

Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

Judge Sigurd E. Murphy, District Court, Anchorage

I. Judicial Council Evaluation. The Alaska Judicial Council, a non-partisan citizens commission established by the Alaska Constitution, finds Judge Murphy to be *Qualified* and recommends unanimously (5-0) that the public vote "YES" to retain him as a district court judge.

II. Summary of Evaluation Information. A survey of 2,860 attorneys in Alaska rated Judge Murphy on sixteen categories that are summarized in the adjacent graph. Attorneys rated Judge Murphy 4.0 on a scale of 5 on overall judicial performance. He scored highest in the category of "diligence" (4.3). He scored 3.9 or better in all sixteen categories.

	Attorney Survey	Peace Officer Survey	Juror Survey	Court Employee Survey	CourtWatch Survey
Legal Ability	4.0	---	---	---	---
Impartiality	4.1	4.3	4.9	4.4	---
Integrity	4.1	4.3	---	4.4	---
Temperament	4.1	4.3	4.9	4.3	---
Diligence	4.3	4.4	---	4.5	---
Special Skills	4.1	4.4	---	---	---
Overall	4.0	4.3	4.8	4.4	4.2

Ratings are based on a one to five scale. Five is the best rating and three is "acceptable."

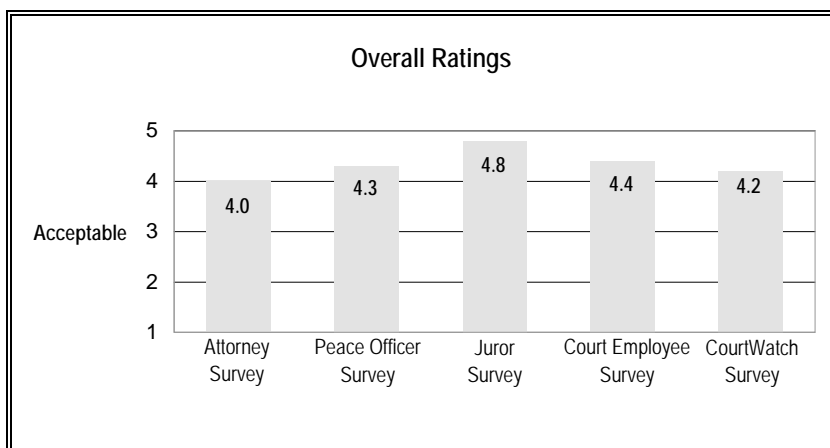
Rating Scale

5.0 = Excellent
 4.0 = Good
 3.0 = Acceptable
 2.0 = Deficient
 1.0 = Unacceptable

A survey of 1,704 peace and probation officers in Alaska rated Judge Murphy on twelve categories that are summarized in the adjacent graph. Peace and probation officers rated Judge Murphy 4.3 on a scale of 5 on overall judicial performance. He scored highest in the category of "controls courtroom" (4.5). He scored 4.2 or better in all categories.

A survey of all jurors appearing before Judge Murphy in 2000 and 2001 rated him 4.8 on a scale of 5 on overall performance. A survey of all court employees rated him 4.4 on a scale of 5 on overall performance. The CourtWatch Report prepared by Victims for Justice gave Judge Murphy a 4.2 overall rating on a scale of 5.

The Council also completed a background investigation including a court records check, a disciplinary records check, a review of conflict of interest statements submitted to the court system and a review of financial disclosure statements submitted to the Alaska Public Offices Commission. Attorneys, peace officers, court employees and jurors were asked to submit written comments about the judge. The Council actively encouraged the public to comment, both in writing and in a statewide public hearing teleconference.



Recommendation: Vote "YES" to retain Judge Murphy

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Trial Judge 2002 Candidates for Judicial Retention

November 16, 2001

MURPHY, S.
Name

DIST CT.
Court

1. Describe your workload during your present term.

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| a) <u>40</u> % Civil Cases | b) <u>80+</u> # of trials/year |
| <u>55</u> % Criminal Cases | <u>230</u> # Administrative Appeals |
| <u>5</u> % Court Administrative | |
| 100 % Total | |

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

presented many CLE's, on Civil Rules Committee, PAN
and about 20 other committees

3. On a separate sheet of paper please assess, in one or two paragraphs, your judicial performance during your present term. Appropriate areas of comment could include: satisfaction with your judicial role, specific contributions to the judiciary or the field of law, increases in legal knowledge and judicial skills, or other measures of judicial abilities that you believe to be important.

4. During your most recent term as a judge, have you:

- a) had a tax lien filed or other collection procedure instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities? Yes _____ No .
- b) been involved in a nonjudicial capacity in any legal proceeding whether as a party or otherwise? Yes _____ No .
- c) engaged in the practice of law (other than as a judge)? Yes _____ No .
- d) held office in any political party? Yes _____ No .
- e) held any other local state or federal office? Yes No _____.

If your answer to any of the questions above is "yes," please give full details, including dates, facts, case numbers and outcomes.

