

# Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

## Judge Peter A. Michalski, Superior Court, Anchorage

### 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 Michalski to be **Qualified** and recommends unanimously 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	4.0	---	---	---	---
Impartiality	4.1	4.1	4.9	4.2	4.4
Integrity	4.4	4.2	---	4.5	4.6
Temperament	4.3	4.2	5.0	4.2	4.3
Diligence	4.0	4.2	---	4.4	4.4
Overall	4.1	4.0	4.9	4.4	4.4

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 Michalski on the six categories summarized in the table above, using 5 as the highest rating possible. The attorney rating for Judge Michalski on overall performance was 4.1. Peace and probation officers rated Judge Michalski on five categories, using the 5-point scale above. They gave Judge Michalski a rating of 4.0.

Four other groups also evaluated Judge Michalski's performance, using the same 5-point scale with 5 as the highest rating. Jurors rated him 4.9, court employees gave him 4.4, and social workers, guardians ad litem and CASA volunteers rated him at 4.4. The Alaska Judicial Observers rated him 3.1.

**Recommendation: Vote "YES" to retain Judge Peter A. Michalski**

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## Alaska Judicial Council Questionnaire

### Trial Judge 2006 Candidates for Judicial Retention

November 21, 2005

PETER A. MICHALSKI

Name

SUPERIOR COURT

Court

1. Describe your workload during your present term.

a) 90 % Civil Cases  
0 % Criminal Cases  
10 % Court Administrative  
100 % Total

b) 7 # of trials/year (trial only  
8 # Administrative Appeals <sup>Based on</sup>  
(w/rent by assigned) <sub>and - paid</sub> <sup>2 yr average</sup>

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

My court/bar committee participation has been  
primarily related to the work of the CISA Rules committee.  
I have had a few meetings as part of appointment as the  
court representative to the Alaska State Council related to the  
Interstate Compact for Probation and Parole.

3. 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.

I have enjoyed serving as a judge during the present term. The dedication shown by jurors in their effort to get just and lawful decisions in the jury room is a regular inspiration to me when doing the office practice as well as when sitting as fact finder. Throughout my work I try to be patient and impartial as well as knowledgeable about the law and facts. I continue to encourage parties to resolve their matters short of trial, but do my absolute best to provide timely and efficient trials when that is not possible.

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 .

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

1. I had a speeding ticket just south of Soldotna a couple of Memorial Day weekends ago, paid ticket  
2. One of my vehicles was alleged to be parked at a meter downtown when it was actually in my garage a year or so ago. Case dismissed.

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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.

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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:** Susan Fellows *Case Number:* 3AN-03-11950CI  
v. Dr. Richard Strohmeyer

**Attorneys Involved:**

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

**Case Number 2**

*Case*  
**Name:** Douglas Barry *Case Number:* 3AN-00-04736 CI  
v. University of Alaska

**Attorneys Involved:**

Name: <u>John Havelock</u>	Name: <u>Mark Ashburn</u>
Address: <u>632 Christensen Dr. #100</u>	Address: <u>1130 W. 6th Ave. Ste 100</u>
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Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

**Case Number 3**

*Case*  
**Name:** Travis Attanasio *Case Number:* 3AN-04-11769 CI  
v. John Gilcrease

**Attorneys Involved:**

Name: <u>Laura Eakes</u>	Name: <u>James Brennan</u>
Address: <u>360 K. St. Ste. 200</u>	Address: <u>1227 W. 9th Ave. Ste. 300</u>
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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: DeMarco, Brian Case Number: 3AN-05-05729CI  
v. DeMarco, Jennifer

*Attorneys Involved:*

Name: <u>Emily Waters</u>	Name: <u>Robin A. Taylor</u>
Address: <u>800 E. Dimond Blvd. Ste 3-620</u>	Address: <u>801 B. St. Ste. 505</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99515</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

**Case Number 2**

*Case*  
Name: Scribner, Mary Case Number: 3AN-04-08466CI  
v. Scribner, Benjamin

