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## *Executive Summary*

This report presents findings from a selection survey conducted among Alaska Bar Association members for 2 judicial vacancies on the Fairbanks Superior Court created by the impending retirement of Judge Douglas Blankenship and the appointment of Judge Bethany Harbison to the Alaska Court of Appeals. By the application deadline, the Alaska Judicial Council received a total of 8 applications from the following individuals (presented in alphabetical order): Brent Bennett, JB Brainerd, Earl Adrian Peterson, David L. Roghair, Kirk Schwalm, Amy J. Tallerico, Matthew A. Tallerico, and John Foster Wallace. Matthew A. Tallerico withdrew his application. Therefore, his survey results are not included in this report.

The Alaska Judicial Council asked bar members to evaluate applicants on six characteristics: *Professional Competence, Integrity, Fairness, Judicial Temperament, Suitability of this Applicant's Experience for this Vacancy*, and *Overall*. The rating scale ranged from *Poor* (1) to *Excellent* (5).

Table 1 shows the mean ratings for each applicant by respondents with direct professional experience on all six characteristics.

**Table 1**  
**Mean Ratings of Applicants**

	<i>n</i>	<b>Professional Competence</b> <i>M</i>	<b>Integrity</b> <i>M</i>	<b>Fairness</b> <i>M</i>	<b>Judicial Temperament</b> <i>M</i>	<b>Suitability of Experience</b> <i>M</i>	<b>Overall Rating</b> <i>M</i>
<b>Brent Bennett</b>	73	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.1	4.3
<b>JB Brainerd</b>	80	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.6
<b>Earl Adrian Peterson</b>	81	3.9	4.3	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.8
<b>David L. Roghair</b>	59	3.7	4.1	3.9	4.0	3.7	3.7
<b>Kirk Schwalm</b>	65	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.6
<b>Amy J. Tallerico</b>	72	3.6	3.6	3.3	3.1	3.3	3.3
<b>John Foster Wallace</b>	76	3.9	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0

Note: Ratings from only those respondents with direct professional experience with the applicants.

# Judicial Selection Survey: Fairbanks Superior Court

## *Introduction*

The State of Alaska Constitution and laws mandate that the Alaska Judicial Council (Council) evaluate all applicants for a judicial vacancy. The Council nominates the two or more most qualified applicants to the governor who must appoint from the Council's list. As part of the information used to fulfill its mandate, the Judicial Council distributed surveys to Alaska Bar Association members and asked them to rate applicants on six characteristics: *Professional Competence, Integrity, Fairness, Judicial Temperament, Suitability of this Applicant's Experience for this Vacancy, and Overall*. Each survey also contained demographic questions about the respondents, including type of practice, length of Alaska practice, types of cases handled, primary location of practice, and gender.

To maintain objectivity, the Council contracted with the Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER), a research institute at the University of Alaska Anchorage. ISER was responsible for all aspects of distribution and data collection related to the online version of the survey. Parallel paper surveys were printed and mailed by the Council but returned directly to ISER for processing, data entry, and analysis. ISER prepared this report summarizing survey procedures and results.

A single selection survey was conducted for the following judicial vacancies: Anchorage Superior Court and Fairbanks Superior Court. This report presents the findings of the survey for Fairbanks Superior Court, created by the retirement of Judge Douglas Blankenship and the appointment of Judge Bethany Harbison to the Alaska Court of Appeals. By the application deadline, the Council had received a total of 8 applications from the following individuals (presented in alphabetical order): Brent Bennett, JB Brainerd, Earl Adrian Peterson, David L. Roghair, Kirk Schwalm, Amy J. Tallerico, Matthew A. Tallerico, and John Foster Wallace. Matthew A. Tallerico withdrew his application. Therefore, his survey results are not included in this report

## *Methodology*

All active in-state members of the Alaska Bar Association were invited to participate in this selection survey. Inactive and retired members and active out-of-state members were also invited to participate in the survey if the Council had email addresses for them. Of the 3,434 individuals invited to participate, most individuals (3,420) received only an email invitation to complete the survey online. Three individuals received only a paper version of the survey and 11 individuals received both the paper and online versions of the survey.

Respondents initiated 1,124 online surveys. No surveys were excluded because the respondent answered "No" to the question certifying that they had complied with the ethical standards set out in Professional Rule 8.2; 21 surveys were excluded because the respondents did not progress far enough in the survey to reach the certification question; 19 surveys were excluded because the respondents did not answer any other questions but the certification question. One online survey was returned by an individual who also completed a paper survey. Therefore, 1,083 online surveys qualified for analysis.

Respondents also returned 11 paper surveys. Attorneys are required to sign the paper surveys to verify that they are the person completing the survey. One paper survey was excluded because it was unsigned. One paper survey was excluded because the respondent did not respond to the question certifying that he/she had complied with the ethical standards set out in Professional Rule 8.2. No paper surveys were returned by individuals who also completed the online survey. Therefore, 9 paper surveys qualified for analysis.

The final analysis included 1,083 online surveys and 9 paper surveys, for a total of 1,092 surveys and a survey return rate of 31.8%. Of the 1,092 returned surveys, 527 (48.3%) did not rate any of the 14 applicants (six Anchorage Superior Court applicants and eight Fairbanks Superior Court applicants); 565 (51.7%) respondents evaluated one or more applicants. Table 2 summarizes the demographic characteristics of the respondents.

**Table 2**  
**Respondent Characteristics**

	All Respondents		Respondents who Rated ≥ 1 Applicant	
	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%
<b>All respondents</b>	<b>1,092</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Type of Practice</b>				
No response	14	1.3	5	0.9
Private, solo	214	19.6	122	21.6
Private, 2-5 attorneys	157	14.4	88	15.6
Private, 6+ attorneys	129	11.8	60	10.6
Private, corporate employee	32	2.9	14	2.5
Judge or judicial officer	63	5.8	48	8.5
Government	285	26.1	144	25.5
Public service agency or organization	47	4.3	22	3.9
Retired	29	2.7	11	1.9
Other	122	11.2	51	9.0
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>				
No response	27	2.5	9	1.6
5 years or fewer	151	13.8	57	10.1
6 to 10 years	147	13.5	74	13.1
11 to 15 years	129	11.8	66	11.7
16 to 20 years	104	9.5	52	9.2
More than 20 years	534	48.9	307	54.3
<b>Cases Handled</b>				
No response	15	1.4	6	1.1
Prosecution	75	6.9	40	7.1
Criminal	83	7.6	48	8.5
Mixed criminal & civil	218	20.0	149	26.4
Civil	599	54.9	286	50.6
Other	102	9.3	36	6.4
<b>Location of Practice</b>				
No response	20	1.8	9	1.6
First District	105	9.6	23	4.1
Second District	25	2.3	18	3.2
Third District	740	67.8	394	69.7
Fourth District	139	12.7	104	18.4
Outside Alaska	63	5.8	17	3.0
<b>Gender</b>				
No response	23	2.1	7	1.2
Male	630	57.7	332	58.8
Female	439	40.2	226	40.0

## *Instrumentation*

The survey contained the names of the applicants for the vacancy, questions about demographic information for each respondent, six evaluation items for each applicant, and space for respondents to provide additional comments regarding each applicant.

