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Executive Summary

This report presents findings from a selection survey conducted among Alaska Bar Association members for one judicial vacancy on the Fairbanks Superior Court created by the retirement of Judge Michael P. McConahy. By the application deadline, the Alaska Judicial Council received a total of nine applications from the following individuals (presented in alphabetical order): JB Brainerd, Heather M. Brown, Trisha Haines, Steven Hansen, Jennifer Page Hite, Mike Kenna, Scott Oravec, Kirk Schwalm, and John Foster Wallace. JB Brainerd and Heather M. Brown withdrew their applications. Therefore, their 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 on all six characteristics by respondents with direct professional experience.

Table 1
Mean Ratings of Applicants

| | <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> |
|----------------------------|----------|--|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| Trisha Haines | 67 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 4.0 |
| Steven Hansen | 85 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.2 |
| Jennifer Page Hite | 122 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.2 |
| Mike Kenna | 43 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.7 |
| Scott Oravec | 43 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 3.9 |
| Kirk Schwalm | 65 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.6 |
| John Foster Wallace | 77 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.8 |

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

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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 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: Fairbanks District Court and Fairbanks Superior Court. This report presents the findings of the survey for Fairbanks Superior Court, created by the retirement of Judge Michael P. McConahy. By the application deadline, the Council received a total of nine applications from the following individuals (presented in alphabetical order): JB Brainerd, Heather M. Brown, Trisha Haines, Steven Hansen, Jennifer Page Hite, Mike Kenna, Scott Oravec, Kirk Schwalm, and John Foster Wallace. JB Brainerd and Heather M. Brown withdrew their applications. Therefore, their 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 3,522 individuals invited to participate, most individuals (3,509) received only an email invitation to complete the survey online. Five individuals received only a paper version of the survey and eight individuals received both the paper and online versions of the survey.

Respondents initiated 728 online surveys. One survey was 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; ten surveys were excluded because the respondents did not progress far enough in the survey to reach the certification question; four surveys were excluded because the respondents did not answer any other questions but the certification question. No online surveys were returned by any individual who also completed a paper survey. Therefore, 713 online surveys qualified for analysis.

Respondents also returned seven paper surveys. Attorneys are required to sign the paper surveys to verify that they are the person completing the survey. No paper surveys were excluded because they were 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, six paper surveys qualified for analysis.

The final analysis included 713 online surveys and six paper surveys, for a total of 719 surveys and a survey return rate of 20.4%. Of the 719 returned surveys, 386 (53.7%) did not rate any of the 19 applicants (ten

Fairbanks District Court applicants and nine Fairbanks Superior Court applicants); 333 respondents evaluated one or more applicants. Table 2 summarizes the demographic characteristics of the respondents.

Table 2
Respondent Characteristics

| | All respondents | All Respondents | | Respondents who Rated ≥ 1 Applicant | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------------------------------|------|
| | | <i>n</i> | % | <i>n</i> | % |
| | 719 | 100 | 333 | 100 | |
| Type of Practice | | | | | |
| | No response | 6 | 0.8 | 3 | 0.9 |
| | Private, solo | 143 | 19.9 | 40 | 12.0 |
| | Private, 2-5 attorneys | 92 | 12.8 | 38 | 11.4 |
| | Private, 6+ attorneys | 70 | 9.7 | 30 | 9.0 |
| | Private, corporate employee | 10 | 1.4 | 3 | 0.9 |
| | Judge or judicial officer | 69 | 9.6 | 42 | 12.6 |
| | Government | 179 | 24.9 | 133 | 39.9 |
| | Public service agency or organization | 28 | 3.9 | 14 | 4.2 |
| | Retired | 14 | 1.9 | 6 | 1.8 |
| | Other | 108 | 15.0 | 24 | 7.2 |
| Length of Alaska Practice | | | | | |
| | No response | 22 | 3.1 | 7 | 2.1 |
| | 5 years or fewer | 71 | 9.9 | 43 | 12.9 |
| | 6 to 10 years | 82 | 11.4 | 56 | 16.8 |
| | 11 to 15 years | 89 | 12.4 | 52 | 15.6 |
| | 16 to 20 years | 63 | 8.8 | 33 | 9.9 |
| | More than 20 years | 392 | 54.5 | 142 | 42.6 |
| Cases Handled | | | | | |
| | No response | 7 | 1.0 | 3 | 0.9 |
| | Prosecution | 42 | 5.8 | 29 | 8.7 |
| | Criminal | 59 | 8.2 | 43 | 12.9 |
| | Mixed criminal & civil | 187 | 26.0 | 93 | 27.9 |
| | Civil | 377 | 52.4 | 143 | 42.9 |
| | Other | 47 | 6.5 | 22 | 6.6 |
| Location of Practice | | | | | |
| | No response | 6 | 0.8 | 3 | 0.9 |
| | First District | 90 | 12.5 | 23 | 6.9 |
| | Second District | 12 | 1.7 | 7 | 2.1 |
| | Third District | 463 | 64.4 | 184 | 55.3 |
| | Fourth District | 123 | 17.1 | 110 | 33.0 |
| | Outside Alaska | 25 | 3.5 | 6 | 1.8 |
| Gender | | | | | |
| | No response | 17 | 2.4 | 6 | 1.8 |
| | Male | 410 | 57.0 | 176 | 52.9 |
| | Female | 292 | 40.6 | 151 | 45.3 |

