

# Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

## Judge Harold M. Brown, Superior Court, Kenai

### Judicial Council Recommendation

The Alaska Judicial Council, a non-partisan citizens commission established by the Alaska constitution, evaluates judges on a number of criteria, including their legal ability, demeanor, their diligence, their ability to manage their caseloads, and their fairness and integrity. The Judicial Council finds Judge Brown to be **Qualified** and recommends with a 4-2 vote that the public vote "Yes" to retain him as a superior court judge.

### Judicial Council Evaluation

The Judicial Council surveyed 3,036 attorneys, 1,492 peace and probation officers, social workers/guardians ad litem, and child advocates, jurors, and court employees about the judges on the ballot. Respondents were asked to rate judicial performance and to submit comments. The Council also reviewed the ratings and observations of the Alaska Judicial Observers, independent community-based volunteers. The Council reviewed court system records concerning peremptory challenges, recusals, and appellate affirmance and reversal rates; any civil or criminal litigation involving the judge; APOC and court system conflict-of-interest statements; any disciplinary files; and whether a judge's pay was withheld for an untimely decision. The Council investigated judicial conduct in specific cases. The Council interviewed some judges, attorneys, court staff, and others. The Council held a statewide public hearing to obtain comments about judges.

	Attorney Survey	Peace Officer Survey	Juror Survey	Court Employee Survey	Social Workers Guardians ad Litem CASAs
Legal Ability	3.7	---	---	---	---
Impartiality	3.8	4.1	4.8	4.0	5.0
Integrity	4.1	4.5	---	4.2	5.0
Temperament	3.7	4.2	4.9	3.7	4.7
Diligence	3.6	4.0	---	4.1	5.0
Overall	3.7	4.1	4.8	4.0	5.0

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 = Poor

### Summary of Survey Information

Attorneys in Alaska rated Judge Brown on the six categories summarized in the table above, using 5 as the highest rating possible. The attorney rating for Judge Brown on overall performance was 3.7. Peace and probation officers rated Judge Brown on five categories, using the 5-point scale above. They gave Judge Brown a rating of 4.1.

Four other groups also evaluated Judge Brown's performance, using the same 5-point scale with 5 as the highest rating. Jurors rated him 4.8, court employees gave him 4.0, and social workers, guardians ad litem and CASA volunteers rated him at 5.0. The Alaska Judicial Observers rated him 3.5.

**Recommendation: Vote "YES" to retain Judge Harold M. Brown**

Contact the Judicial Council at 1029 W. Third Avenue, Suite 201, Anchorage, AK 99501 (telephone: (907) 279-2526) for more detailed information, or review the information on our Internet site at:

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## Alaska Judicial Council Questionnaire

### Trial Judge 2006 Candidates for Judicial Retention

November 21, 2005

Harold M. Brown Name Kenai Court

1. Describe your workload during your present term.

a) 50 % Civil Cases                      b) 10 # of trials/year(Average)  
     30 % Criminal Cases                 6 # Administrative Appeals (Average)  
     20 % Court Administrative  
     100 % Total

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

I was Administrative Judge from April 2003 to September 1, 2005 for the Kenai Peninsula.



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 X.
- b) been involved in a nonjudicial capacity in any legal proceeding whether as a party or otherwise? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_.
- c) engaged in the practice of law (other than as a judge)? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_.
- d) held office in any political party? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X.
- e) held any other local state or federal office? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X.

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

My wife, Susan M. Brown, was "rearended" in an auto accident on August 11, 2003. On her behalf I wrote a demand letter to the carrier insuring the driver of the car, who stuck my wife's automobile. The carrier made an offer of settlement which was not acceptable to my wife. She then employed an attorney to represent her on her claim. That is the full extent of my involvement in any legal proceeding in a non-judicial capacity.

6. Please provide any other information which you believe would assist the Council in conducting its evaluations and in preparing its recommendations for the 2006 retention elections.

None

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7. 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.)