Both versions of the survey required a certification by the respondent that they had rated the applicants as required by the bar’s Professional Rule 8.2. Specific instructions regarding the certification were provided:

*“Please refer to Professional Conduct Rule 8.2 concerning your obligation to provide truthful and candid opinions on the qualifications or integrity of these applicants.”*

Respondents evaluated applicants in six areas of performance included in the survey using a five-point Likert scale that ranged from *Poor* (1) to *Excellent* (5). Detailed descriptions of the meaning of each point on the Likert scale were provided for each of the performance areas. The scale and instructions for respondents were:

*“Please rate the applicant on each of the following qualities by selecting the number that best represents your evaluation. Applicants should be evaluated on each quality separately. Use the ends of the scales as well as the middle. The tendency to rate an applicant “excellent” or “poor” on every trait should be avoided since each person has strengths and weaknesses. If you cannot rate the applicant on any one quality, leave that one blank.”*

	(1) <i>Poor</i>	(2) <i>Deficient</i>	(3) <i>Acceptable</i>	(4) <i>Good</i>	(5) <i>Excellent</i>
<b><i>Professional Competence</i></b>	Lacking in knowledge and/or effectiveness	Below-average performance occasionally	Possesses sufficient knowledge and required skills	Usually knowledgeable and effective	Meets the highest standards for knowledge and effectiveness
<b><i>Integrity</i></b>	Unconcerned with propriety and/or appearance, or acts in violation of codes of professional conduct	Appears lacking in knowledge of professional codes of conduct and/or unconcerned with propriety or appearance at times	Follows codes of professional conduct, respects propriety and appearance of propriety at all times	Above-average awareness of ethics, holds self to higher standard than most	Outstanding integrity and highest standards of conduct
<b><i>Fairness</i></b>	Often shows strong bias for or against some person or groups	Displays, verbally or otherwise, some bias for or against groups or persons	Free of substantial bias or prejudice against groups or persons	Above-average ability to treat all persons and groups impartially	Unusually fair and impartial to all groups
<b><i>Judicial Temperament</i></b>	Often lacks compassion, humility, or courtesy	Sometimes lacks compassion, humility, or courtesy	Possesses appropriate compassion, humility, and courtesy	Above-average compassion, humility, and courtesy	Outstanding compassion, humility, and courtesy
<b><i>Suitability of Experience</i></b>	Has little or no suitable experience	Has less than suitable experience	Has suitable experience	Has highly suitable experience	Has the most suitable experience for this position
<b><i>Overall Rating</i></b>	Has few qualifications for this position	Has insufficient qualifications for this position	Has suitable qualifications for this position	Has highly suitable qualifications for this position	Has exceptionally high qualifications for this position

## *Confidentiality and Data Safety*

The survey introduction included a statement that reassured respondents of the confidentiality of their responses. Confidentiality is also a paramount concern at ISER and translated into specific procedures related to data security. Because data such as those collected through the judicial selection survey are of a sensitive nature, ISER has rigorous procedures to protect data. Specifically, paper surveys are kept in a lockable file cabinet located in a secure data storage room. Data are kept locked at all times except when being used for data entry or related purposes. Organizational policies and procedures highlight the requirement for confidentiality and ensure that only staff involved with the project have access to the data. Online data and data that have been entered from paper surveys are maintained on a secure server.

## ***Assurance of Non-Duplicate Responding***

To ensure that as few duplicates or invalid surveys as possible were received, clear instructions were provided to potential paper survey respondents regarding how to handle the survey booklets:

*“A postage-paid business reply envelope is enclosed for the return of your completed evaluations. Place the completed survey inside the envelope marked “Confidential,” and seal the envelope. Then use the business reply envelope, being sure to sign in the space provided. The return envelope MUST BE SIGNED in order for your survey to be counted.”*

Based on these instructions, ISER implemented procedures to ensure that only one survey was counted for each respondent. For the surveys returned without a name on the outside envelope, the envelope was opened to ascertain whether the individual signed the comment section. No paper surveys were returned without a name on the outside of the envelope. Signed names on the envelopes were compared to the mailing list, ensuring the individual was an eligible participant. Each individual’s unique identifier was entered with the data, providing the ability to check for duplication with the completed online surveys. No surveys were signed by individuals who were not on the mailing list.

For the online data collection, each potential respondent was provided with a unique URL that could only be used once. After merging online and entered paper data, ISER analyzed frequencies of the unique identifier variable to identify any duplicate responses. No duplicate surveys were identified. Had any duplicates been identified, the most complete survey data would have been retained and the duplicate removed, ensuring that only one survey per respondent was used in the data analysis.

## ***Data Management***

With the goal of virtually error-free data handling, ISER implemented rigorous data entry procedures to ensure the accuracy of data entry. Paper data was entered using an electronic system similar to the online survey that prevents out-of-range responses. After the paper survey were entered, a second staff member verified all entries and corrected any mistakes, using paper data as verification. Online data were downloaded from the survey website and imported into SPSS for analysis. The paper survey responses were merged with the online responses in SPSS to create one data file of all responses.

## ***Results***

Two sets of results are presented in this section of the report. First, respondents’ level of experience with each applicant rated is shown. Then, a summary table presents the ratings and comparisons of the applicants. Many of the cross tabulations yield results based on small numbers of respondents. Results based on small numbers of respondents should be regarded with caution and more weight given to the overall results.

### ***Respondents’ Level of Experience with Each Applicant***

All respondents were asked to describe the basis of their evaluation for each applicant they rated, with options of direct professional experience, professional reputation, and other personal contacts.