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> |
|---|---|--|--|--|---|
| <i>Professional Competence</i> | 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 |
| <i>Integrity</i> | 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 |
| <i>Fairness</i> | 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 |
| <i>Judicial Temperament</i> | 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 |
| <i>Suitability of Experience</i> | 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 |
| <i>Overall Rating</i> | 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 locked office. 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 the Applicants

| | <i>n</i> | % of all respondents who rated applicant | Percent of Respondents Basing Ratings on... | | |
|----------------------------|----------|--|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | Direct Professional Experience | Professional Reputation | Other Personal Contacts |
| Trisha Haines | 79 | 11.0 | 84.8 | 13.9 | 1.3 |
| Steven Hansen | 109 | 15.2 | 78.0 | 15.6 | 6.4 |
| Jennifer Page Hite | 152 | 21.1 | 80.3 | 17.1 | 2.6 |
| Mike Kenna | 59 | 8.2 | 72.9 | 18.6 | 8.5 |
| Scott Oravec | 76 | 10.6 | 56.6 | 31.6 | 11.8 |
| Kirk Schwalm | 82 | 11.4 | 79.3 | 14.6 | 6.1 |
| John Foster Wallace | 96 | 13.4 | 80.2 | 14.6 | 5.2 |

Table 4
Summary of Overall Ratings

| | All Respondents | | | | Respondents with Direct Professional Experience | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|----------|------------|-----------|---|----------|------------|-----------|
| | <i>n</i> | <i>M</i> | <i>Mdn</i> | <i>SD</i> | <i>n</i> | <i>M</i> | <i>Mdn</i> | <i>SD</i> |
| Trisha Haines | 79 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 1.1 | 67 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 1.1 |
| Steven Hansen | 106 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 1.0 | 83 | 4.2 | 5.0 | 1.0 |
| Jennifer Page Hite | 147 | 4.2 | 5.0 | 1.2 | 118 | 4.2 | 5.0 | 1.2 |
| Mike Kenna | 57 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 43 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 1.2 |
| Scott Oravec | 73 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 1.1 | 43 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 1.1 |
| Kirk Schwalm | 79 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 1.2 | 64 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 1.2 |
| John Foster Wallace | 92 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 1.2 | 75 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 1.2 |

Table 5
Distribution of Responses for Overall Rating

| | <i>n</i> | Poor | | Deficient | | Acceptable | | Good | | Excellent | |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|------|-----------|------|------------|------|----------|------|-----------|------|
| | | <i>n</i> | % | <i>n</i> | % | <i>n</i> | % | <i>n</i> | % | <i>n</i> | % |
| Trisha Haines | 67 | 2 | 3.0 | 7 | 10.4 | 8 | 11.9 | 22 | 32.8 | 28 | 41.8 |
| Steven Hansen | 83 | 1 | 1.2 | 8 | 9.6 | 8 | 9.6 | 22 | 26.5 | 44 | 53.0 |
| Jennifer Page Hite | 118 | 4 | 3.4 | 17 | 14.4 | 8 | 6.8 | 17 | 14.4 | 72 | 61.0 |
| Mike Kenna | 43 | 7 | 16.3 | 14 | 32.6 | 10 | 23.3 | 9 | 20.9 | 3 | 7.0 |
| Scott Oravec | 43 | 1 | 2.3 | 5 | 11.6 | 7 | 16.3 | 13 | 30.2 | 17 | 39.5 |
| Kirk Schwalm | 64 | 2 | 3.1 | 12 | 18.8 | 16 | 25.0 | 12 | 18.8 | 22 | 34.4 |
| John Foster Wallace | 75 | 4 | 5.3 | 8 | 10.7 | 14 | 18.7 | 20 | 26.7 | 29 | 38.7 |

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> | |
| Trisha Haines | 2 | 4.5 | 5 | 2.6 | 2 | 2.0 | - | - | 15 | 4.3 | 38 | 4.2 | - | - | 1 | 4.0 | 4 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| Steven Hansen | 6 | 4.3 | 11 | 3.4 | 7 | 4.4 | - | - | 15 | 4.5 | 36 | 4.3 | 2 | 5.0 | - | - | 5 | 3.8 | 4.2 |
| Jennifer Page Hite | 5 | 4.2 | 11 | 4.0 | 2 | 5.0 | - | - | 21 | 4.7 | 63 | 4.0 | 2 | 5.0 | 3 | 5.0 | 10 | 3.9 | 4.2 |
| Mike Kenna | - | - | 7 | 2.7 | 1 | 3.0 | - | - | 11 | 2.9 | 19 | 2.7 | 3 | 1.7 | - | - | 2 | 3.0 | 2.7 |
| Scott Oravec | 6 | 4.8 | 4 | 3.0 | 2 | 4.5 | - | - | 12 | 3.8 | 13 | 4.3 | - | - | - | - | 6 | 2.8 | 3.9 |
| Kirk Schwalm | 6 | 3.2 | 12 | 4.2 | 6 | 3.7 | - | - | 19 | 3.4 | 14 | 3.8 | 1 | 3.0 | 1 | 3.0 | 5 | 3.6 | 3.6 |
| John Foster Wallace | 12 | 4.0 | 18 | 3.9 | 8 | 4.0 | - | - | 17 | 3.3 | 10 | 3.5 | 1 | 5.0 | 2 | 5.0 | 7 | 4.3 | 3.8 |