**Case Number 1**

*Case*  
**Name:** Maddox *Case Number:* 3SW-03-64 CI  
*v.* Thomas Development

*Attorneys Involved:*

Name: <u>Peter Ehrhardt</u>	Name: <u>Pro Per Dorene Lorenz</u>
Address: <u>215 Fidalgo Ave., Suite 203</u>	Address: <u>PO Box 2533</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Kenai, AK 99611</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Seward, Alaska 99664</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

**Case Number 2**

*Case*  
**Name:** State of Alaska *Case Number:* 3KN-05-1697 CR  
*v.* Christopher Lusardi

*Attorneys Involved:*

Name: <u>Angela Jamison - District Attorney</u>	Name: <u>Colleen Murray - Public Defender</u>
Address: <u>120 Trading Bay Dr, Ste 200</u>	Address: <u>120 Trading Bay Dr., Ste 390</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Kenai, AK 99611</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Kenai, AK 99611</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

**Case Number 3**

*Case*  
**Name:** State of Alaska *Case Number:* 3KN-04-2251 CR  
*v.* William White

*Attorneys Involved:*

Name: <u>Lisa Thomas - District Attorney</u>	Name: <u>Colleen Murray - Public Defender</u>
Address: <u>120 Trading Bay Dr., Ste 200</u>	Address: <u>120 Trading Bay Dr., Ste 390</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Kenai, AK 99611</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Kenai, AK 99611</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

8. 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.)

**Case Number 1**

*Case Name:* Hammer *Case Number:* 3KN-03-305 CI  
*v.* Saltz

*Attorneys Involved:*

Name: <u>Joseph Kashi</u>	Name: <u>Christine Schmidt</u>
Address: <u>35477 Spur Hwy., Ste 207</u>	Address: <u>110 S. Willow St., Ste 101</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Soldotna, AK 99669</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Kenai, AK 99611</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

**Case Number 2**

*Case Name:* Strange *Case Number:* 3KN-03-734 CI  
*v.* Strange

*Attorneys Involved:*

Name: <u>Jon Buchholdt</u>	Name: <u>Carol Brenckle</u>
Address: <u>731 I St., Ste 101</u>	Address: <u>130 Trading Bay Dr., Ste 340</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Kenai, AK 99611</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

**Case Number 3**

*Case Name:* Ticknor *Case Number:* 3KN-98-164 CI  
*v.* Ticknor

*Attorneys Involved:*

Name: <u>Linn Plous</u>	Name: <u>Kevin Koch</u>
Address: <u>100 Trading Bay Dr., Ste 4</u>	Address: <u>35477 Spur Hwy., Ste 207</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Kenai, AK 99611</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Soldotna, AK 99669</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

9. 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)

**Case Number 1**

*Case Name:* Arctech Services *Case Number:* 3KN-04-203 CI  
*v.* D&L Construction

*Attorneys Involved:*

Name: <u>Julia Holden</u>	Name: <u>Mark Osterman</u>
Address: <u>745 W 4th Ave., Ste 502</u>	Address: <u>215 Fidalgo St., Ste 106</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501-2136</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Kenai, AK 99611</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

**Case Number 2**

*Case Name:* DeMoss *Case Number:* 3KN-05-142 CI  
*v.* InMan

*Attorneys Involved:*

Name: <u>Linn Plous</u>	Name: <u>Eric Derleth</u>
Address: <u>100 Trady Bay Dr., Ste 4</u>	Address: <u>35401 Kenai Spur Hwy.</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Kenai, AK 99611</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Soldotna, AK 99669</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

**Case Number 3**

*Case Name:* LaVecchia *Case Number:* 3KN-04-925 CI  
*v.* LaVecchia

*Attorneys Involved:*

Name: <u>Charles Winegarden</u>	Name: <u>Linn Plous</u>
Address: <u>100 Trading Bay Dr., Ste 8</u>	Address: <u>100 Trading Bay Dr., Ste 4</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Kenai, AK 99611</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Kenai, AK 99611</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

10. 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)