*Attorneys Involved:*

Name: <u>David Edgren</u>	Name: <u>Hal Gazaway</u>
Address: <u>750 E. Fireweed Ln. #201</u>	Address: <u>8620 Boundary Ave.</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99503</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99504</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

**Case Number 3**

*Case*  
Name: Fiori, Paul Case Number: 3AN-05-06535CI  
v. Fiori, Tammy

*Attorneys Involved:*

Name: <u>Paul Fiori (Pro-Se)</u>	Name: <u>David Edgren</u>
Address: _____	Address: <u>750 E. Fireweed Ln. #201</u>
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99503</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: Alaska Tanker Co., et al. Case Number: 3AN-00-09665CI  
v. City of Valdez

*Attorneys Involved:*

Name: <u>Leon Vance</u>	Name: <u>William Walker</u>
Address: <u>One Sealaska Plz. Ste 202</u>	Address: <u>731 N. St.</u>
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Name: <u>Eric Sanders</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>1029 W. 3rd Ave.</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: _____

**Case Number 2**

*Case*

Name: Paul Michelsohn Case Number: 3AN-03-05498 CI  
v. Party World, Inc.

*Attorneys Involved:*

Name: <u>Neil O'Donnell</u>	Name: <u>William Earnhart</u>
Address: <u>420 L. St. Ste 500</u>	Address: <u>301 W. Northern Lts. #301</u>
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Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

**Case Number 3**

*Case*

Name: Cullen Hayes Case Number: 3AN-04-04952CI  
v. Renee Hobson v. Lennie & Helen Lane

*Attorneys Involved:*

Name: <u>Kenneth Kirk</u>	Name: <u>Jody Davis</u>
Address: <u>425 G. St. Ste 204</u>	Address: <u>1648 Cushman St. Ste. 300</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Fairbanks, AK 99701</u>

Name: <u>Martha Shaddy</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>1101 W. 7th Ave.</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	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:** Louie Alakayak, et al. *Case Number:* 3AN-95-04676CI  
v. All Alaskan Seafoods, et al.

*Attorneys Involved:*

Name: <u>Philip Weidner</u>	Name: <u>Douglas Serdahely</u>
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Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

**Case Number 2**

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

*Attorneys Involved:*

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

**Case Number 3**

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

*Attorneys Involved:*

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



**35. SUPRIOR COURT JUDGE PETER A. MICHALSKI**

**A. Alaska Bar Association**

**Demographic Description (N=672)**

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	13	1.9%
Private, Solo	161	23.9%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	122	18.1%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	136	20.2%
Private, Corporate Employee	19	2.8%
State Judge or Judicial Officer	50	7.4%
Government	130	19.3%
Public Service Agency or Organization (not govt)	17	2.5%
Other	23	3.4%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	13	1.9%
5 Years or fewer	48	7.1%
6 to 10 years	54	8.0%
11 to 15 years	72	10.7%
16 to 20 years	99	14.7%
21 years or more	385	57.3%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	16	2.3%
Male	473	70.4%
Female	182	27.1%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	13	1.9%
Prosecution	28	4.1%
Mainly Criminal	31	4.6%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	134	19.9%
Mainly Civil	429	63.9%
Other	36	5.3%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	11	1.6%
First District	29	4.3%
Second District	4	0.5%
Third District	577	85.9%
Fourth District	34	5.0%
Outside of Alaska	16	2.3%

**Evaluation of Judge Peter A. Michalski:  
Alaska Bar Association Members**

**Summary of Findings**

Judge Peter A. Michalski was evaluated by 585 Alaska Bar Association members 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* (4.4) and the lowest scores were obtained on *legal ability* (4.0) and *diligence* (4.0). Details are present in the two tables that follow.

