

(This question pertains to Superior Court judges only.)

State law requires the Council to conduct an evaluation of judges standing for retention, and to provide information to the public about the judges. Under a provision added in 2013, the information the Council provides to the public "shall include the judge's consideration of victims when imposing sentence on persons convicted of felony offenses where the offenses involve victims." (see AS 22.10.150). Although the Council's evaluations address all aspects of judicial performance, including felony sentencing, they have not in the past explicitly solicited judges' thoughts on this topic.

Please submit a short statement about how you consider victims when imposing sentences in felony offenses.

The substantial majority of my caseload is civil. However, I have handled some criminal cases, including both felony and misdemeanor sentencing hearings. The law is clear that judges must consider "the circumstances of the offense and the extent to which the offense harmed the victim" as a factor in imposing sentence. I provide an opportunity for victims to address the court at sentencing. In imposing sentences, I consider the evidence admitted at trial, including victim testimony, together with any additional statements made at the sentencing hearing.

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