**Case Number 1**

*Case Name:* JL & TL et.al *Case Number:* 3KN-01-884 CI  
*v.* Trickel et.al

*Attorneys Involved:*

<i>Name:</i> <u>Thomas Owens</u>	<i>Name:</i> <u>Chuck Robinson - For Trickel</u>
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<i>City, State, Zip:</i> <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	<i>City, State, Zip:</i> <u>Soldotna, AK 99669</u>

*Co-Counsel*

<i>Name:</i> <u>Dan Woods - for Salvation Army</u>	<i>Name:</i> <u>Jennifer Coughlin - Salvation Army</u>
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**Case Number 2**

*Case Name:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Case Number:* \_\_\_\_\_  
*v.* \_\_\_\_\_

*Attorneys Involved:*

<i>Name:</i> _____	<i>Name:</i> _____
<i>Address:</i> _____	<i>Address:</i> _____
<i>City, State, Zip:</i> _____	<i>City, State, Zip:</i> _____

<i>Name:</i> _____	<i>Name:</i> _____
<i>Address:</i> _____	<i>Address:</i> _____
<i>City, State, Zip:</i> _____	<i>City, State, Zip:</i> _____

**Case Number 3**

*Case Name:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Case Number:* \_\_\_\_\_  
*v.* \_\_\_\_\_

*Attorneys Involved:*

<i>Name:</i> _____	<i>Name:</i> _____
<i>Address:</i> _____	<i>Address:</i> _____
<i>City, State, Zip:</i> _____	<i>City, State, Zip:</i> _____

<i>Name:</i> _____	<i>Name:</i> _____
<i>Address:</i> _____	<i>Address:</i> _____
<i>City, State, Zip:</i> _____	<i>City, State, Zip:</i> _____



**30. SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE HAROLD M. BROWN**

**A. Alaska Bar Association**

**Demographic Description (N=402)**

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	6	1.4%
Private, Solo	100	24.8%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	71	17.6%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	72	17.9%
Private, Corporate Employee	9	2.2%
State Judge or Judicial Officer	41	10.1%
Government	84	20.8%
Public Service Agency or Organization (not govt)	5	1.2%
Other	14	3.4%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	6	1.4%
5 Years or fewer	26	6.4%
6 to 10 years	22	5.4%
11 to 15 years	37	9.2%
16 to 20 years	53	13.1%
21 years or more	258	64.1%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	7	1.7%
Male	294	73.1%
Female	101	25.1%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	7	1.7%
Prosecution	19	4.7%
Mainly Criminal	19	4.7%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	105	26.1%
Mainly Civil	237	58.9%
Other	15	3.7%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	6	1.4%
First District	48	11.9%
Second District	2	0.4%
Third District	318	79.1%
Fourth District	19	4.7%
Outside of Alaska	9	2.2%

**Evaluation of Judge Harold M. Brown:  
Alaska Bar Association Members**

**Summary of Findings**

Judge Harold M. Brown was evaluated by 312 Alaska Bar Association members who reported having direct professional experience with the judge. The mean score on *overall evaluation* was 3.7. The highest mean score was obtained on *integrity* (4.1) and the lowest score was obtained on *diligence* (3.6). Details are present in the two tables that follow.

	Poor		Deficient		Accept		Good		Excellent		Mean
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
<b>Legal Ability</b>	12	3.8%	35	11.2%	77	24.6%	111	35.5%	77	24.6%	3.7
<b>Impartiality/Fairness</b>	13	4.2%	33	10.7%	58	18.8%	108	35.1%	95	30.9%	3.8
<b>Integrity</b>	7	2.2%	16	5.2%	57	18.5%	93	30.2%	134	43.6%	4.1
<b>Judicial Temperament</b>	11	3.5%	37	11.9%	69	22.2%	96	30.9%	97	31.2%	3.7
<b>Diligence</b>	16	5.2%	34	11.2%	75	24.8%	101	33.4%	76	25.1%	3.6
<b>Overall Rating</b>	14	4.5%	39	12.6%	57	18.4%	117	37.8%	82	26.5%	3.7