	Poor		Deficient		Accept		Good		Excellent		Mean
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
<b>Legal Ability</b>	8	1.3%	34	5.8%	110	18.8%	224	38.3%	208	35.6%	4.0
<b>Impartiality/Fairness</b>	12	2.0%	34	5.8%	89	15.2%	173	29.6%	275	47.1%	4.1
<b>Integrity</b>	4	0.6%	11	1.9%	67	11.6%	145	25.1%	349	60.5%	4.4
<b>Judicial Temperament</b>	7	1.2%	28	4.8%	72	12.3%	157	26.9%	318	54.6%	4.3
<b>Diligence</b>	16	2.7%	30	5.2%	111	19.2%	206	35.7%	213	36.9%	4.0
<b>Overall Rating</b>	9	1.5%	41	7.0%	84	14.4%	198	34.1%	248	42.7%	4.1

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

**Judge Peter A. Michalski: 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	11	3.8	11	4.1	11	4.2	11	3.8	11	3.8	11
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>581</b>
Professional Reputation	4.1	76	4.2	72	4.4	75	4.2	74	4.1	72	4.2	75
Other Personal Contacts	4.7	3	4.4	5	4.8	5	4.8	4	4.3	3	4.8	4
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response	3.9	12	3.9	12	4.3	12	4.3	12	4.1	12	3.9	12
Private, Solo	3.6	151	3.7	151	4.1	149	3.9	150	3.6	150	3.7	149
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	4.0	113	4.1	112	4.4	110	4.3	112	3.9	112	4.0	111
Private, 6+ Attorneys	4.1	123	4.3	125	4.6	123	4.4	124	4.1	123	4.2	125
Private, Corporate Employee	3.8	15	4.0	15	4.3	15	4.1	15	3.9	15	4.0	15
State Judge or Judicial Officer	4.4	38	4.7	38	4.9	38	4.7	38	4.5	36	4.7	38
Government	4.4	104	4.5	103	4.6	102	4.6	103	4.4	102	4.5	103
Public Service Agency or Organization (not govt)	3.9	12	3.7	11	4.3	11	4.3	12	3.7	10	3.8	11
Other	4.0	17	4.2	17	4.6	17	4.4	17	4.1	17	4.2	17
<b>Years Experience</b>												
No Response	3.8	12	3.8	12	4.2	12	4.1	12	3.8	12	3.8	12
5 Years or fewer	4.1	34	4.1	35	4.4	34	4.2	35	3.9	34	4.1	36
6 to 10 years	4.2	52	4.2	52	4.6	51	4.6	52	4.2	51	4.4	52
11 to 15 years	4.0	67	4.1	66	4.5	65	4.3	66	3.9	66	4.1	65
16 to 20 years	4.0	84	4.0	84	4.3	83	4.2	84	3.9	84	4.0	84
21 years or more	4.0	336	4.2	335	4.5	332	4.3	334	4.0	330	4.1	332
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response	4.0	14	4.1	14	4.4	14	4.4	14	4.1	14	4.1	14
Male	4.0	415	4.1	414	4.4	409	4.3	414	4.0	409	4.1	413
Female	4.1	156	4.2	156	4.4	154	4.2	155	4.0	154	4.1	154
<b>Majority of Practice Consists of</b>												
No Response	4.1	11	4.0	11	4.3	11	4.3	11	4.1	11	4.0	11
Prosecution	4.7	22	4.6	22	4.7	21	4.7	22	4.6	21	4.6	22
Mainly Criminal	4.1	24	4.1	24	4.4	24	4.4	24	4.1	24	4.3	23
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.0	117	4.2	117	4.5	116	4.3	117	4.0	115	4.2	117
Mainly Civil	3.9	387	4.1	386	4.4	382	4.3	385	3.9	382	4.0	384
Other	4.2	24	4.1	24	4.5	23	4.3	24	4.0	24	4.1	24
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response	4.0	10	3.9	10	4.2	10	4.2	10	4.0	10	3.9	10
First District	4.3	21	4.3	21	4.5	21	4.3	21	4.1	21	4.2	21
Second District	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2
Third District	4.0	516	4.1	515	4.4	508	4.3	514	4.0	510	4.1	512
Fourth District	4.2	26	4.3	26	4.3	26	4.2	26	4.1	25	4.2	26
Outside of Alaska	4.1	10	4.4	10	4.4	10	4.3	10	4.2	9	4.2	10

