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## Alaska Judicial Council Trial Judge Questionnaire

### 2020 Candidates for Judicial Retention

November 2019

Jonathan A. Woodman

Name

Palmer Superior Court

Court

1. Please estimate your workload during your present term.

- |                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| a) <u>60</u> % civil cases            | b) <u>2</u> # of jury trials/year         |
| <u>30</u> % criminal cases            | <u>80</u> # of non-jury trials/year       |
| <u>10</u> % court administrative work | <u>2</u> # of administrative appeals/year |
| 100 % Total                           |   |

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

I serve on the Alaska Court System Security and Emergency Preparedness Committee and the CINA/Delinquency Rules Committee. I am also the deputy presiding judge for the Palmer courthouse.

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

As a newer judge, in the past three years I have attended the National Judicial College two week General Jurisdiction course in Reno, NV, as well as multiple annual week long Alaska Court System newer judges training conferences. I also receive training at the annual statewide judges conference. As the presiding judge of the Palmer therapeutic CINA court, I have attended multiple national conferences on child protection cases, especially focused on children zero-to-three years of age. This year, I represented the court system at a national conference addressing the impact of the opioid crisis on child in need of aid cases and I attended a week long NJC course on addressing the needs of self-represented litigants in the courtroom.

4. Please describe any public outreach activities.

In the past year, I spoke at a Valley symposium on increasing family contact/visitation in CINA cases. With the blessing of the court system, I have created a public official Facebook page to promote the work of the court system in general, and the Palmer courthouse specifically. I believe I may be the first Alaska trial judge to have such a social media presence.

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.

It has been an interesting three years. The learning curve has been steep, especially in a courthouse like Palmer where trial judges handle a wide array of cases. I think that I have met many of the goals I set for myself, including a commitment to promote courtesy and respect for all parties in the courtroom. I have advanced the field of law with some decisions on cases of first impression (though I have also been reversed in cases where I was flat out wrong).

While I recognize that I still have a lot to learn and can always improve my judicial skills, I am pleased with what I have accomplished so far. I absolutely love this job, and I am encouraged that the initial survey indicates that my constituents are largely satisfied as well.

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.

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.

My goal is to continually improve as a judge and I welcome the Council's feedback on ways to enhance my development.

***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:** SOA **Case Number:** 3PA-13-791 CR  
 v. Lincoln Riley

#### Attorneys Involved:

Name: Brittany Dunlop	Name: Windy Hannaman
Address: 310 K St., #520	Address: 634 S Bailey St. Ste 205
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99577	City, State, Zip: Palmer, AK 99645
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

### Case Number 2

**Case Name:** SOA **Case Number:** 3PA-13-1289 CR  
 v. Lincoln Riley

#### Attorneys Involved:

Name: Britany Dunlop	Name: Matthew Tallerico
Address: 310 K St #520	Address: 1008 16th Ave Ste 200
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501	City, State, Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99701
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

### Case Number 3

**Case Name:** SOA **Case Number:** 3PA-15-264 CR  
 v. Don Creech

#### Attorneys Involved:

Name: Melissa Winingier-Howard	Name: Emily Cooper
Address: 435 South Denali Street	Address: 900 W 5th Ave Ste 525
City, State, Zip: Palmer, AK 99645	City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501
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 GJH Case Number: 3PA-17-105 CN  
v. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Attorneys Involved:

Name: Jacquelyn Traini	Name: Laurel Bennett
Address: 515 E Dahlia Ave Ste 130	Address: 515 E Dahlia Ave Ste 100
City, State, Zip: Palmer, AK 99645	City, State, Zip: Palmer, AK 99645
Name: Eric Ranchoff	Name: _____
Address: 515 E Dahlia Ave	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: Palmer, AK 99645	City, State, Zip: _____

### Case Number 2

Case Name: Benjamin Prouty Case Number: 3PA-18-2818 CI  
v. Tiphany Prouty

#### 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: Anna Enzweiler Case Number: 3PA-17-1920 CI  
v. Lincoln Larson, Jr.

#### Attorneys Involved:

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

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:** Carol Anthony **Case Number:** 3PA-19-1793 CI  
 v. Jacson Anthony

**Attorneys Involved:**

Name: Ken Goldman	Name: Jeremy Collier
Address: 248 S Alaska St	Address: 851 E Westpoint Dr Ste 212
City, State, Zip: Palmer, AK 99645	City, State, Zip: Palmer, AK 99645
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

**Case Number 2**

**Case Name:** ITMO LS **Case Number:** 3PA-18-94CN  
 v. \_\_\_\_\_

**Attorneys Involved:**

Name: Jacquelyn Traini	Name: Laurel Bennett
Address: 515 E Dahlia Ave Ste 130	Address: 515 E Dahlia Ave Ste 100
City, State, Zip: Palmer, AK 99645	City, State, Zip: Palmer, AK 99645
Name: Eric Ranchoff	Name: _____
Address: 515 E Dahlia Ave Ste 150	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: Palmer, AK 99645	City, State, Zip: _____

**Case Number 3**

**Case Name:** ITMO EB **Case Number:** 3PA-18-19 CN  
 v. \_\_\_\_\_

**Attorneys Involved:**

Name: Laurel Bennett	Name: Eric Ranchoff
Address: 515 E Dahlia Ave Ste 100	Address: 515 E Dahlia Ave Ste 150
City, State, Zip: Palmer, AK 99645	City, State, Zip: Palmer, AK 99645
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	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:** ITMO AO **Case Number:** 3PA-15-161CN  
 v. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Attorneys Involved:

Name: Bruce Brown	Name: Candice Bales
Address: 515 E Dahlia Ave Ste 100	Address: 515 E Dahlia Ave Ste 150
City, State, Zip: Palmer, AK 99645	City, State, Zip: Palmer, AK 99645
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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Address: _____	Address: _____
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(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.

I feel that hearing from victims at sentencing is very important. For many victims, sentencing may be the only opportunity they have to be heard in the process and to express the impact that the crime has had on them. In my courtroom, all victims are treated with dignity, courtesy, and respect. When victims speak at sentencing, I make sure they know that they have my full, undivided attention, and that their words are meaningful to me.

Jonathan Woodman