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

**Judge Harold M. Brown: Detailed Information Responses**  
**Alaska Bar Association Members**

	Legal Ability		Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Rating	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation of Judge</b>												
No Response	3.8	4	3.8	4	3.8	4	3.8	4	3.5	4	3.8	4
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>309</b>
Professional Reputation	3.9	79	3.9	78	4.1	77	3.9	78	3.8	77	3.9	78
Other Personal Contacts	4.7	9	4.9	8	4.9	10	4.8	9	4.6	7	4.8	9
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response	4.0	6	4.2	6	4.3	6	4.3	6	4.2	6	4.3	6
Private, Solo	3.5	83	3.6	80	3.9	81	3.6	81	3.5	78	3.5	82
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	3.7	59	3.8	59	4.2	59	3.9	60	3.6	59	3.7	58
Private, 6+ Attorneys	3.8	50	4.1	49	4.3	49	4.0	50	3.7	49	3.9	49
Private, Corporate Employee	4.1	8	4.3	8	4.4	8	4.3	8	3.9	8	4.0	8
State Judge or Judicial Officer	3.9	28	4.0	28	4.4	28	3.8	28	3.8	27	4.1	28
Government	3.4	66	3.6	65	3.8	65	3.4	66	3.4	64	3.4	66
Public Service Agency or Organization (not govt)	3.3	4	3.0	4	3.3	3	3.3	3	3.7	3	3.3	4
Other	4.3	8	4.3	8	4.4	8	4.3	8	4.3	8	4.3	8
<b>Years Experience</b>												
No Response	4.0	6	4.2	6	4.3	6	4.2	6	4.2	6	4.3	6
5 Years or fewer	3.3	20	3.3	20	3.7	19	3.3	19	3.3	20	3.3	20
6 to 10 years	3.4	17	3.8	17	4.1	17	3.9	17	3.8	17	3.8	17
11 to 15 years	3.4	30	3.6	30	3.6	29	3.4	30	3.3	28	3.4	30
16 to 20 years	3.5	39	3.6	39	4.0	39	3.6	39	3.5	39	3.5	38
21 years or more	3.8	200	3.9	195	4.2	197	3.8	199	3.7	192	3.8	198
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response	4.1	7	4.3	7	4.4	7	4.4	7	4.3	7	4.4	7
Male	3.7	229	3.9	224	4.2	225	3.8	227	3.6	220	3.8	227
Female	3.4	76	3.4	76	3.7	75	3.5	76	3.5	75	3.4	75
<b>Majority of Practice Consists of</b>												
No Response	4.0	6	4.2	6	4.3	6	4.3	6	4.2	6	4.3	6
Prosecution	3.2	17	3.4	17	3.6	17	3.2	17	3.2	17	3.2	17
Mainly Criminal	2.8	16	2.7	16	3.1	16	3.0	16	3.0	16	2.8	16
Mixed Criminal & Civil	3.7	74	3.7	72	4.1	72	3.6	74	3.6	73	3.7	74
Mainly Civil	3.8	190	3.9	187	4.2	187	3.9	188	3.7	181	3.8	187
Other	3.3	9	3.4	9	3.9	9	3.6	9	3.3	9	3.4	9
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response	3.5	6	3.8	6	4.2	6	3.8	6	3.7	6	3.7	6
First District	4.1	30	4.2	29	4.6	30	4.2	30	4.1	28	4.1	29
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	3.6	257	3.7	254	4.0	253	3.7	255	3.5	250	3.6	256
Fourth District	4.0	12	4.2	11	4.4	11	3.8	12	3.8	11	4.1	11
Outside of Alaska	4.6	7	4.3	7	4.4	7	4.1	7	4.4	7	4.3	7