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>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> | |
| Trisha Haines | 9 | 4.2 | 16 | 3.8 | 13 | 3.8 | 9 | 4.1 | 19 | 4.2 | 4.0 |
| Steven Hansen | 11 | 4.5 | 17 | 4.3 | 24 | 4.3 | 8 | 3.8 | 21 | 4.0 | 4.2 |
| Jennifer Page Hite | 20 | 4.0 | 23 | 4.3 | 27 | 4.0 | 12 | 4.4 | 33 | 4.3 | 4.2 |
| Mike Kenna | 5 | 2.2 | 8 | 2.1 | 11 | 3.4 | 4 | 3.0 | 14 | 2.6 | 2.7 |
| Scott Oravec | 4 | 4.3 | 4 | 4.3 | 7 | 4.6 | 7 | 3.9 | 19 | 3.7 | 3.9 |
| Kirk Schwalm | 8 | 3.9 | 10 | 3.8 | 11 | 3.4 | 5 | 3.8 | 29 | 3.5 | 3.6 |
| John Foster Wallace | 6 | 3.5 | 9 | 2.8 | 7 | 3.7 | 8 | 3.9 | 44 | 4.1 | 3.8 |

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> |
| Trisha Haines | 19 | 4.4 | 14 | 4.3 | 25 | 3.7 | 8 | 3.4 | 1 | 5.0 | 4.0 |
| Steven Hansen | 9 | 3.3 | 17 | 4.6 | 34 | 4.3 | 20 | 4.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 4.2 |
| Jennifer Page Hite | 15 | 2.6 | 27 | 4.4 | 47 | 4.4 | 25 | 4.4 | 3 | 4.0 | 4.2 |
| Mike Kenna | - | - | 2 | 2.5 | 18 | 2.5 | 21 | 2.9 | 2 | 3.0 | 2.7 |
| Scott Oravec | 7 | 4.0 | 5 | 3.2 | 19 | 3.8 | 10 | 4.4 | 1 | 4.0 | 3.9 |
| Kirk Schwalm | 7 | 4.0 | 3 | 3.3 | 30 | 3.5 | 23 | 3.7 | 1 | 3.0 | 3.6 |
| John Foster Wallace | 4 | 3.0 | 1 | 4.0 | 29 | 3.4 | 38 | 4.1 | 3 | 5.0 | 3.8 |

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> | |
| Trisha Haines | - | - | 4 | 4.3 | 26 | 4.4 | 37 | 3.7 | - | - | 4.0 |
| Steven Hansen | 5 | 5.0 | 5 | 4.6 | 19 | 4.6 | 51 | 3.9 | 1 | 5.0 | 4.2 |
| Jennifer Page Hite | 4 | 4.3 | 7 | 4.7 | 46 | 4.2 | 60 | 4.1 | - | - | 4.2 |
| Mike Kenna | - | - | - | - | 11 | 2.7 | 32 | 2.7 | - | - | 2.7 |
| Scott Oravec | 2 | 4.0 | 1 | 4.0 | 13 | 4.3 | 24 | 3.6 | 2 | 4.5 | 3.9 |
| Kirk Schwalm | - | - | 2 | 3.5 | 7 | 4.3 | 55 | 3.5 | - | - | 3.6 |
| John Foster Wallace | 3 | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 12 | 3.4 | 59 | 3.8 | - | - | 3.8 |

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

Table 10
Mean Overall Ratings by Gender

| | Male | | Female | | Overall <i>M</i> |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------------------|
| | <i>n</i> | <i>M</i> | <i>n</i> | <i>M</i> | |
| Trisha Haines | 37 | 3.8 | 29 | 4.2 | 4.0 |
| Steven Hansen | 46 | 4.2 | 35 | 4.2 | 4.2 |
| Jennifer Page Hite | 60 | 4.2 | 56 | 4.2 | 4.2 |
| Mike Kenna | 17 | 2.8 | 26 | 2.6 | 2.7 |
| Scott Oravec | 26 | 3.9 | 16 | 3.9 | 3.9 |
| Kirk Schwalm | 41 | 3.7 | 22 | 3.5 | 3.6 |
| John Foster Wallace | 46 | 3.8 | 27 | 3.9 | 3.8 |

