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Alaska Judicial Council Trial Judge Questionnaire

2020 Candidates for Judicial Retention

November 2019

Christina Reigh

Name

Dillingham Superior Court

Court

1. Please estimate your workload during your present term.

a) 35 % civil cases

60 % criminal cases

5 % court administrative work

100 % Total

b) 8 # of jury trials/year

15 # of non-jury trials/year

1 # of administrative appeals/year

I cover all matters in the Dillingham court--both District and Superior Court cases. I am the assigned Superior Court Judge for Naknek and I currently have a limited Kodiak docket as well.

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

CINA Rules Committee, Member
Magistrate Judge's Conference Planning Committee, Member
Training Judge for two Magistrate Judges
Bristol Bay Native Association's Tribal Justice Planning Advisory Team, Member
Bristol Bay Re-Entry Task Force, Member

3. Please describe any judicial or legal education you have undertaken or provided during your current term in office.

Oct. 2017, 2018, 2019: Statewide Judicial Conference

Sept. 2019: National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Enhanced Resources Guidelines Training

Sept. 2019: National Judicial College course on Best Practices in Handling Cases with Self-Represented Litigants

April 2019: Statewide Magistrate's Conference

June 2017, Feb. 2018, Jan. 2019: Newer Judge's Conference

June 2017: National Judicial College course on Evidence in a Courtroom Setting

4. Please describe any public outreach activities.

I have regularly coordinated outreach activities with Dillingham City School District. The high school government class and debate classes have conducted mock trials and presentations at the Dillingham court; several elementary school classes have come to the court to conduct mock trials; and the local Head Start classes have visited the court. In addition, I invited the Bristol Bay High School government class to come to the Naknek court and they conducted a mock trial and participated in a question & answer session.

I collaborate with tribal governments by participating in task force meetings hosted by Bristol Bay Native Association. In addition, I am currently working with Dillingham's local tribe to conduct joint information sessions about tribal and state court systems.

5. 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 have found being the Superior Court Judge in Dillingham to be a wonderfully challenging and humbling experience. I preside over a wide variety of case types, and a single day's work can include traffic court, a small claims proceeding, a felony jury trial and a family dispute. With each case that comes before me, I try to be prepared, thoughtful and open-minded. To do so, I have worked hard to increase my legal knowledge in new areas of law. I have enjoyed the diversity of the types of cases that come before me; I have also enjoyed handling cases in several courts. In addition to presiding over cases in Dillingham, I am assigned to cases in Naknek and Kodiak. Over the last three years, I have figured out how to effectively manage a busy caseload spanning three different rural court locations.

In addition to handling cases in the courtroom, I have contributed to the judiciary off the bench by participating in programs to train and evaluate Magistrate Judges and by sitting on the CINA Rules Committee. My work in these capacities has been rewarding, and has translated into improved decision-making in my own cases.

6. 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, the Alaska Court System, or any other agency that resulted in public proceedings or sanctions?
☐ Yes ☒ No
7. If your answer to any of the questions above is "yes," please give full details, including dates, facts, case numbers and outcomes.

n/a

8. Please provide any other information which you believe would assist the Council in conducting its evaluations and in preparing its recommendations for the 2020 retention elections.

For questions 9 - 12, please do not list any cases that have pending issues in your court.

9. 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, of each attorney involved in these trials. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Case Number 1

Case Name: State of Alaska

Case Number: 3DI-18-112CR

v. Evan Chunak, III

Attorneys Involved:

Name: ADA Saritha Anjilvel

Name: Andrew Ott

Address: 310 K St., Ste. 520

Address: 340 Mission Rd.

City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

City, State, Zip: Kodiak, AK 99615

Name:

Name:

Address:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

City, State, Zip:

Case Number 2

Case Name: State of Alaska

Case Number: 3DI-18-321CR

v. Summar Roehl

Attorneys Involved:

Name: ADA William Vitkus

Name: Kate Bargerhuff

Address: 310 K St., Ste. 520

Address: 900 W. 5th Ave., Ste. 525

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: State of Alaska

Case Number: 3NA-19-174CR

v. Shane Handy

Attorneys Involved:

Name: ADA Lisa Kelley

Name: Christopher Lesch

Address: 310 K St., Ste. 520

Address: PO Box 929

City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

City, State, Zip: Dillingham, AK 99576

Name:

Name:

Address:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

City, State, Zip:

10. 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, of each attorney involved in these trials. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Case Number 1**Case Name:** ITMO C.S. & R.S.**Case Number:** 3DI-14-00005/00006CN

v. _____

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Emma Haddix

Name: Andrew Ott

Address: 1031 W. 4th Ave., Ste. 200

Address: 340 Mission Rd.

City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

City, State, Zip: Kodiak, AK 99615

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2**Case Name:** Robert S. Aikins**Case Number:** 3DI-18-00071CI

v. Martha Chocknok-Aikins

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Deborah Burlinski

Name: J. E. Wiederholt

Address: 634 S. Bailey St., Ste. 206

Address: 733 W. 4th Ave., Ste. 206

City, State, Zip: Palmer, AK 99645

City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 3**Case Name:** ITMO S.W.**Case Number:** 3DI-19-00008CN

v. _____

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Emma Haddix

Name: Elizabeth Brennan

Address: 1031 W. 4th Ave., Ste. 200

Address: 900 W. 5th Ave.

City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

Name: Joseph Faith

Name: Corey Gillespie

Address: P.O. Box 1287

Address: 900 W. 5th Ave., Ste. 525

City, State, Zip: Dillingham, AK 99576

City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

11. 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, of each attorney involved in these cases. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Case Number 1

Case Name: Lena Coopchiak **Case Number:** 3DI-17-00108 CI
v. Hageland Aviation Services

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Myron Angstman</u>	Name: <u>Whitney Power</u>
Address: <u>PO Box 585</u>	Address: <u>10950 O'Malley Centre Dr., Ste. C</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Bethel, AK 99559</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99515</u>

Name: <u>Russell Winner</u>	Name: <u>Robert Richmond</u>
Address: <u>900 W. 5th Ave., Ste. 700</u>	Address: <u>360 K St., Ste 200</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>

Case Number 2

Case Name: Francesca Kamkahpak **Case Number:** 3DI-17-00105CI
v. Shawn Kamkahpak

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Deborah Burlinski</u>	Name: <u>Jeremy Collier</u>
Address: <u>634 S. Bailey St., Ste. 206</u>	Address: <u>851 E. Westpoint Dr., Ste. 212</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Palmer, AK 99645</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Wasilla, AK 99654</u>

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

Case Number 3

Case Name: State of Alaska **Case Number:** 3DI-16-00098CR
v. Jeremy Chunak

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>ADA Daniel Doty</u>	Name: <u>Christopher Lesch</u>
Address: <u>510 2nd Ave., Ste. 200</u>	Address: <u>P.O. Box 929</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Fairbanks, AK 99701</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Dillingham, AK 99576</u>

Name: <u>ADA Lisa Kelley</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>310 K St., Ste. 520</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: _____

12. *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, 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: _____
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: _____
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City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

(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.

A victim has the right to participate in a felony sentencing. When a victim attends a sentencing hearing, I address the victim directly and explain that he/she has the right to make a statement, but does not need to speak if he/she does not wish to. If a crime victim does not attend a sentencing hearing, I inquire with the prosecutor about how the victim was notified of the hearing, and assess whether those attempts were adequate before proceeding with the sentencing. In every case, before sentencing a defendant, I determine whether the sentence appropriately addresses victim restoration.

Christina Reigh