Table 3 shows the type of experience of respondents for each applicant.



## *Ratings of Applicants*

In the tables that follow, responses to the rating questions are shown in a variety of ways. Most tables show the number of respondents (*n*) and the average rating (*M*). Tables 4-10 present details on the *Overall* item. Table 4 compares all applicants to those with direct professional experience and includes the median rating (*Mdn*) and the standard deviation (*SD*) in addition to number of respondents and average. Tables 5-10 present data only from those respondents who indicated direct professional experience. Table 5 provides the distribution of responses. Table 6 provides applicants' mean ratings broken down by respondents' type of practice. Table 7 provides applicants' mean ratings broken down by respondents' length of Alaska practice. Table 8 provides applicants' mean ratings broken down by respondents' type of caseload handled. Table 9 provides applicants' mean ratings broken down by respondents' location of practice. Table 10 provides applicants' mean ratings broken down by respondents' gender.

For each individual applicant, Tables 11-24 provide a demographics summary of respondents and detailed information on ratings provided by respondent characteristic.

**Table 3**  
**Level of Experience with Applicants**

		Percent of Respondents Basing Ratings on...			
		% of all respondents who rated applicant	Direct Professional Experience	Professional Reputation	Other Personal Contacts
	<i>n</i>				
<b>Brent Bennett</b>	109	10.0	67.0	24.8	8.3
<b>JB Brainerd</b>	92	8.4	87.0	8.7	4.3
<b>Earl Adrian Peterson</b>	90	8.2	90.0	10.0	-
<b>David L. Roghair</b>	81	7.4	72.8	18.5	8.6
<b>Kirk Schwalm</b>	80	7.3	81.3	15.0	3.8
<b>Amy J. Tallerico</b>	93	8.5	77.4	19.4	3.2
<b>John Foster Wallace</b>	95	8.7	80.0	15.8	4.2

**Table 4**  
**Summary of Overall Ratings**

	<b>All Respondents</b>				<b>Respondents with Direct Professional Experience</b>			
	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Mdn</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Mdn</i>	<i>SD</i>
<b>Brent Bennett</b>	106	4.3	5.0	0.9	72	4.3	5.0	0.9
<b>JB Brainerd</b>	89	3.5	4.0	1.1	77	3.6	4.0	1.1
<b>Earl Adrian Peterson</b>	89	3.8	4.0	1.0	80	3.8	4.0	1.0
<b>David L. Roghair</b>	80	3.8	4.0	1.0	58	3.7	4.0	1.1
<b>Kirk Schwalm</b>	79	3.5	4.0	1.0	65	3.6	4.0	1.0
<b>Amy J. Tallerico</b>	91	3.2	3.0	1.0	71	3.3	3.0	1.0
<b>John Foster Wallace</b>	95	3.9	4.0	0.8	76	4.0	4.0	0.8

**Table 5**  
***Distribution of Responses for Overall Rating***

	<b>Poor</b>			<b>Deficient</b>		<b>Acceptable</b>		<b>Good</b>		<b>Excellent</b>	
	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%
<b>Brent Bennett</b>	72	1	1.4	2	2.8	10	13.9	22	30.6	37	51.4
<b>JB Brainerd</b>	77	2	2.6	15	19.5	15	19.5	28	36.4	17	22.1
<b>Earl Adrian Peterson</b>	80	-	-	8	10.0	22	27.5	28	35.0	22	27.5
<b>David L. Roghair</b>	58	2	3.4	6	10.3	15	25.9	19	32.8	16	27.6
<b>Kirk Schwalm</b>	65	-	-	12	18.5	15	23.1	27	41.5	11	16.9
<b>Amy J. Tallerico</b>	71	3	4.2	12	16.9	25	35.2	22	31.0	9	12.7
<b>John Foster Wallace</b>	76	-	-	2	2.6	21	27.6	31	40.8	22	28.9

Note: Ratings from only those respondents with direct professional experience with the applicants.

**Table 6**  
**Mean Overall Ratings by Type of Practice**

	Private, solo		Private, 2-5 attorneys		Private, 6+ attorneys		Private, corporate employee		Judge or judicial officer		Government		Public service agency/org		Retired		Other		Overall <i>M</i>
	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	
<b>Brent Bennett</b>	4	4.8	6	3.3	4	4.3	-	-	9	4.4	28	4.1	7	4.6	1	5.0	12	4.5	4.3
<b>JB Brainerd</b>	12	4.0	14	3.3	7	3.6	1	2.0	9	4.1	23	3.2	3	4.0	-	-	8	3.9	3.6
<b>Earl Adrian Peterson</b>	10	3.7	12	3.7	4	3.5	-	-	8	4.1	32	3.8	6	3.5	2	4.0	6	4.0	3.8
<b>David L. Roghair</b>	8	3.9	6	3.2	2	4.5	-	-	7	3.9	24	3.5	3	4.3	3	4.7	5	3.8	3.7
<b>Kirk Schwalm</b>	10	3.9	15	3.8	6	4.0	-	-	9	3.2	17	3.2	2	3.5	-	-	6	3.5	3.6
<b>Amy J. Tallerico</b>	10	3.7	16	3.4	6	3.3	2	3.5	8	3.5	18	2.6	-	-	1	4.0	10	3.8	3.3
<b>John Foster Wallace</b>	12	4.0	20	3.9	8	4.3	-	-	8	3.3	15	4.3	2	5.0	1	5.0	9	3.6	3.9

Note: Ratings from only those respondents with direct professional experience with the applicants.

**Table 7**  
**Mean Overall Ratings by Length of Alaska Practice**

	5 years or fewer		6 to 10 years		11 to 15 years		16 to 20 years		21 years or more		Overall I
	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>
<b>Brent Bennett</b>	11	4.4	13	3.9	14	4.1	3	4.3	30	4.4	4.3
<b>JB Brainerd</b>	9	3.9	13	3.4	14	3.4	5	3.0	36	3.7	3.6
<b>Earl Adrian Peterson</b>	12	3.7	17	3.8	15	3.8	4	4.5	32	3.8	3.8
<b>David L. Roghair</b>	7	4.3	9	3.9	12	3.3	3	4.7	27	3.6	3.7
<b>Kirk Schwalm</b>	3	3.3	17	3.8	8	2.9	4	4.0	33	3.6	3.6
<b>Amy J. Tallerico</b>	5	2.6	12	2.8	10	3.0	7	3.7	37	3.6	3.3
<b>John Foster Wallace</b>	8	4.5	7	3.0	10	4.0	5	4.0	45	4.0	3.9

Note: Ratings from only those respondents with direct professional experience with the applicants.