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

Table 11
Trisha Haines
Demographic Description of Respondents

| | <i>n</i> | <i>%</i> |
|---|-----------|------------|
| All respondents | 79 | 100 |
| Experience with Applicant | | |
| Direct professional experience | 67 | 84.8 |
| Professional reputation | 11 | 13.9 |
| Other personal contacts | 1 | 1.3 |
| Detailed Experience* | | |
| Recent experience (within last 5 years) | 60 | 89.6 |
| Substantial amount of experience | 30 | 44.8 |
| Moderate amount of experience | 20 | 29.9 |
| Limited amount of experience | 17 | 25.4 |
| Type of Practice | | |
| No response | - | - |
| Private, solo | 3 | 3.8 |
| Private, 2-5 attorneys | 6 | 7.6 |
| Private, 6+ attorneys | 3 | 3.8 |
| Private, corporate employee | - | - |
| Judge or judicial officer | 17 | 21.5 |
| Government | 43 | 54.4 |
| Public service agency or organization | - | - |
| Retired | 1 | 1.3 |
| Other | 6 | 7.6 |
| Length of Alaska Practice | | |
| No response | 1 | 1.3 |
| 5 years or fewer | 11 | 13.9 |
| 6 to 10 years | 17 | 21.5 |
| 11 to 15 years | 15 | 19.0 |
| 16 to 20 years | 9 | 11.4 |
| More than 20 years | 26 | 32.9 |
| Cases Handled | | |
| No response | - | - |
| Prosecution | 20 | 25.3 |
| Criminal | 15 | 19.0 |
| Mixed criminal & civil | 30 | 38.0 |
| Civil | 13 | 16.5 |
| Other | 1 | 1.3 |
| Location of Practice | | |
| No response | - | - |
| First District | - | - |
| Second District | 4 | 5.1 |
| Third District | 32 | 40.5 |
| Fourth District | 43 | 54.4 |
| Outside Alaska | - | - |
| Gender | | |
| No response | 1 | 1.3 |
| Male | 45 | 57.0 |
| Female | 33 | 41.8 |

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

Table 12
Trisha Haines
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 | 79 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 4.0 |
| Basis for Evaluation | | | | | | | |
| Direct professional experience | 67 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 4.0 |
| Experience within last 5 years | 60 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 4.1 |
| Experience not within last 5 years | 7 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 3.0 | 3.4 |
| Substantial amount of experience | 30 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 4.3 |
| Moderate amount of experience | 20 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 3.9 |
| Limited amount of experience | 17 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.5 |
| Professional reputation | 11 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.0 | 4.2 |
| Other personal contacts | 1 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 2.0 | 3.0 |
| Type of Practice* | | | | | | | |
| Private, solo | 2 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 4.5 |
| Private, 2-5 attorneys | 5 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 2.4 | 2.6 |
| Private, 6+ attorneys | 2 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Private, corporate employee | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Judge or judicial officer | 15 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 4.3 |
| Government | 38 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.2 |
| Public service agency or organization | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Retired | 1 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| Other | 4 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 3.5 | 4.0 |
| Length of Alaska Practice* | | | | | | | |
| 5 years or fewer | 9 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.2 |
| 6 to 10 years | 16 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 3.8 |
| 11 to 15 years | 13 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.8 |
| 16 to 20 years | 9 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 4.1 |
| More than 20 years | 19 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 4.2 |
| Cases Handled* | | | | | | | |
| Prosecution | 19 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.4 |
| Criminal | 14 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.3 |
| Mixed criminal & civil | 25 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 3.7 |
| Civil | 8 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.3 | 3.4 |
| Other | 1 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 5.0 |
| Location of Practice* | | | | | | | |
| First District | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Second District | 4 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.3 |
| Third District | 26 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.4 |
| Fourth District | 37 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 3.7 |
| Outside Alaska | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Gender* | | | | | | | |
| Male | 37 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 3.8 |
| Female | 29 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.2 |

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

Table 13
Steven Hansen
Demographic Description of Respondents

| | <i>n</i> | <i>%</i> |
|---|------------|------------|
| All respondents | 109 | 100 |
| Experience with Applicant | | |
| Direct professional experience | 85 | 78.0 |
| Professional reputation | 17 | 15.6 |
| Other personal contacts | 7 | 6.4 |
| Detailed Experience* | | |
| Recent experience (within last 5 years) | 76 | 90.5 |
| Substantial amount of experience | 39 | 46.4 |
| Moderate amount of experience | 26 | 31.0 |
| Limited amount of experience | 19 | 22.6 |
| Type of Practice | | |
| No response | 1 | 0.9 |
| Private, solo | 11 | 10.1 |
| Private, 2-5 attorneys | 13 | 11.9 |
| Private, 6+ attorneys | 11 | 10.1 |
| Private, corporate employee | - | - |
| Judge or judicial officer | 17 | 15.6 |
| Government | 42 | 38.5 |
| Public service agency or organization | 4 | 3.7 |
| Retired | 1 | 0.9 |
| Other | 9 | 8.3 |
| Length of Alaska Practice | | |
| No response | 3 | 2.8 |
| 5 years or fewer | 14 | 12.8 |
| 6 to 10 years | 21 | 19.3 |
| 11 to 15 years | 26 | 23.9 |
| 16 to 20 years | 12 | 11.0 |
| More than 20 years | 33 | 30.3 |
| Cases Handled | | |
| No response | 2 | 1.8 |
| Prosecution | 10 | 9.2 |
| Criminal | 21 | 19.3 |
| Mixed criminal & civil | 41 | 37.6 |
| Civil | 33 | 30.3 |
| Other | 2 | 1.8 |
| Location of Practice | | |
| No response | 2 | 1.8 |
| First District | 7 | 6.4 |
| Second District | 5 | 4.6 |
| Third District | 30 | 27.5 |
| Fourth District | 64 | 58.7 |
| Outside Alaska | 1 | 0.9 |
| Gender | | |
| No response | 3 | 2.8 |
| Male | 60 | 55.0 |
| Female | 46 | 42.2 |