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

**35. SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE PETER A. MICHALSKI**

**B. Peace and Probation Officers**

**Demographic Description (N=33)**

	N	%
<b>Type of Work</b>		
No Response	--	0.0%
State Law Enforcement Officer	9	27.2%
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	13	39.3%
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
Probation/Parole Officer	10	30.3%
Other	1	3.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>		
No Response	--	0.0%
5 Years or fewer	3	9.0%
6 to 10 years	5	15.1%
11 to 15 years	9	27.2%
16 to 20 years	4	12.1%
21 years or more	12	36.3%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	--	0.0%
Male	25	75.7%
Female	8	24.2%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	--	0.0%
First District	--	0.0%
Second District	--	0.0%
Third District	33	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	2	6.0%
Over 35,000	31	93.9%

**Evaluation of Judge Peter A. Michalski  
Peace and Probation Officers**

**Summary of Findings**

Judge Peter A. Michalski was evaluated by 25 Peace and Probation Officers who reported having direct professional experience with the judge. The mean score on *overall evaluation* was 4.0. The highest mean scores were obtained on *integrity* (4.2), *judicial temperament* (4.2) and *diligence* (4.2) and the lowest score was obtained on *impartiality/fairness* (4.1). 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%	2	8.0%	4	16.0%	9	36.0%	10	40.0%	4.1
<b>Integrity</b>	--	0.0%	1	4.3%	4	17.3%	7	30.4%	11	47.8%	4.2
<b>Judicial Temperament</b>	--	0.0%	--	0.0%	5	21.7%	8	34.7%	10	43.4%	4.2
<b>Diligence</b>	--	0.0%	--	0.0%	4	17.3%	11	47.8%	8	34.7%	4.2
<b>Overall Rating</b>	--	0.0%	2	8.0%	4	16.0%	10	40.0%	9	36.0%	4.0

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

## Judge Peter A. Michalski: 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	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>25</b>
Professional Reputation	3.4	7	3.4	7	3.3	6	3.4	7	3.3	7
Other Personal Contacts	3.0	1	3.0	1	2.0	1	3.0	1	2.0	1
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
State Law Enforcement Officer	3.6	8	3.9	7	4.0	7	4.1	7	3.6	8
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	4.3	9	4.3	8	4.3	8	4.0	8	4.1	9
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	4.1	7	4.4	7	4.3	7	4.3	7	4.3	7
Other	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Years Experience</b>										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
5 Years or fewer	4.7	3	5.0	3	4.3	3	4.7	3	4.7	3
6 to 10 years	4.0	4	4.3	3	4.0	4	4.3	3	4.3	4
11 to 15 years	3.9	7	3.8	6	4.2	5	4.0	6	3.6	7
16 to 20 years	4.7	3	4.7	3	4.7	3	4.7	3	4.7	3
21 years or more	3.9	8	4.0	8	4.1	8	3.9	8	3.9	8
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Male	4.0	21	4.1	19	4.1	19	4.1	19	3.9	21
Female	4.8	4	4.8	4	4.8	4	4.8	4	4.8	4
<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	4.1	25	4.2	23	4.2	23	4.2	23	4.0	25
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	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Over 35,000	4.0	24	4.2	22	4.2	22	4.1	22	4.0	24

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

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

**Demographic Description (N=20)**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	2	10.0%
	Social Worker	7	35.0%
	Guardian ad Litem	4	20.0%
	CASA Volunteer	7	35.0%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	2	10.0%
	5 Years or fewer	5	25.0%
	6 to 10 years	7	35.0%
	11 to 15 years	2	10.0%
	16 to 20 years	4	20.0%
	21 years or more	--	0.0%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	2	10.0%
	Male	2	10.0%
	Female	16	80.0%
<b>Location of Practice</b>			
	No Response	2	10.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	18	90.0%
	Fourth District	--	0.0%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>			
	No Response	2	10.0%
	Under 2,000	--	0.0%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	--	0.0%
	Over 35,000	18	90.0%