*As the assist. Adjutant General
for Alaska*

Please provide any other information which you believe would assist the Council in conducting its evaluations and in preparing its recommendations for the 2002 retention elections.

see app. filed for Sup. Ct.

5. Please list the names and case numbers of the three most recent jury cases tried before you, identify the attorneys involved, and show their current addresses. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

See app.

1

Name of Case

Case Number

Attorneys Involved

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

2

Name of Case

Case Number

Attorneys Involved

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

3

Name of Case

Case Number

Attorneys Involved

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

6. Please list the names and case numbers of the three most recent non-jury cases tried before you, identify the attorneys involved, and show their current addresses. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

See App

1

Name of Case

Case Number

Attorneys Involved

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

2

Name of Case

Case Number

Attorneys Involved

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

3

Name of Case

Case Number

Attorneys Involved

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

7. Please list the names and case numbers of the three most recent cases which did not go to trial, but on which you did significant work (such as settlement conference, hearings, motion work, etc.), identify the attorneys involved, and show their current addresses. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

1

Name of Case

See App

Case Number

Attorneys Involved

Name: _____
Address: _____

Name: _____
Address: _____

Name: _____
Address: _____

Name: _____
Address: _____

Name of Case

Case Number

2

Attorneys Involved

Name: _____
Address: _____

Name: _____
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Name: _____
Address: _____

Name: _____
Address: _____

Name of Case

Case Number

3

Attorneys Involved

Name: _____
Address: _____

Name: _____
Address: _____

Name: _____
Address: _____

Name: _____
Address: _____

8. If you deem it helpful to the Council, please list the name, case number and attorneys' names and current addresses of any other cases during your judicial career in which you believe your work was particularly noteworthy. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

1

Name of Case

Case Number

Attorneys Involved

Name: _____
Address: _____

Name: _____
Address: _____

Name: _____
Address: _____

Name: _____
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Name of Case

Case Number

Attorneys Involved

Name: _____
Address: _____

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Case Number

Attorneys Involved

Name: _____
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Name: _____
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Judicial Council Members
FROM: Staff
DATE: April 24, 2002
RE: Comparison of Previous Survey Results - Sigurd E. Murphy

Sigurd E. Murphy is standing for retention in 2002. The tables on the following pages compare retention and selection survey scores for Judge Murphy. Changes in the form and content of the various surveys should be noted carefully in making any comparisons.

Judge Murphy previously stood for retention as a district court judge in 1994 and 1998. He was evaluated with the other non-retention judges in 1996 and 2000.

Judge Murphy applied for and was appointed to the Anchorage District Court in 1992. He applied for the Palmer Superior Court in 1982, the Anchorage Superior Court in May and October of 1996, 2001, and 2002, the Court of Appeals in 1997, and the Ketchikan Superior Court in 2000. He was nominated but not appointed for the Ketchikan position.

Judge Sigurd E. Murphy										
Appointed to Anchorage District Court 07/30/92										
	<i>2002 Retention</i>		<i>2000 Interim</i>		<i>1998 Retention</i>		<i>1996 Interim</i>		<i>1994 Retention</i>	
	<i>Ba</i>	<i>PPO</i>	<i>Ba</i>	<i>PPO</i>	<i>Ba</i>	<i>PPO</i>	<i>Ba</i>	<i>PPO</i>	<i>Ba</i>	<i>PPO</i>
	<i>r</i>		<i>r</i>			<i>r</i>		<i>r</i>		<i>r</i>
Legal Ability/Professional Competence	4.0	----	3.8	----	3.7	----	3.9	-----	3.9	----
Impartiality/Fairness	4.1	4.3	3.9	4.2	3.8	4.0	----	----	3.9	4.3
Integrity/Good Character	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.3	3.9	4.1	----	----	4.0	4.3
Judicial Temperament	4.1	4.3	4.1	4.2	3.8	4.2	4.0	4.4	3.8	4.4
Diligence	4.3	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.4	4.0	4.5
Special Skills	4.1	4.4	----	----	3.8	4.2	----	----	3.9	4.3
Overall Performance	4.0	4.3	3.9	4.2	3.8	4.0	3.9	4.4	3.9	4.3

Judge Sigurd E. Murphy								
Appointed to Anchorage District Court 07/30/92								
	<i>01/02 Anchorage Superior</i>	<i>01/01 Anchorage Superior</i>	<i>06/00 Ketchikan Superior (nom.)</i>	<i>1997 Court of Appeals</i>	<i>10/96 Anchorage Superior</i>	<i>05/96 Anchorage Superior</i>	<i>1992 Anchorage District</i>	<i>1982 Palmer Superior</i>
Professional Competence	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.6
Impartiality/Fairness	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.4
Integrity/Good Character	4.1	4.1	4.2	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.7
Judicial Temperament	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.3
Diligence	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	3.8
Freedom from Arrogance	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	3.3
Suitable Experience	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.3	3.7	3.6	----	----
Decisiveness	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	3.6
Overall Performance	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.6	----