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

Table 14
Steven Hansen
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 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.2 |
| Basis for Evaluation | | | | | | | |
| Direct professional experience | 85 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.2 |
| Experience within last 5 years | 76 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.2 |
| Experience not within last 5 years | 8 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 |
| Substantial amount of experience | 39 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.7 |
| Moderate amount of experience | 26 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 3.8 |
| Limited amount of experience | 19 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.7 |
| Professional reputation | 17 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 3.9 |
| Other personal contacts | 7 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.2 |
| Type of Practice* | | | | | | | |
| Private, solo | 7 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.3 |
| Private, 2-5 attorneys | 11 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 3.4 |
| Private, 6+ attorneys | 7 | 4.4 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.3 | 4.4 |
| Private, corporate employee | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Judge or judicial officer | 15 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.5 |
| Government | 36 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.3 |
| Public service agency or organization | 3 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| Retired | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other | 5 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.4 | 3.8 |
| Length of Alaska Practice* | | | | | | | |
| 5 years or fewer | 12 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.5 |
| 6 to 10 years | 17 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 4.3 |
| 11 to 15 years | 25 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 |
| 16 to 20 years | 8 | 3.9 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 3.5 | 3.8 |
| More than 20 years | 21 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 4.0 |
| Cases Handled* | | | | | | | |
| Prosecution | 9 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.3 |
| Criminal | 17 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 4.6 |
| Mixed criminal & civil | 35 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.3 |
| Civil | 21 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 4.0 |
| Other | 1 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| Location of Practice* | | | | | | | |
| First District | 6 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| Second District | 5 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 4.6 |
| Third District | 19 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.6 |
| Fourth District | 52 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 3.9 |
| Outside Alaska | 1 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| Gender* | | | | | | | |
| Male | 46 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.2 |
| Female | 37 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.2 |

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

Table 15
Jennifer Page Hite
Demographic Description of Respondents

| | <i>n</i> | <i>%</i> |
|---|------------|------------|
| All respondents | 152 | 100 |
| Experience with Applicant | | |
| Direct professional experience | 122 | 80.3 |
| Professional reputation | 26 | 17.1 |
| Other personal contacts | 4 | 2.6 |
| Detailed Experience* | | |
| Recent experience (within last 5 years) | 104 | 86.7 |
| Substantial amount of experience | 69 | 57.5 |
| Moderate amount of experience | 36 | 30.0 |
| Limited amount of experience | 15 | 12.5 |
| Type of Practice | | |
| No response | 1 | 0.7 |
| Private, solo | 12 | 7.9 |
| Private, 2-5 attorneys | 16 | 10.5 |
| Private, 6+ attorneys | 4 | 2.6 |
| Private, corporate employee | 1 | 0.7 |
| Judge or judicial officer | 25 | 16.4 |
| Government | 69 | 45.4 |
| Public service agency or organization | 6 | 3.9 |
| Retired | 3 | 2.0 |
| Other | 15 | 9.9 |
| Length of Alaska Practice | | |
| No response | 3 | 2.0 |
| 5 years or fewer | 25 | 16.4 |
| 6 to 10 years | 25 | 16.4 |
| 11 to 15 years | 28 | 18.4 |
| 16 to 20 years | 18 | 11.8 |
| More than 20 years | 53 | 34.9 |
| Cases Handled | | |
| No response | 1 | 0.7 |
| Prosecution | 17 | 11.2 |
| Criminal | 31 | 20.4 |
| Mixed criminal & civil | 57 | 37.5 |
| Civil | 41 | 27.0 |
| Other | 5 | 3.3 |
| Location of Practice | | |
| No response | 1 | 0.7 |
| First District | 6 | 3.9 |
| Second District | 7 | 4.6 |
| Third District | 57 | 37.5 |
| Fourth District | 81 | 53.3 |
| Outside Alaska | - | - |
| Gender | | |
| No response | 3 | 2.0 |
| Male | 74 | 48.7 |
| Female | 75 | 49.3 |

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

Table 16
Jennifer Page Hite
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 | 152 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.2 |
| Basis for Evaluation | | | | | | | |
| Direct professional experience | 122 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.2 |
| Experience within last 5 years | 104 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 4.1 |
| Experience not within last 5 years | 16 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 4.6 |
| Substantial amount of experience | 69 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.3 |
| Moderate amount of experience | 36 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.1 |
| Limited amount of experience | 15 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.9 | 3.7 |
| Professional reputation | 26 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.3 |
| Other personal contacts | 4 | 4.5 | 3.3 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 3.3 |
| Type of Practice* | | | | | | | |
| Private, solo | 6 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.2 |
| Private, 2-5 attorneys | 11 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 3.4 | 3.9 | 4.0 |
| Private, 6+ attorneys | 2 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| Private, corporate employee | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Judge or judicial officer | 22 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.7 |
| Government | 63 | 4.4 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 4.0 |
| Public service agency or organization | 4 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 5.0 |
| Retired | 3 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 5.0 |
| Other | 10 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 3.9 |
| Length of Alaska Practice* | | | | | | | |
| 5 years or fewer | 22 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 4.0 |
| 6 to 10 years | 23 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.3 |
| 11 to 15 years | 27 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| 16 to 20 years | 12 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.4 |
| More than 20 years | 35 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.3 |
| Cases Handled* | | | | | | | |
| Prosecution | 17 | 3.6 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 3.2 | 2.6 |
| Criminal | 27 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.4 |
| Mixed criminal & civil | 48 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.4 |
| Civil | 26 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.4 |
| Other | 3 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| Location of Practice* | | | | | | | |
| First District | 5 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.3 |
| Second District | 7 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.7 |
| Third District | 47 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.2 |
| Fourth District | 62 | 4.4 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 4.1 |
| Outside Alaska | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Gender* | | | | | | | |
| Male | 62 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 4.2 |
| Female | 58 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.2 |