**Table 8**  
**Mean Overall Ratings by Type of Caseload Handled**

	Prosecution		Criminal		Mixed criminal/civil		Civil		Other		Overall
	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>
<b>Brent Bennett</b>	12	3.9	8	4.8	31	4.1	17	4.5	3	5.0	4.3
<b>JB Brainerd</b>	9	3.4	4	3.5	30	3.4	30	3.8	4	3.3	3.6
<b>Earl Adrian Peterson</b>	13	4.0	9	3.7	29	3.9	24	3.7	5	3.4	3.8
<b>David L. Roghair</b>	11	3.1	6	4.2	25	3.7	13	4.0	3	4.0	3.7
<b>Kirk Schwalm</b>	8	3.8	2	2.0	23	3.6	30	3.7	2	2.5	3.6
<b>Amy J. Tallerico</b>	6	2.7	2	3.0	31	3.3	28	3.5	4	3.3	3.3
<b>John Foster Wallace</b>	4	4.0	2	4.0	29	3.7	34	4.1	6	4.3	3.9

Note: Ratings from only those respondents with direct professional experience with the applicants.

**Table 9**  
**Mean Overall Ratings by Location of Practice**

	First District		Second District		Third District		Fourth District		Outside Alaska		Overall <i>M</i>
	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	
<b>Brent Bennett</b>	3	5.0	6	4.3	12	4.4	49	4.2	-	-	4.3
<b>JB Brainerd</b>	1	4.0	3	3.3	9	3.7	63	3.6	-	-	3.6
<b>Earl Adrian Peterson</b>	-	-	4	3.5	11	4.3	63	3.7	1	5.0	3.8
<b>David L. Roghair</b>	3	4.7	7	4.6	13	3.5	33	3.5	1	5.0	3.7
<b>Kirk Schwalm</b>	-	-	3	3.3	11	4.0	50	3.5	1	4.0	3.6
<b>Amy J. Tallerico</b>	-	-	2	2.0	9	3.7	58	3.3	1	3.0	3.3
<b>John Foster Wallace</b>	1	5.0	1	3.0	11	4.1	60	3.9	1	4.0	3.9

Note: Ratings from only those respondents with direct professional experience with the applicants.



**Table 10**  
**Mean Overall Ratings by Gender**

	Male		Female		Overall
	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>
<b>Brent Bennett</b>	39	4.2	32	4.4	4.3
<b>JB Brainerd</b>	43	3.5	34	3.7	3.6
<b>Earl Adrian Peterson</b>	40	4.0	40	3.6	3.8
<b>David L. Roghair</b>	35	3.7	23	3.7	3.7
<b>Kirk Schwalm</b>	40	3.7	25	3.4	3.6
<b>Amy J. Tallerico</b>	41	3.1	30	3.6	3.3
<b>John Foster Wallace</b>	47	4.0	28	3.9	3.9

Note: Ratings from only those respondents with direct professional experience with the applicants.

**Table 11**  
**Brent Bennett**  
**Demographic Description of Respondents**

	<i>n</i>	%
<b>All respondents</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Experience with Applicant</b>		
Direct professional experience	73	67.0
Professional reputation	27	24.8
Other personal contacts	9	8.3
<b>Detailed Experience*</b>		
Recent experience (within last 5 years)	68	93.2
Substantial amount of experience	41	56.2
Moderate amount of experience	21	28.8
Limited amount of experience	11	15.1
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No response	2	1.8
Private, solo	10	9.2
Private, 2-5 attorneys	16	14.7
Private, 6+ attorneys	6	5.5
Private, corporate employee	2	1.8
Judge or judicial officer	12	11.0
Government	36	33.0
Public service agency or organization	10	9.2
Retired	1	0.9
Other	14	12.8
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No response	2	1.8
5 years or fewer	16	14.7
6 to 10 years	18	16.5
11 to 15 years	18	16.5
16 to 20 years	11	10.1
More than 20 years	44	40.4
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No response	2	1.8
Prosecution	12	11.0
Criminal	12	11.0
Mixed criminal & civil	41	37.6
Civil	37	33.9
Other	5	4.6
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No response	3	2.8
First District	5	4.6
Second District	6	5.5
Third District	23	21.1
Fourth District	72	66.1
Outside Alaska	-	-
<b>Gender</b>		
No response	2	1.8
Male	59	54.1
Female	48	44.0

\*Only among those respondents reporting direct professional experience with the applicant.

**Table 12**  
**Brent Bennett**  
**Detailed Responses**

	<i>n</i>	Professional Competence <i>M</i>	Integrity <i>M</i>	Fairness <i>M</i>	Judicial Temperament <i>M</i>	Suitability of Experience <i>M</i>	Overall <i>M</i>
All respondents	109	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.0	4.3
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>							
<b>Direct professional experience</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>4.3</b>
Experience within last 5 years	68	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.1	4.3
Experience not within last 5 years	5	3.6	4.4	4.2	4.6	3.8	3.8
Substantial amount of experience	41	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.1	4.2
Moderate amount of experience	21	4.2	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.1	4.4
Limited amount of experience	11	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.2
Professional reputation	27	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.4	3.7	4.1
Other personal contacts	9	4.6	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.4	4.7
<b>Type of Practice*</b>							
Private, solo	5	4.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.3	4.8
Private, 2-5 attorneys	6	3.3	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.0	3.3
Private, 6+ attorneys	4	4.3	4.0	4.3	4.0	4.0	4.3
Private, corporate employee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judge or judicial officer	9	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.3	4.3	4.4
Government	28	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.1	4.1
Public service agency or organization	7	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.1	4.6
Retired	1	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Other	12	4.3	4.8	4.4	4.7	4.3	4.5
<b>Length of Alaska Practice*</b>							
5 years or fewer	11	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.0	4.4
6 to 10 years	13	4.0	3.8	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.9
11 to 15 years	15	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.1	4.1
16 to 20 years	3	4.0	4.7	4.3	4.7	4.3	4.3
More than 20 years	30	4.3	4.7	4.5	4.5	4.2	4.4
<b>Cases Handled*</b>							
Prosecution	12	4.0	4.6	4.2	4.5	3.8	3.9
Criminal	8	4.8	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.5	4.8
Mixed criminal & civil	31	4.2	4.4	4.3	4.2	3.9	4.1
Civil	18	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.2	4.5
Other	3	4.7	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.7	5.0
<b>Location of Practice*</b>							
First District	3	4.7	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.7	5.0
Second District	6	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.3
Third District	12	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.3	4.4
Fourth District	50	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.0	4.2
Outside Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Gender*</b>							
Male	39	4.1	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.1	4.2
Female	33	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.1	4.4

\*Ratings from only those respondents reporting direct professional experience with the applicant.