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

**30. SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE HAROLD M. BROWN**

**B. Peace and Probation Officers**

**Demographic Description (N=44)**

	N	%
<b>Type of Work</b>		
No Response	1	2.2%
State Law Enforcement Officer	17	38.6%
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	15	34.0%
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
Probation/Parole Officer	10	22.7%
Other	1	2.2%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>		
No Response	2	4.5%
5 Years or fewer	17	38.6%
6 to 10 years	6	13.6%
11 to 15 years	10	22.7%
16 to 20 years	7	15.9%
21 years or more	2	4.5%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	1	2.2%
Male	36	81.8%
Female	7	15.9%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	1	2.2%
First District	1	2.2%
Second District	--	0.0%
Third District	40	90.9%
Fourth District	2	4.5%
Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>		
No Response	1	2.2%
Under 2,000	1	2.2%
Between 2,000 and 35,000	34	77.2%
Over 35,000	8	18.1%

**Evaluation of Judge Harold M. Brown  
Peace and Probation Officers**

**Summary of Findings**

Judge Harold M. Brown was evaluated by 38 Peace and Probation Officers who reported having direct professional experience with the judge. The mean score on *overall evaluation* was 4.1. The highest mean score was obtained on *integrity* (4.5) and the lowest score was obtained on *diligence* (4.0). Details are present in the two tables that follow.

	Poor		Deficient		Accept		Good		Excellent		Mean
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
<b>Impartiality/Fairness</b>	1	2.6%	3	7.8%	2	5.2%	18	47.3%	14	36.8%	4.1
<b>Integrity</b>	--	0.0%	--	0.0%	5	14.2%	9	25.7%	21	60.0%	4.5
<b>Judicial Temperament</b>	1	2.6%	--	0.0%	6	15.7%	14	36.8%	17	44.7%	4.2
<b>Diligence</b>	1	2.6%	1	2.6%	7	18.4%	16	42.1%	13	34.2%	4.0
<b>Overall Rating</b>	1	2.6%	1	2.6%	6	15.7%	16	42.1%	14	36.8%	4.1

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

## Judge Harold M. Brown: Detailed Information on Responses Peace and Probation Officers

	Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Rating	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation of Judge</b>										
No Response	4.7	3	4.7	3	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.7	3
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>38</b>
Professional Reputation	3.3	4	3.8	4	3.3	4	3.5	4	3.3	4
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response	4.7	3	4.7	3	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.7	3
State Law Enforcement Officer	4.1	38	4.5	35	4.2	38	4.0	38	4.1	38
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	3.3	4	3.8	4	3.3	4	3.5	4	3.3	4
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	4.7	3	4.7	3	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.7	3
Other										
<b>Years Experience</b>										
No Response	3.3	4	3.8	4	3.3	4	3.5	4	3.3	4
5 Years or fewer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
6 to 10 years	4.7	3	4.7	3	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.7	3
11 to 15 years										
16 to 20 years	4.1	38	4.5	35	4.2	38	4.0	38	4.1	38
21 years or more	3.3	4	3.8	4	3.3	4	3.5	4	3.3	4
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response	4.7	3	4.7	3	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.7	3
Male										
Female	4.1	38	4.5	35	4.2	38	4.0	38	4.1	38
<b>Location of Practice</b>										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
First District	4.7	3	4.7	3	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.7	3
Second District										
Third District	4.1	38	4.5	35	4.2	38	4.0	38	4.1	38
Fourth District	3.3	4	3.8	4	3.3	4	3.5	4	3.3	4
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response	4.7	3	4.7	3	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.7	3
Under 2,000	4.1	38	4.5	35	4.2	38	4.0	38	4.1	38
Between 2,000 and 35,000	3.3	4	3.8	4	3.3	4	3.5	4	3.3	4
Over 35,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

**30. SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE HAROLD M. BROWN**

**C. Social Workers, Guardians ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers**

**Demographic Description (N=6)**

		N	%
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Social Worker	3	50.0%
	Guardian ad Litem	3	50.0%
	CASA Volunteer	--	0.0%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	2	33.3%
	6 to 10 years	2	33.3%
	11 to 15 years	1	16.6%
	16 to 20 years	1	16.6%
	21 years or more	--	0.0%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	1	16.6%
	Female	5	83.3%
<b>Location of Practice</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	6	100.0%
	Fourth District	--	0.0%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Under 2,000	--	0.0%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	4	66.6%
	Over 35,000	2	33.3%

**Evaluation of Judge Harold M. Brown  
Social Workers, Guardians Ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers**

**Summary of Findings**

Judge Harold M. Brown was evaluated by six Social Workers, Guardians Ad Litem, and CASA volunteers who reported having direct professional experience with the judge. The mean score on *overall evaluation* was 5.0. The highest mean scores were obtained on *impartiality/fairness* (5.0), *integrity* (5.0) and *diligence* (5.0) and the lowest score was obtained on *judicial temperament* (4.7). Details are present in the two tables that follow.