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

Table 17
Mike Kenna
Demographic Description of Respondents

| | <i>n</i> | <i>%</i> |
|---|-----------|------------|
| All respondents | 59 | 100 |
| Experience with Applicant | | |
| Direct professional experience | 43 | 72.9 |
| Professional reputation | 11 | 18.6 |
| Other personal contacts | 5 | 8.5 |
| Detailed Experience* | | |
| Recent experience (within last 5 years) | 43 | 100 |
| Substantial amount of experience | 17 | 39.5 |
| Moderate amount of experience | 16 | 37.2 |
| Limited amount of experience | 10 | 23.3 |
| Type of Practice | | |
| No response | - | - |
| Private, solo | 2 | 3.4 |
| Private, 2-5 attorneys | 9 | 15.3 |
| Private, 6+ attorneys | 3 | 5.1 |
| Private, corporate employee | 1 | 1.7 |
| Judge or judicial officer | 14 | 23.7 |
| Government | 23 | 39.0 |
| Public service agency or organization | 4 | 6.8 |
| Retired | - | - |
| Other | 3 | 5.1 |
| Length of Alaska Practice | | |
| No response | 1 | 1.7 |
| 5 years or fewer | 8 | 13.6 |
| 6 to 10 years | 10 | 16.9 |
| 11 to 15 years | 12 | 20.3 |
| 16 to 20 years | 7 | 11.9 |
| More than 20 years | 21 | 35.6 |
| Cases Handled | | |
| No response | - | - |
| Prosecution | 1 | 1.7 |
| Criminal | 3 | 5.1 |
| Mixed criminal & civil | 24 | 40.7 |
| Civil | 27 | 45.8 |
| Other | 4 | 6.8 |
| Location of Practice | | |
| No response | - | - |
| First District | - | - |
| Second District | - | - |
| Third District | 12 | 20.3 |
| Fourth District | 47 | 79.7 |
| Outside Alaska | - | - |
| Gender | | |
| No response | 1 | 1.7 |
| Male | 25 | 42.4 |
| Female | 33 | 55.9 |

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

Table 18
Mike Kenna
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 | 59 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.7 |
| Basis for Evaluation | | | | | | | |
| Direct professional experience | 43 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.7 |
| Experience within last 5 years | 43 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.7 |
| Experience not within last 5 years | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Substantial amount of experience | 17 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 2.7 |
| Moderate amount of experience | 16 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.2 |
| Limited amount of experience | 10 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.5 |
| Professional reputation | 11 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
| Other personal contacts | 5 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 2.8 |
| Type of Practice* | | | | | | | |
| Private, solo | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Private, 2-5 attorneys | 7 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.7 |
| Private, 6+ attorneys | 1 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| Private, corporate employee | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Judge or judicial officer | 11 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 2.9 |
| Government | 19 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.7 |
| Public service agency or organization | 3 | 2.3 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 1.7 |
| Retired | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other | 2 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| Length of Alaska Practice* | | | | | | | |
| 5 years or fewer | 5 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.2 |
| 6 to 10 years | 8 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 2.1 |
| 11 to 15 years | 11 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.4 |
| 16 to 20 years | 4 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| More than 20 years | 14 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 2.6 | 2.6 |
| Cases Handled* | | | | | | | |
| Prosecution | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Criminal | 2 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| Mixed criminal & civil | 18 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 2.5 |
| Civil | 21 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 2.9 |
| Other | 2 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| Location of Practice* | | | | | | | |
| First District | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Second District | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Third District | 11 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 2.7 |
| Fourth District | 32 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.7 |
| Outside Alaska | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Gender* | | | | | | | |
| Male | 17 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 2.8 |
| Female | 26 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.6 |

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

Table 19
Scott Oravec
Demographic Description of Respondents

| | <i>n</i> | <i>%</i> |
|---|-----------|------------|
| All respondents | 76 | 100 |
| Experience with Applicant | | |
| Direct professional experience | 43 | 56.6 |
| Professional reputation | 24 | 31.6 |
| Other personal contacts | 9 | 11.8 |
| Detailed Experience* | | |
| Recent experience (within last 5 years) | 31 | 73.8 |
| Substantial amount of experience | 15 | 34.9 |
| Moderate amount of experience | 16 | 37.2 |
| Limited amount of experience | 12 | 27.9 |
| Type of Practice | | |
| No response | - | - |
| Private, solo | 10 | 13.2 |
| Private, 2-5 attorneys | 9 | 11.8 |
| Private, 6+ attorneys | 7 | 9.2 |
| Private, corporate employee | 1 | 1.3 |
| Judge or judicial officer | 17 | 22.4 |
| Government | 20 | 26.3 |
| Public service agency or organization | 1 | 1.3 |
| Retired | 1 | 1.3 |
| Other | 10 | 13.2 |
| Length of Alaska Practice | | |
| No response | 2 | 2.6 |
| 5 years or fewer | 7 | 9.2 |
| 6 to 10 years | 5 | 6.6 |
| 11 to 15 years | 10 | 13.2 |
| 16 to 20 years | 13 | 17.1 |
| More than 20 years | 39 | 51.3 |
| Cases Handled | | |
| No response | 1 | 1.3 |
| Prosecution | 8 | 10.5 |
| Criminal | 6 | 7.9 |
| Mixed criminal & civil | 28 | 36.8 |
| Civil | 30 | 39.5 |
| Other | 3 | 3.9 |
| Location of Practice | | |
| No response | 1 | 1.3 |
| First District | 3 | 3.9 |
| Second District | 1 | 1.3 |
| Third District | 20 | 26.3 |
| Fourth District | 48 | 63.2 |
| Outside Alaska | 3 | 3.9 |
| Gender | | |
| No response | 1 | 1.3 |
| Male | 44 | 57.9 |
| Female | 31 | 40.8 |