**Table 13**  
**JB Brainerd**  
**Demographic Description of Respondents**

	<i>n</i>	<i>%</i>
<b>All respondents</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Experience with Applicant</b>		
Direct professional experience	80	87.0
Professional reputation	8	8.7
Other personal contacts	4	4.3
<b>Detailed Experience*</b>		
Recent experience (within last 5 years)	70	87.5
Substantial amount of experience	30	37.5
Moderate amount of experience	31	38.8
Limited amount of experience	19	23.8
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No response	1	1.1
Private, solo	13	14.1
Private, 2-5 attorneys	16	17.4
Private, 6+ attorneys	8	8.7
Private, corporate employee	2	2.2
Judge or judicial officer	9	9.8
Government	26	28.3
Public service agency or organization	6	6.5
Retired	-	-
Other	11	12.0
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No response	1	1.1
5 years or fewer	12	13.0
6 to 10 years	16	17.4
11 to 15 years	14	15.2
16 to 20 years	7	7.6
More than 20 years	42	45.7
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No response	1	1.1
Prosecution	11	12.0
Criminal	6	6.5
Mixed criminal & civil	33	35.9
Civil	37	40.2
Other	4	4.3
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No response	2	2.2
First District	2	2.2
Second District	3	3.3
Third District	10	10.9
Fourth District	75	81.5
Outside Alaska	-	-
<b>Gender</b>		
No response	1	1.1
Male	50	54.3
Female	41	44.6

\*Only among those respondents reporting direct professional experience with the applicant.

**Table 14**  
**JB Brainerd**  
**Detailed Responses**

	<i>n</i>	Professional Competence <i>M</i>	Integrity <i>M</i>	Fairness <i>M</i>	Judicial Temperament <i>M</i>	Suitability of Experience <i>M</i>	Overall <i>M</i>
All respondents	92	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.4	3.5
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>							
<b>Direct professional experience</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.6</b>
Experience within last 5 years	70	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.5	3.6
Experience not within last 5 years	9	3.1	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.3	3.2
Substantial amount of experience	30	3.6	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.5	3.5
Moderate amount of experience	31	3.6	4.1	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.5
Limited amount of experience	19	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.6
Professional reputation	8	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.3	2.9
Other personal contacts	4	3.3	3.3	2.8	3.3	2.8	2.8
<b>Type of Practice*</b>							
Private, solo	12	4.0	3.8	3.8	4.3	3.8	4.0
Private, 2-5 attorneys	14	3.4	3.7	3.7	3.4	3.2	3.3
Private, 6+ attorneys	7	3.4	3.4	4.0	3.6	3.4	3.6
Private, corporate employee	1	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	2.0
Judge or judicial officer	9	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.1
Government	25	3.4	3.7	3.7	3.3	3.3	3.2
Public service agency or organization	4	4.0	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.7	4.0
Retired	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	8	3.8	4.4	4.1	3.9	3.8	3.9
<b>Length of Alaska Practice*</b>							
5 years or fewer	10	3.9	4.2	4.1	3.6	3.7	3.9
6 to 10 years	14	3.3	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.4
11 to 15 years	14	3.6	3.8	3.9	3.4	3.3	3.4
16 to 20 years	6	3.2	2.8	3.4	2.8	3.6	3.0
More than 20 years	36	3.8	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.6	3.7
<b>Cases Handled*</b>							
Prosecution	10	3.4	4.3	4.0	4.2	3.3	3.4
Criminal	4	3.8	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.3	3.5
Mixed criminal & civil	30	3.5	3.7	3.9	3.5	3.4	3.4
Civil	32	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.8
Other	4	3.5	3.0	2.8	2.8	3.3	3.3
<b>Location of Practice*</b>							
First District	2	5.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	4.0
Second District	3	3.3	3.7	3.3	4.3	3.0	3.3
Third District	9	3.7	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.7
Fourth District	65	3.6	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.5	3.6
Outside Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Gender*</b>							
Male	43	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.4	3.5
Female	37	3.7	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.7

\*Ratings from only those respondents reporting direct professional experience with the applicant.

**Table 15**  
**Earl Adrian Peterson**  
**Demographic Description of Respondents**

	<i>n</i>	<i>%</i>
<b>All respondents</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Experience with Applicant</b>		
Direct professional experience	81	90.0
Professional reputation	9	10.0
Other personal contacts	-	-
<b>Detailed Experience*</b>		
Recent experience (within last 5 years)	78	96.3
Substantial amount of experience	42	51.9
Moderate amount of experience	27	33.3
Limited amount of experience	12	14.8
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No response	-	-
Private, solo	11	12.2
Private, 2-5 attorneys	13	14.4
Private, 6+ attorneys	5	5.6
Private, corporate employee	-	-
Judge or judicial officer	10	11.1
Government	35	38.9
Public service agency or organization	6	6.7
Retired	2	2.2
Other	8	8.9
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No response	-	-
5 years or fewer	14	15.6
6 to 10 years	18	20.0
11 to 15 years	16	17.8
16 to 20 years	6	6.7
More than 20 years	36	40.0
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No response	-	-
Prosecution	14	15.6
Criminal	10	11.1
Mixed criminal & civil	32	35.6
Civil	28	31.1
Other	6	6.7
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No response	1	1.1
First District	-	-
Second District	4	4.4
Third District	15	16.7
Fourth District	69	76.7
Outside Alaska	1	1.1
<b>Gender</b>		
No response	-	-
Male	45	50.0
Female	45	50.0

\*Only among those respondents reporting direct professional experience with the applicant.