	Poor		Deficient		Accept		Good		Excellent		Mean
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
<b>Impartiality/Fairness</b>	--	0.0%	--	0.0%	--	0.0%	--	0.0%	6	100.0%	5.0
<b>Integrity</b>	--	0.0%	--	0.0%	--	0.0%	--	0.0%	6	100.0%	5.0
<b>Judicial Temperament</b>	--	0.0%	--	0.0%	--	0.0%	2	33.3%	4	66.6%	4.7
<b>Diligence</b>	--	0.0%	--	0.0%	--	0.0%	--	0.0%	6	100.0%	5.0
<b>Overall Rating</b>	--	0.0%	--	0.0%	--	0.0%	--	0.0%	6	100.0%	5.0

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.



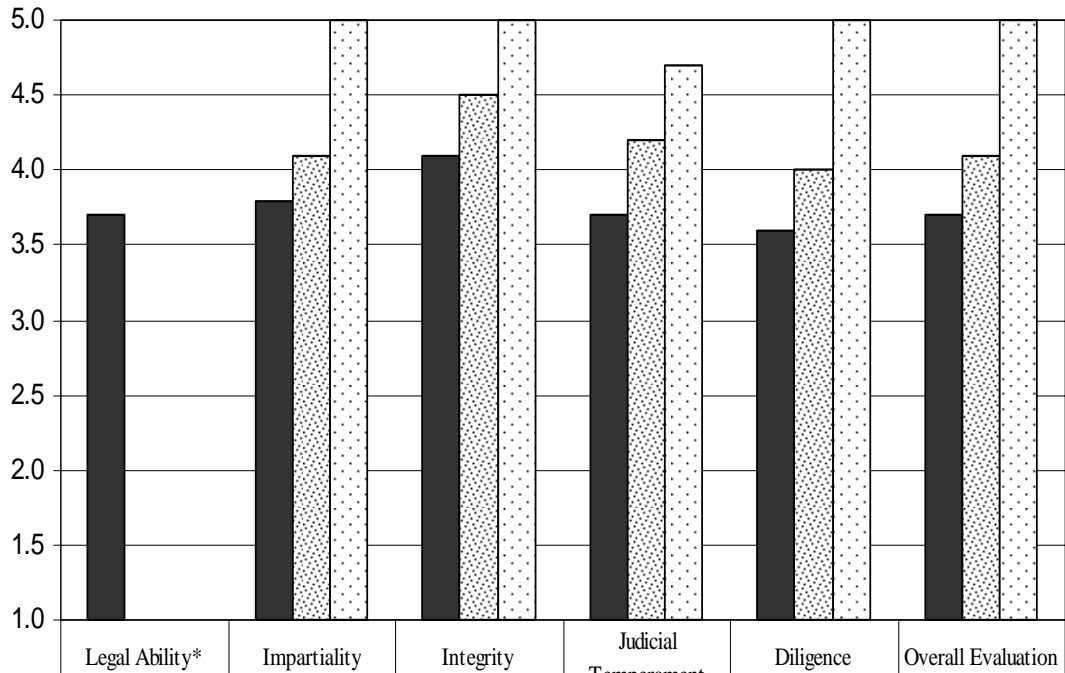
**Judge Harold M. Brown: Detail Information on Responses  
Social Workers, Guardians Ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers**

	Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Rating	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation of Judge</b>										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>6</b>
Professional Reputation	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Social Worker	5.0	3	5.0	3	4.3	3	5.0	3	5.0	3
Guardian ad Litem	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3
CASA Volunteer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Years Experience</b>										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
5 Years or fewer	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
6 to 10 years	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
11 to 15 years	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
16 to 20 years	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
21 years or more	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Male	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Female	5.0	5	5.0	5	4.8	5	5.0	5	5.0	5
<b>Location of Practice</b>										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	5.0	6	5.0	6	4.7	6	5.0	6	5.0	6
Fourth District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Under 2,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	5.0	4	5.0	4	4.8	4	5.0	4	5.0	4
Over 35,000	5.0	2	5.0	2	4.5	2	5.0	2	5.0	2

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

## Superior Court Judge Harold M. Brown

*Average Ratings from All Groups Surveyed*



■ Alaska Bar Association	3.7	3.8	4.1	3.7	3.6	3.7
▨ Peace and Probation Officers		4.1	4.5	4.2	4.0	4.1
□ Social Workers/ GALSCASA Volunteers		5.0	5.0	4.7	5.0	5.0

\*Legal Ability items are only completed by Alaska Bar Association members.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Juror Survey Results                      2006 Retention Evaluation                      Harold M. Brown</b></p>											
		<b>Distribution of Ratings</b>									
<b>Survey Category</b>	<b>Mean</b>	<b>Excellent % (n)</b>	<b>Good % (n)</b>	<b>Acceptable % (n)</b>	<b>Deficient % (n)</b>	<b>Poor % (n)</b>	<b>Total Returned = 129</b>				
<b>Impartiality/Fairness</b>	<b>4.8</b>	80% 103	17% 22	3% 4	0% 0	0% 0					
<b>Respectful/Courteous</b>	<b>4.9</b>	88% 114	9% 12	2% 3	0% 0	0% 0					
<b>Attentive during Proceedings</b>	<b>4.8</b>	81% 104	16% 20	4% 5	0% 0	0% 0					
<b>Control over Proceedings</b>	<b>4.8</b>	85% 109	16% 20	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0					
<b>Intelligence/Skill as a Judge</b>	<b>4.8</b>	83% 107	16% 20	2% 2	0% 0	0% 0					
<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	<b>4.8</b>	81% 104	19% 24	1% 1	0% 0	0% 0					

<b>Court Employee Survey Results                      2006 Retention Evaluation                      Harold M. Brown</b>												
		<b>Distribution of Ratings</b>										
<b>Survey Category</b>	<b>Mean</b>	<b>Excellent % (n)</b>	<b>Good % (n)</b>	<b>Acceptable % (n)</b>	<b>Deficient % (n)</b>	<b>Poor % (n)</b>	<b>Total Returned = 25</b>					
<b>Impartiality/Fairness</b>	<b>4.0</b>	28% 7	44% 11	16% 4	0% 0	4% 1	23					
<b>Integrity</b>	<b>4.2</b>	48% 12	32% 8	16% 4	0% 0	4% 1	25					
<b>Judicial Temperament</b>	<b>3.7</b>	20% 5	48% 12	24% 6	0% 0	8% 2	25					
<b>Diligence</b>	<b>4.1</b>	36% 9	44% 11	16% 4	0% 0	4% 1	25					
<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	<b>4.0</b>	36% 9	36% 9	20% 5	0% 0	4% 1	24					

Judge Harold M. Brown  
 Prior Scores Summary  
 Retention 2006  
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<b>Bar Survey</b>						
2006 Retention	3.7	3.8	4.1	3.7	3.6	3.7
2004 Interim	3.7	3.8	4.1	3.8	3.7	3.7
2000 Retention	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.7
	Legal Ability	Impartiality	Integrity	Judicial Temperament	Diligence	<b>Overall Performance</b>

<b>Peace &amp; Probation Officer Survey</b>					
2006 Retention	4.1	4.5	4.2	4.0	4.1
2004 Interim	4.0	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.2
2000 Retention	4.1	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.2
	Impartiality	Integrity	Judicial Temperament	Diligence	<b>Overall Performance</b>