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

Table 20
Scott Oravec
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 | 76 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 3.9 |
| Basis for Evaluation | | | | | | | |
| Direct professional experience | 43 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 3.9 |
| Experience within last 5 years | 31 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 3.9 |
| Experience not within last 5 years | 11 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.3 |
| Substantial amount of experience | 15 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.0 |
| Moderate amount of experience | 16 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.2 |
| Limited amount of experience | 12 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 3.5 |
| Professional reputation | 24 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 3.7 | 3.8 |
| Other personal contacts | 9 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 4.0 | 4.2 |
| Type of Practice* | | | | | | | |
| Private, solo | 6 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.8 |
| Private, 2-5 attorneys | 4 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| Private, 6+ attorneys | 2 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 4.5 |
| Private, corporate employee | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Judge or judicial officer | 12 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 3.6 | 3.8 |
| Government | 13 | 3.8 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.3 |
| Public service agency or organization | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Retired | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other | 6 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 2.8 |
| Length of Alaska Practice* | | | | | | | |
| 5 years or fewer | 4 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.3 |
| 6 to 10 years | 4 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.3 |
| 11 to 15 years | 7 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.6 |
| 16 to 20 years | 7 | 3.7 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 3.6 | 3.9 |
| More than 20 years | 19 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.7 |
| Cases Handled* | | | | | | | |
| Prosecution | 7 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.0 |
| Criminal | 5 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 3.2 |
| Mixed criminal & civil | 19 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.8 |
| Civil | 10 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 4.4 |
| Other | 1 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 4.0 |
| Location of Practice* | | | | | | | |
| First District | 2 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| Second District | 1 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| Third District | 13 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.3 |
| Fourth District | 24 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 3.6 |
| Outside Alaska | 2 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 |
| Gender* | | | | | | | |
| Male | 26 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 3.9 |
| Female | 16 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 3.9 |

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

Table 21
Kirk Schwalm
Demographic Description of Respondents

| | <i>n</i> | % |
|---|-----------|------------|
| All respondents | 82 | 100 |
| Experience with Applicant | | |
| Direct professional experience | 65 | 79.3 |
| Professional reputation | 12 | 14.6 |
| Other personal contacts | 5 | 6.1 |
| Detailed Experience* | | |
| Recent experience (within last 5 years) | 52 | 81.3 |
| Substantial amount of experience | 20 | 30.8 |
| Moderate amount of experience | 24 | 36.9 |
| Limited amount of experience | 21 | 32.3 |
| Type of Practice | | |
| No response | - | - |
| Private, solo | 9 | 11.0 |
| Private, 2-5 attorneys | 16 | 19.5 |
| Private, 6+ attorneys | 7 | 8.5 |
| Private, corporate employee | 1 | 1.2 |
| Judge or judicial officer | 19 | 23.2 |
| Government | 20 | 24.4 |
| Public service agency or organization | 1 | 1.2 |
| Retired | 1 | 1.2 |
| Other | 8 | 9.8 |
| Length of Alaska Practice | | |
| No response | 1 | 1.2 |
| 5 years or fewer | 10 | 12.2 |
| 6 to 10 years | 13 | 15.9 |
| 11 to 15 years | 12 | 14.6 |
| 16 to 20 years | 7 | 8.5 |
| More than 20 years | 39 | 47.6 |
| Cases Handled | | |
| No response | - | - |
| Prosecution | 8 | 9.8 |
| Criminal | 3 | 3.7 |
| Mixed criminal & civil | 33 | 40.2 |
| Civil | 36 | 43.9 |
| Other | 2 | 2.4 |
| Location of Practice | | |
| No response | - | - |
| First District | - | - |
| Second District | 2 | 2.4 |
| Third District | 13 | 15.9 |
| Fourth District | 66 | 80.5 |
| Outside Alaska | 1 | 1.2 |
| Gender | | |
| No response | 1 | 1.2 |
| Male | 51 | 62.2 |
| Female | 30 | 36.6 |