**Table 16**  
**Earl Adrian Peterson**  
**Detailed Responses**

	<i>n</i>	Professional Competence <i>M</i>	Integrity <i>M</i>	Fairness <i>M</i>	Judicial Temperament <i>M</i>	Suitability of Experience <i>M</i>	Overall <i>M</i>
All respondents	90	3.8	4.2	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.8
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>							
<b>Direct professional experience</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.8</b>
Experience within last 5 years	78	3.9	4.3	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.8
Experience not within last 5 years	3	3.7	4.3	4.3	3.7	3.3	3.3
Substantial amount of experience	42	3.9	4.3	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.9
Moderate amount of experience	27	3.7	4.0	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.5
Limited amount of experience	12	4.0	4.6	4.4	4.1	4.3	4.2
Professional reputation	9	3.6	4.0	3.4	3.7	3.7	3.6
Other personal contacts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Type of Practice*</b>							
Private, solo	10	3.8	4.1	4.2	3.7	4.1	3.7
Private, 2-5 attorneys	13	4.0	4.3	4.1	4.1	3.6	3.7
Private, 6+ attorneys	4	3.3	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.5	3.5
Private, corporate employee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judge or judicial officer	8	4.1	4.6	4.5	4.3	3.8	4.1
Government	32	3.8	4.2	3.9	3.7	3.8	3.8
Public service agency or organization	6	4.0	4.2	3.2	3.4	3.7	3.5
Retired	2	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Other	6	3.8	4.5	4.3	4.0	4.0	4.0
<b>Length of Alaska Practice*</b>							
5 years or fewer	12	3.8	4.1	3.6	3.4	3.9	3.7
6 to 10 years	17	3.8	4.1	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.8
11 to 15 years	15	3.9	4.3	4.0	3.9	3.6	3.8
16 to 20 years	4	4.0	4.5	4.8	4.5	4.3	4.5
More than 20 years	33	3.9	4.4	4.2	3.9	3.8	3.8
<b>Cases Handled*</b>							
Prosecution	13	3.9	4.3	4.0	3.7	4.1	4.0
Criminal	9	3.8	4.3	3.9	3.9	3.4	3.7
Mixed criminal & civil	29	4.1	4.3	4.1	4.1	3.8	3.9
Civil	25	3.6	4.2	4.0	3.7	3.8	3.7
Other	5	4.2	4.4	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.4
<b>Location of Practice*</b>							
First District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Second District	4	3.5	3.8	3.5	4.0	3.5	3.5
Third District	11	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.3
Fourth District	64	3.8	4.2	4.0	3.8	3.7	3.7
Outside Alaska	1	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
<b>Gender*</b>							
Male	41	4.0	4.4	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.0
Female	40	3.7	4.1	3.9	3.6	3.6	3.6

\*Ratings from only those respondents reporting direct professional experience with the applicant.

**Table 17**  
**David L. Roghair**  
**Demographic Description of Respondents**

	<i>n</i>	<i>%</i>
<b>All respondents</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Experience with Applicant</b>		
Direct professional experience	59	72.8
Professional reputation	15	18.5
Other personal contacts	7	8.6
<b>Detailed Experience*</b>		
Recent experience (within last 5 years)	54	93.1
Substantial amount of experience	17	28.8
Moderate amount of experience	26	44.1
Limited amount of experience	16	27.1
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No response	1	1.2
Private, solo	11	13.6
Private, 2-5 attorneys	10	12.3
Private, 6+ attorneys	3	3.7
Private, corporate employee	1	1.2
Judge or judicial officer	10	12.3
Government	29	35.8
Public service agency or organization	5	6.2
Retired	3	3.7
Other	8	9.9
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No response	1	1.2
5 years or fewer	10	12.3
6 to 10 years	11	13.6
11 to 15 years	13	16.0
16 to 20 years	9	11.1
More than 20 years	37	45.7
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No response	1	1.2
Prosecution	12	14.8
Criminal	9	11.1
Mixed criminal & civil	34	42.0
Civil	21	25.9
Other	4	4.9
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No response	2	2.5
First District	6	7.4
Second District	8	9.9
Third District	19	23.5
Fourth District	45	55.6
Outside Alaska	1	1.2
<b>Gender</b>		
No response	1	1.2
Male	45	55.6
Female	35	43.2

\*Only among those respondents reporting direct professional experience with the applicant.



**Table 18**  
**David L. Roghair**  
**Detailed Responses**

	<i>n</i>	Professional Competence <i>M</i>	Integrity <i>M</i>	Fairness <i>M</i>	Judicial Temperament <i>M</i>	Suitability of Experience <i>M</i>	Overall <i>M</i>
All respondents	81	3.7	4.1	3.9	4.0	3.7	3.8
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>							
<b>Direct professional experience</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.7</b>
Experience within last 5 years	54	3.7	4.1	3.9	4.0	3.7	3.7
Experience not within last 5 years	4	3.8	4.0	3.7	3.8	4.0	3.8
Substantial amount of experience	17	3.8	4.4	4.5	4.4	3.9	3.9
Moderate amount of experience	26	3.7	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.7
Limited amount of experience	16	3.6	3.9	3.5	3.8	3.2	3.5
Professional reputation	15	3.6	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.7
Other personal contacts	7	4.3	4.7	4.6	4.3	4.4	4.4
<b>Type of Practice*</b>							
Private, solo	8	3.8	3.9	4.0	3.9	4.1	3.9
Private, 2-5 attorneys	6	3.3	3.5	3.0	3.3	3.2	3.2
Private, 6+ attorneys	2	4.0	4.0	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
Private, corporate employee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judge or judicial officer	7	3.9	4.1	4.1	3.9	3.7	3.9
Government	24	3.5	3.9	3.7	4.0	3.3	3.5
Public service agency or organization	4	4.3	4.8	4.8	4.5	4.5	4.3
Retired	3	4.3	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7
Other	5	3.6	4.6	4.2	3.8	3.6	3.8
<b>Length of Alaska Practice*</b>							
5 years or fewer	7	4.1	4.3	4.5	4.6	4.0	4.3
6 to 10 years	9	3.7	4.1	3.8	4.2	4.0	3.9
11 to 15 years	13	3.5	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.2	3.3
16 to 20 years	3	4.7	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.7	4.7
More than 20 years	27	3.6	3.9	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.6
<b>Cases Handled*</b>							
Prosecution	11	3.3	3.9	3.1	3.7	3.1	3.1
Criminal	6	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.2
Mixed criminal & civil	25	3.6	3.9	4.1	4.0	3.5	3.7
Civil	14	3.9	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.0
Other	3	4.3	5.0	4.5	4.0	4.0	4.0
<b>Location of Practice*</b>							
First District	4	4.3	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.3	4.7
Second District	7	4.3	5.0	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.6
Third District	13	3.5	3.5	3.2	3.7	3.6	3.5
Fourth District	33	3.5	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.4	3.5
Outside Alaska	1	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
<b>Gender*</b>							
Male	35	3.7	4.1	3.9	4.1	3.7	3.7
Female	24	3.6	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.7

\*Ratings from only those respondents reporting direct professional experience with the applicant.