**Evaluation of Judge Peter A. Michalski  
Social Workers, Guardians Ad Litem, and CASA volunteers**

**Summary of Findings**

Judge Peter A. Michalski was evaluated by 19 Social Workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASA volunteers who reported having direct professional experience with the judge. The mean score on *overall evaluation* was 4.4. The highest mean score was obtained on *integrity* (4.6) and the lowest score was obtained on *judicial temperament* (4.3). 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%	3	15.7%	5	26.3%	11	57.8%	4.4
<b>Integrity</b>	--	0.0%	--	0.0%	3	16.6%	2	11.1%	13	72.2%	4.6
<b>Judicial Temperament</b>	--	0.0%	1	5.2%	2	10.5%	7	36.8%	9	47.3%	4.3
<b>Diligence</b>	--	0.0%	--	0.0%	4	21.0%	4	21.0%	11	57.8%	4.4
<b>Overall Rating</b>	--	0.0%	--	0.0%	3	15.7%	5	26.3%	11	57.8%	4.4

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



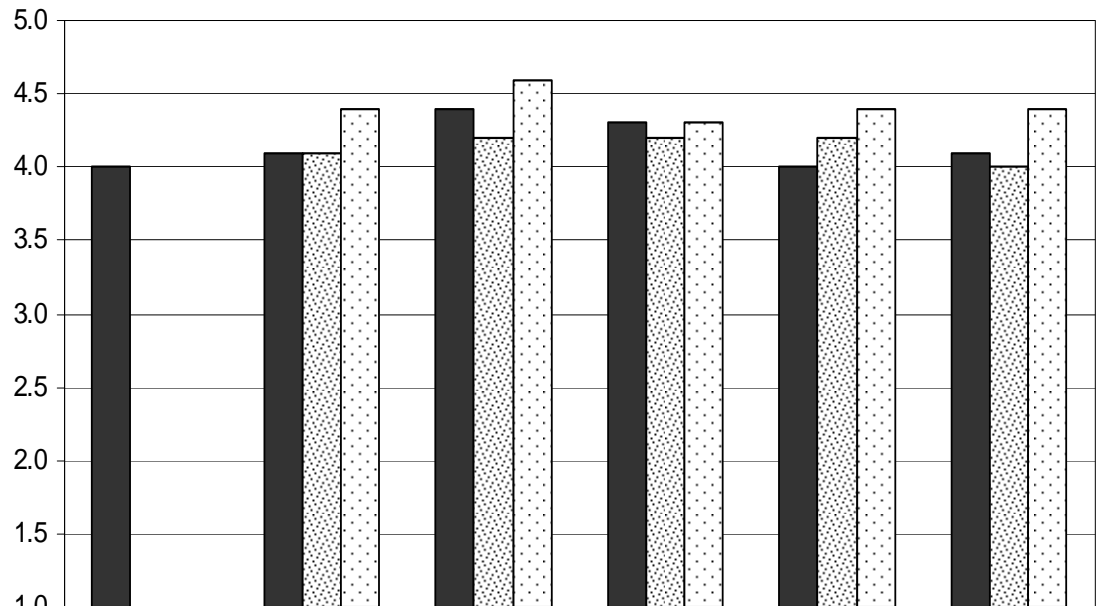
**Judge Peter A. Michalski: Detail Information on Responses  
Social Workers, Guardians Ad Litem, and CASA volunteers**

	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	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>19</b>
Professional Reputation	2.0	1	--	0	--	0	2.0	1	--	0
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
Social Worker	4.1	7	4.1	7	3.9	7	3.9	7	4.0	7
Guardian ad Litem	4.3	4	4.5	4	4.0	4	4.3	4	4.5	4
CASA Volunteer	4.7	6	5.0	5	4.7	6	4.8	6	4.7	6
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Years Experience</b>										
No Response	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
5 Years or fewer	4.3	4	4.5	4	4.3	4	4.0	4	4.0	4
6 to 10 years	4.4	7	4.4	7	4.3	7	4.4	7	4.4	7
11 to 15 years	4.5	2	5.0	1	4.0	2	4.5	2	4.5	2
16 to 20 years	4.3	4	4.5	4	4.0	4	4.3	4	4.5	4
21 years or more	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
Male	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2
Female	4.4	15	4.6	14	4.2	15	4.3	15	4.4	15
<b>Location of Practice</b>										
No Response	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	4.4	17	4.5	16	4.2	17	4.3	17	4.4	17
Fourth District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
Under 2,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Over 35,000	4.4	17	4.5	16	4.2	17	4.3	17	4.4	17