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

Table 22
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 | 82 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.7 |
| Basis for Evaluation | | | | | | | |
| Direct professional experience | 65 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.6 |
| Experience within last 5 years | 52 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.6 |
| Experience not within last 5 years | 12 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.8 |
| Substantial amount of experience | 20 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 3.9 |
| Moderate amount of experience | 24 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.4 |
| Limited amount of experience | 21 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.7 |
| Professional reputation | 12 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.7 |
| Other personal contacts | 5 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 |
| Type of Practice* | | | | | | | |
| Private, solo | 6 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 3.2 |
| Private, 2-5 attorneys | 12 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.2 |
| Private, 6+ attorneys | 6 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.7 |
| Private, corporate employee | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Judge or judicial officer | 19 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.4 |
| Government | 15 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.8 |
| Public service agency or organization | 1 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| Retired | 1 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| Other | 5 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.6 |
| Length of Alaska Practice* | | | | | | | |
| 5 years or fewer | 8 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.9 |
| 6 to 10 years | 10 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.8 |
| 11 to 15 years | 12 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.4 |
| 16 to 20 years | 5 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 3.8 |
| More than 20 years | 29 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.5 |
| Cases Handled* | | | | | | | |
| Prosecution | 7 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 4.0 |
| Criminal | 3 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 3.3 |
| Mixed criminal & civil | 30 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.5 |
| Civil | 24 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.7 |
| Other | 1 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| Location of Practice* | | | | | | | |
| First District | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Second District | 2 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 |
| Third District | 8 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.3 |
| Fourth District | 55 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.5 |
| Outside Alaska | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Gender* | | | | | | | |
| Male | 42 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.7 |
| Female | 22 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 3.5 |

*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> |
|---|-----------|------------|
| All respondents | 96 | 100 |
| Experience with Applicant | | |
| Direct professional experience | 77 | 80.2 |
| Professional reputation | 14 | 14.6 |
| Other personal contacts | 5 | 5.2 |
| Detailed Experience* | | |
| Recent experience (within last 5 years) | 64 | 85.3 |
| Substantial amount of experience | 25 | 33.8 |
| Moderate amount of experience | 27 | 36.5 |
| Limited amount of experience | 22 | 29.7 |
| Type of Practice | | |
| No response | - | - |
| Private, solo | 16 | 16.7 |
| Private, 2-5 attorneys | 20 | 20.8 |
| Private, 6+ attorneys | 9 | 9.4 |
| Private, corporate employee | 1 | 1.0 |
| Judge or judicial officer | 18 | 18.8 |
| Government | 16 | 16.7 |
| Public service agency or organization | 3 | 3.1 |
| Retired | 4 | 4.2 |
| Other | 9 | 9.4 |
| Length of Alaska Practice | | |
| No response | 1 | 1.0 |
| 5 years or fewer | 10 | 10.4 |
| 6 to 10 years | 10 | 10.4 |
| 11 to 15 years | 8 | 8.3 |
| 16 to 20 years | 12 | 12.5 |
| More than 20 years | 55 | 57.3 |
| Cases Handled | | |
| No response | - | - |
| Prosecution | 6 | 6.3 |
| Criminal | 3 | 3.1 |
| Mixed criminal & civil | 34 | 35.4 |
| Civil | 47 | 49.0 |
| Other | 6 | 6.3 |
| Location of Practice | | |
| No response | - | - |
| First District | 5 | 5.2 |
| Second District | 1 | 1.0 |
| Third District | 16 | 16.7 |
| Fourth District | 72 | 75.0 |
| Outside Alaska | 2 | 2.1 |
| Gender | | |
| No response | 2 | 2.1 |
| Male | 57 | 59.4 |
| Female | 37 | 38.5 |

*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 | 96 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.8 |
| Basis for Evaluation | | | | | | | |
| Direct professional experience | 77 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.8 |
| Experience within last 5 years | 64 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 3.8 |
| Experience not within last 5 years | 11 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 |
| Substantial amount of experience | 25 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.0 |
| Moderate amount of experience | 27 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 3.7 |
| Limited amount of experience | 22 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.7 |
| Professional reputation | 14 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.7 |
| Other personal contacts | 5 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 3.7 |
| Type of Practice* | | | | | | | |
| Private, solo | 12 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 4.0 |
| Private, 2-5 attorneys | 18 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 3.9 |
| Private, 6+ attorneys | 8 | 3.6 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| Private, corporate employee | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Judge or judicial officer | 17 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.3 |
| Government | 11 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.5 |
| Public service agency or organization | 1 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| Retired | 3 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 5.0 |
| Other | 7 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.3 |
| Length of Alaska Practice* | | | | | | | |
| 5 years or fewer | 6 | 4.0 | 3.3 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 3.5 |
| 6 to 10 years | 9 | 3.3 | 2.7 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 3.6 | 2.8 |
| 11 to 15 years | 7 | 4.0 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.7 |
| 16 to 20 years | 9 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 3.9 |
| More than 20 years | 45 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.1 |
| Cases Handled* | | | | | | | |
| Prosecution | 4 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 3.0 |
| Criminal | 1 | 4.0 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| Mixed criminal & civil | 29 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.4 |
| Civil | 40 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.1 |
| Other | 3 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 5.0 |
| Location of Practice* | | | | | | | |
| First District | 4 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 5.0 |
| Second District | 1 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 5.0 |
| Third District | 12 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 3.4 |
| Fourth District | 60 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 3.8 |
| Outside Alaska | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Gender* | | | | | | | |
| Male | 47 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.8 |
| Female | 28 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 3.9 |

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