

(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.

One of the most fundamental rights we have is the right to speak and to be heard. That is why a victim's impact statement is always a relevant consideration of mine in determining the appropriate sentence to impose. I strive to always take into consideration the victim's perspective; I also consider it my duty to ensure court proceedings are understood by the victim and that victims present in my courtroom feel safe and respected.

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