43	4.6	43	4.7	43	4.6	44	4.5	42	4.6	43
Cases Handled												
No Response		0		0		0		0		0		1
Prosecution	4.6	14	4.5	14	4.7	14	4.4	14	4.6	13	4.6	14
Mainly Criminal	4.3	18	4.4	18	4.7	18	4.7	17	4.4	18	4.5	18
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.5	38	4.5	39	4.6	39	4.6	40	4.3	39	4.5	39
Mainly Civil	4.1	52	4.4	52	4.5	52	4.4	52	4.2	52	4.3	51
Other	4.5	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	45	2	5.0	2	4.5	2
Location of Practice												
No Response		2		1		1		1		2		2
First District		0		0		0		0		0		0
Second District		0		0		0		0		0		0
Third District	4.3	120	4.4	121	4.6	121	4.5	121	4.3	120	4.4	120
Fourth District	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3
Outside of Alaska	4.5	2	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.

District Court Judge Brian K. Clark

B. Peace and Probation Officers

Demographic Description

		N	%
Type of Work			
	No Response		0.0%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	11	42.3%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	14	53.8%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)		0.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	1	3.8%
	Other		0.0%
Length of Alaska Experience	ee		
	No Response		0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	3	11.5%
	6 to 10 years	7	26.9%
	11 to 15 years	8	30.8%
	16 to 20 years	3	11.5%
	21 years or more	5	19.2%
Gender			
	No Response		0.0%
	Male	21	80.8%
	Female	5	19.2%
Location of Work			
	No Response		0.0%
	First District		0.0%
	Second District		0.0%
	Third District	26	100%
	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	2	7.7%
	Over 35,000	24	92.3%

Judge Brian K. Clark Peace and Probation Officers

	Imparti		T4	•4	Judic		Dili		Overall	
	Fairn Mean	ess N	Integ Mean	rity N	Temperament Mean N		Diligence Mean N		Evaluation Mean N	
Basis for Evaluation	1/10411		1110411		1120411		1.10411		1.10411	
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Direct Professional	4.5	21	4.6	21	4.8	21	4.6	21	4.6	21
Professional Reputation	4.0	3	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.0	3	4.0	3
Other Personal Contacts	4.0	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	4.4	8	4.6	8	4.6	8	4.5	8	4.5	8
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	4.6	13	4.5	13	4.9	13	4.6	13	4.7	13
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)		0		0		0		0		0
Probation/Parole Officer		0		0		0		0		0
Other		0		0		0		0		0
Length of Experience										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	4.5	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	4.5	2	4.5	2
6 to 10 years	4.7	6	4.7	6	4.8	6	4.7	6	4.7	6
11 to 15 years	4.4	7	4.3	7	4.7	7	4.4	7	4.6	7
16 to 20 years	4.5	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
21 years or more	4.5	4	4.5	4	4.5	4	4.5	4	4.5	4
Gender										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Male	4.7	17	4.7	17	4.9	17	4.7	17	4.8	17
Female	4.0	4	4.0	4	4.0	4	4.0	4	4.0	4
Location of Work										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
First District		0		0		0		0		0
Second District		0		0		0		0		0
Third District	4.5	21	4.6	21	4.8	21	4.6	21	4.6	21
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	4.5	21	4.6	21	4.8	21	4.6	21	4.6	21

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

Juror Survey Results 2010 Retention Evaluation Brian K. Clark

		Distribution of Ratings										
Survey Category	Mean	Exce %	llent (n)	Go %	od (n)	Acce %	ptable (n)	Defice %	cient (n)	Pc %	oor (n)	Total Responses
Impartiality/Fairness	4.9	91%	49	9%	5	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	54
Respectful/Courteous	4.9	94%	51	6%	3	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	54
Attentive during Proceedings	4.9	85%	46	15%	8	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	54
Control over Proceedings	4.9	89%	48	11%	6	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	54
Intelligence/Skill as a Judge	4.9	87%	47	13%	7	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	54
Overall Evaluation	4.9	87%	47	13%	7	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	54

Court Employee Survey Results 2010 Retention Evaluation Brian K. Clark

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Question	Exce %	llent (n)	Go %	od (n)	Acce %	ptable (n)	Defic	cient (n)	P (oor (n)	Mean	Total Responses
Impartiality/Fairness	73%	46	22%	14	5%	3	0%	0	0%	0	4.7	63
Integrity	72%	46	23%	15	5%	3	0%	0	0%	0	4.7	64
Judicial Temperament	75%	48	22%	14	3%	2	0%	0	0%	0	4.7	64
Diligence	70%	44	25%	16	5%	3	0%	0	0%	0	4.7	63
Overall Evaluation	72%	47	25%	16	3%	2	0%	0	0%	0	4.7	65

Prior Retention Scores

Judge Brian K. Clark

Anchorage District Court: Retention 2010 Appointed to Anchorage District Court 2003

Bar Survey									
2010 Retention	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.4			
2006 Retention	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.3			
	Legal Ability	Impartiality	Integrity	Judicial Temperament	Diligence	Overall Performance			
		Peace & P	robatio	n Officer S	urvey				
2010 Retention	4.5	4.6		4.8	4.6	4.6			
2006 Retention	4.5	4.6		4.5	4.5	4.5			
	Impartiality	Integrity		Judicial Temperament	Diligence	Overall Performance			