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

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*Average Ratings from All Groups Surveyed*



	Legal Ability*	Impartiality	Integrity	Judicial Temperament	Diligence	Overall Evaluation
■ Alaska Bar Association	4.0	4.1	4.4	4.3	4.0	4.1
▨ Peace and Probation Officers		4.1	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.0
□ Social Workers/ GALSCASA Volunteers		4.4	4.6	4.3	4.4	4.4

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

<b>Juror Survey Results 2006 Retention Evaluation Peter A. Michalski</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 = 30</b>				
<b>Impartiality/Fairness</b>	<b>4.9</b>	93% 28	3% 1	3% 1	0% 0	0% 0	30				
<b>Respectful/Courteous</b>	<b>5.0</b>	97% 29	3% 1	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	30				
<b>Attentive during Proceedings</b>	<b>4.7</b>	73% 22	23% 7	0% 0	3% 1	0% 0	30				
<b>Control over Proceedings</b>	<b>4.8</b>	87% 26	10% 3	3% 1	0% 0	0% 0	30				
<b>Intelligence/Skill as a Judge</b>	<b>4.9</b>	93% 28	0% 0	3% 1	0% 0	0% 0	29				
<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	<b>4.9</b>	93% 28	3% 1	3% 1	0% 0	0% 0	30				

<b>Court Employee Survey Results                      2006 Retention Evaluation                      Peter A. Michalski</b>												
		<b>Distribution of Ratings</b>										
<b>Survey Category</b>	<b>Mean</b>	<b>Excellent</b> % (n)		<b>Good</b> % (n)		<b>Acceptable</b> % (n)		<b>Deficient</b> % (n)		<b>Poor</b> % (n)		<b>Total                      Returned = 91</b>
<b>Impartiality/Fairness</b>	<b>4.2</b>	44%	40	34%	31	13%	12	4%	4	0%	0	87
<b>Integrity</b>	<b>4.5</b>	62%	56	24%	22	11%	10	0%	0	0%	0	88
<b>Judicial Temperament</b>	<b>4.2</b>	48%	44	28%	25	14%	13	3%	3	2%	2	87
<b>Diligence</b>	<b>4.4</b>	50%	45	33%	30	9%	8	2%	2	0%	0	85
<b>Overall Evaluation</b>	<b>4.4</b>	55%	50	26%	24	10%	9	3%	3	0%	0	86

Judge Peter A. Michalski  
 Prior Scores Summary  
 Retention 2006  
 Appointed 01/31/85 to Anchorage Superior Court

<b>Bar Survey</b>						
2006 Retention	4.0	4.1	4.4	4.3	4.0	4.1
2004 Interim	4.0	4.1	4.4	4.3	4.0	4.1
2000 Retention	3.9	4.0	4.3	4.1	4.0	3.9
1994 Retention	3.4	3.6	3.9	3.7	3.4	3.4
1988 Retention	3.5	3.6	4.0	3.7	--	3.5
	Legal Ability	Impartiality	Integrity	Judicial Temperament	Diligence	<b>Overall Performance</b>

<b>Peace &amp; Probation Officer Survey</b>					
2006 Retention	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.0
2004 Interim	4.0	4.2	4.0	4.0	4.0
2000 Retention	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.1
1994 Retention	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1
1988 Retention	3.8	4.1	3.9	--	3.8
	Impartiality	Integrity	Judicial Temperament	Diligence	<b>Overall Performance</b>