**Table 19**  
**Kirk Schwalm**  
**Demographic Description of Respondents**

	<i>n</i>	<i>%</i>
<b>All respondents</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Experience with Applicant</b>		
Direct professional experience	65	81.3
Professional reputation	12	15.0
Other personal contacts	3	3.8
<b>Detailed Experience*</b>		
Recent experience (within last 5 years)	57	87.7
Substantial amount of experience	18	27.7
Moderate amount of experience	22	33.8
Limited amount of experience	25	38.5
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No response	-	-
Private, solo	10	12.5
Private, 2-5 attorneys	17	21.3
Private, 6+ attorneys	7	8.8
Private, corporate employee	1	1.3
Judge or judicial officer	9	11.3
Government	25	31.3
Public service agency or organization	4	5.0
Retired	-	-
Other	7	8.8
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No response	-	-
5 years or fewer	8	10.0
6 to 10 years	19	23.8
11 to 15 years	10	12.5
16 to 20 years	7	8.8
More than 20 years	36	45.0
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No response	-	-
Prosecution	8	10.0
Criminal	5	6.3
Mixed criminal & civil	30	37.5
Civil	34	42.5
Other	3	3.8
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No response	-	-
First District	-	-
Second District	3	3.8
Third District	12	15.0
Fourth District	64	80.0
Outside Alaska	1	1.3
<b>Gender</b>		
No response	-	-
Male	48	60.0
Female	32	40.0

\*Only among those respondents reporting direct professional experience with the applicant.

**Table 20**  
**Kirk Schwalm**  
**Detailed Responses**

	<i>n</i>	Professional Competence <i>M</i>	Integrity <i>M</i>	Fairness <i>M</i>	Judicial Temperament <i>M</i>	Suitability of Experience <i>M</i>	Overall <i>M</i>
All respondents	80	3.7	3.9	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.5
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>							
<b>Direct professional experience</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.6</b>
Experience within last 5 years	57	3.8	4.1	3.9	3.6	3.5	3.6
Experience not within last 5 years	8	3.5	3.9	3.4	3.0	3.0	3.4
Substantial amount of experience	18	3.8	4.2	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.8
Moderate amount of experience	22	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.3	3.4	3.3
Limited amount of experience	25	3.8	4.1	3.8	3.8	3.5	3.6
Professional reputation	12	3.2	3.0	2.8	2.6	2.8	2.7
Other personal contacts	3	3.7	3.3	3.3	3.7	4.0	3.7
<b>Type of Practice*</b>							
Private, solo	10	4.0	4.3	4.1	4.0	3.6	3.9
Private, 2-5 attorneys	15	4.1	4.3	4.1	3.7	3.9	3.8
Private, 6+ attorneys	6	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.0	4.0
Private, corporate employee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judge or judicial officer	9	3.6	3.8	3.4	3.0	2.9	3.2
Government	17	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.2
Public service agency or organization	2	3.5	4.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.5
Retired	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	6	4.0	4.3	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.5
<b>Length of Alaska Practice*</b>							
5 years or fewer	3	4.0	4.7	4.0	4.0	3.3	3.3
6 to 10 years	17	4.2	4.2	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.8
11 to 15 years	8	2.8	3.3	2.9	2.4	2.5	2.9
16 to 20 years	4	3.8	4.8	4.5	4.0	3.3	4.0
More than 20 years	33	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.6
<b>Cases Handled*</b>							
Prosecution	8	3.9	4.0	4.1	3.9	3.8	3.8
Criminal	2	3.0	3.0	2.5	2.0	2.5	2.0
Mixed criminal & civil	23	3.8	4.3	3.9	3.7	3.3	3.6
Civil	30	3.9	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.7
Other	2	2.5	3.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
<b>Location of Practice*</b>							
First District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Second District	3	3.0	3.7	3.3	3.0	3.0	3.3
Third District	11	4.2	4.3	4.1	4.0	3.9	4.0
Fourth District	50	3.7	4.0	3.8	3.5	3.4	3.5
Outside Alaska	1	5.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	4.0
<b>Gender*</b>							
Male	40	3.8	4.2	3.9	3.8	3.5	3.7
Female	25	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.3	3.4	3.4

\*Ratings from only those respondents reporting direct professional experience with the applicant.

**Table 21**  
**Amy J. Tallerico**  
**Demographic Description of Respondents**

	<i>n</i>	<i>%</i>
<b>All respondents</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Experience with Applicant</b>		
Direct professional experience	72	77.4
Professional reputation	18	19.4
Other personal contacts	3	3.2
<b>Detailed Experience*</b>		
Recent experience (within last 5 years)	58	80.6
Substantial amount of experience	28	38.9
Moderate amount of experience	18	25.0
Limited amount of experience	26	36.1
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No response	1	1.1
Private, solo	11	11.8
Private, 2-5 attorneys	18	19.4
Private, 6+ attorneys	9	9.7
Private, corporate employee	2	2.2
Judge or judicial officer	10	10.8
Government	25	26.9
Public service agency or organization	4	4.3
Retired	1	1.1
Other	12	12.9
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No response	1	1.1
5 years or fewer	8	8.6
6 to 10 years	16	17.2
11 to 15 years	14	15.1
16 to 20 years	9	9.7
More than 20 years	45	48.4
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No response	1	1.1
Prosecution	8	8.6
Criminal	6	6.5
Mixed criminal & civil	35	37.6
Civil	38	40.9
Other	5	5.4
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No response	2	2.2
First District	1	1.1
Second District	2	2.2
Third District	14	15.1
Fourth District	73	78.5
Outside Alaska	1	1.1
<b>Gender</b>		
No response	1	1.1
Male	52	55.9
Female	40	43.0

\*Only among those respondents reporting direct professional experience with the applicant.

**Table 22**  
**Amy J. Talerico**  
**Detailed Responses**

	<i>n</i>	Professional Competence <i>M</i>	Integrity <i>M</i>	Fairness <i>M</i>	Judicial Temperament <i>M</i>	Suitability of Experience <i>M</i>	Overall <i>M</i>
All respondents	93	3.4	3.5	3.2	3.0	3.2	3.2
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>							
<b>Direct professional experience</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.3</b>
Experience within last 5 years	58	3.6	3.6	3.3	3.1	3.3	3.3
Experience not within last 5 years	14	3.4	3.6	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.3
Substantial amount of experience	28	3.4	3.3	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.1
Moderate amount of experience	18	3.6	3.7	3.3	3.1	3.4	3.4
Limited amount of experience	26	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.3	3.4	3.5
Professional reputation	18	2.7	3.1	2.8	2.5	2.6	2.6
Other personal contacts	3	3.5	2.7	3.0	2.7	3.5	3.5
<b>Type of Practice*</b>							
Private, solo	10	3.8	4.3	3.8	3.5	4.0	3.7
Private, 2-5 attorneys	16	3.8	3.8	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.4
Private, 6+ attorneys	6	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.0	3.0	3.3
Private, corporate employee	2	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.0	3.0	3.5
Judge or judicial officer	8	3.8	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.1	3.5
Government	19	3.0	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.9	2.6
Public service agency or organization	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retired	1	4.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	4.0
Other	10	4.0	4.2	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.8
<b>Length of Alaska Practice*</b>							
5 years or fewer	6	3.3	2.5	2.6	2.4	2.8	2.6
6 to 10 years	12	3.2	3.3	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.8
11 to 15 years	10	3.2	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.9	3.0
16 to 20 years	7	3.6	3.9	3.7	3.4	3.9	3.7
More than 20 years	37	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.6
<b>Cases Handled*</b>							
Prosecution	6	3.2	3.2	2.5	2.7	2.8	2.7
Criminal	2	4.0	4.0	3.5	3.5	4.0	3.0
Mixed criminal & civil	31	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.0	3.1	3.3
Civil	29	3.6	3.8	3.5	3.4	3.6	3.5
Other	4	3.5	4.0	3.5	2.8	3.3	3.3
<b>Location of Practice*</b>							
First District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Second District	2	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Third District	9	3.7	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.7
Fourth District	59	3.6	3.6	3.3	3.1	3.3	3.3
Outside Alaska	1	4.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
<b>Gender*</b>							
Male	41	3.4	3.5	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.1
Female	31	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.6

\*Ratings from only those respondents reporting direct professional experience with the applicant.

**Table 23**  
**John Foster Wallace**  
**Demographic Description of Respondents**

	<i>n</i>	<i>%</i>
<b>All respondents</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Experience with Applicant</b>		
Direct professional experience	76	80.0
Professional reputation	15	15.8
Other personal contacts	4	4.2
<b>Detailed Experience*</b>		
Recent experience (within last 5 years)	67	89.3
Substantial amount of experience	24	31.6
Moderate amount of experience	29	38.2
Limited amount of experience	23	30.3
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No response	1	1.1
Private, solo	17	17.9
Private, 2-5 attorneys	22	23.2
Private, 6+ attorneys	9	9.5
Private, corporate employee	1	1.1
Judge or judicial officer	9	9.5
Government	19	20.0
Public service agency or organization	5	5.3
Retired	1	1.1
Other	11	11.6
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No response	1	1.1
5 years or fewer	12	12.6
6 to 10 years	9	9.5
11 to 15 years	12	12.6
16 to 20 years	9	9.5
More than 20 years	52	54.7
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No response	1	1.1
Prosecution	4	4.2
Criminal	5	5.3
Mixed criminal & civil	34	35.8
Civil	42	44.2
Other	9	9.5
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No response	2	2.1
First District	1	1.1
Second District	1	1.1
Third District	14	14.7
Fourth District	74	77.9
Outside Alaska	3	3.2
<b>Gender</b>		
No response	1	1.1
Male	58	61.1
Female	36	37.9

\*Only among those respondents reporting direct professional experience with the applicant.

**Table 24**  
**John Foster Wallace**  
**Detailed Responses**

	<i>n</i>	Professional Competence <i>M</i>	Integrity <i>M</i>	Fairness <i>M</i>	Judicial Temperament <i>M</i>	Suitability of Experience <i>M</i>	Overall <i>M</i>
All respondents	95	3.9	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.9
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>							
<b>Direct professional experience</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>
Experience within last 5 years	67	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.0
Experience not within last 5 years	8	3.8	4.1	3.9	3.8	4.1	3.9
Substantial amount of experience	24	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Moderate amount of experience	29	4.0	4.1	4.0	3.9	4.1	3.9
Limited amount of experience	23	3.8	4.2	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Professional reputation	15	3.7	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.3	3.5
Other personal contacts	4	3.8	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.0	4.0
<b>Type of Practice*</b>							
Private, solo	12	3.8	4.3	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0
Private, 2-5 attorneys	20	4.0	4.0	4.1	3.8	3.9	3.9
Private, 6+ attorneys	8	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.6	4.3
Private, corporate employee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judge or judicial officer	8	3.3	3.1	3.3	3.8	3.6	3.3
Government	15	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.4	4.3
Public service agency or organization	2	5.0	4.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Retired	1	4.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.0	5.0
Other	9	3.7	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.4	3.6
<b>Length of Alaska Practice*</b>							
5 years or fewer	8	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.1	4.6	4.5
6 to 10 years	7	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.0	4.0	3.0
11 to 15 years	10	3.8	3.9	4.1	3.9	4.2	4.0
16 to 20 years	5	3.6	3.6	3.8	4.2	3.6	4.0
More than 20 years	45	4.0	4.2	4.1	4.1	3.9	4.0
<b>Cases Handled*</b>							
Prosecution	4	3.5	3.8	4.0	3.8	4.0	4.0
Criminal	2	4.0	4.0	4.5	4.5	4.0	4.0
Mixed criminal & civil	29	3.9	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.7
Civil	34	3.9	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.1
Other	6	4.2	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.3
<b>Location of Practice*</b>							
First District	1	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Second District	1	4.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Third District	11	3.8	4.2	3.9	4.0	3.9	4.1
Fourth District	60	3.9	4.1	4.1	3.9	4.1	3.9
Outside Alaska	1	4.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
<b>Gender*</b>							
Male	47	4.0	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.0
Female	28	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.9

\*Ratings from only those respondents reporting direct professional experience with the applicant.