

Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

Judge Sigurd E. Murphy, District 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 Sigurd E. Murphy to be **Qualified** and recommends with a 4-2 vote that the public vote "YES" to retain him as a district 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	3.9	---	---	---	---
Impartiality	4.0	4.2	5.0	3.7	3.7
Integrity	4.2	4.5	---	3.7	3.7
Temperament	3.9	4.1	5.0	3.5	3.7
Diligence	4.2	4.3	---	4.0	3.7
Overall	3.9	4.2	5.0	3.7	3.7

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 Sigurd E. Murphy on the six categories summarized in the table above, using 5 as the highest rating possible. The attorney rating for Judge Sigurd E. Murphy on overall performance was 3.9. Peace and probation officers rated Judge Sigurd E. Murphy on five categories, using the 5-point scale above. They gave Judge Sigurd E. Murphy a rating of 4.2.

Four other groups also evaluated Judge Sigurd E. Murphy's performance, using the same 5-point scale with 5 as the highest rating. Jurors rated him 5.0, court employees gave him 3.7, and social workers, guardians ad litem and CASA volunteers rated him at 3.7. The Alaska Judicial Observers rated him 3.8.

Recommendation: Vote "YES" to retain Judge Sigurd E. Murphy

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:

www.ajc.state.ak.us

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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 worked towards making the justice system in Alaska less complicated and expensive for the citizens who bring this important matters to our courts. I have taught legal education courses, help make significant changes to the Court Rules, and created new courts and concepts towards this end.

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.

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.

I work hard, am always informed and on time for court hearings and trial. I have never turned down a request by anyone to take a case - whether Superior Court or District Court.

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: Isidro Gutierrez & Socorro Ramierez Case Number: 3AN-03-08317 CI
v. Municipality of Anchorage

Attorneys Involved:

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

Case Number 2

Case Name: United Rentals Case Number: 3AN-02-07553 CI.
v. Kevin Thompson, Todd Christianson and Gage Development

Attorneys Involved:

Name	<u>M. Gregory Oczkus</u>	Name	<u>Kevin Fitzgerald</u>
Address	<u>430 W. 7th #202</u>	Address	<u>813 W. 3rd Ave</u>
City, State, Zip	<u>Anchorage AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip	<u>Anchorage AK 99501</u>

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

Case Number 3

Case Name: Doctor's Collection Service, Inc. Case Number: 3AN-02-12958 CI
v. Lora Ann Von Gemmingen,

Attorneys Involved:

Name	<u>David S. Houston</u>	Name	<u>Raymond Nesbett</u>
Address	<u>517 W. Northern Lights Blvd</u>	Address	<u>637 W. 3rd Ave</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: Municipality of Anchorage
v. Sulejman Miftari **Case Number:** 3AN-M05-05019 Cr.

Attorneys Involved:

Name	Michael D. Shaffer	Name	James V. Gould
Address	632 W. 6th Ave Suite 210	Address	737 M Street
City, State, Zip	Anchorage AK 99501	City, State, Zip	Anchorage AK 99501
Name	_____	Name	_____
Address	_____	Address	_____
City, State, Zip	_____	City, State, Zip	_____

Case Number 2

Case Name: Municipality of Anchorage
v. Vicky Lemmons **Case Number:** 3AN-M05-03299 Cr.

Attorneys Involved:

Name	Michael D. Shaffer	Name	James V. Gould
Address	632 W. 6th Ave Suite 210	Address	737 M Street
City, State, Zip	Anchorage AK 99501	City, State, Zip	Anchorage AK 99501
Name	_____	Name	_____
Address	_____	Address	_____
City, State, Zip	_____	City, State, Zip	_____

Case Number 3

Case Name: Taos Condominiums at Alyeska No. 1 Inc.,
v. H.R. Redmond Co., **Case Number:** 3AN-03-10727 CI

Attorneys Involved:

Name	Allan Beiswenger	Name	Reginald Christie Suite 207
Address	1101 W 7th Ave	Address	501 W. Northern Lights Blvd
City, State, Zip	Anchorage AK 99501	City, State, Zip	Anchorage AK 99503
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 Municipality of
Name: Anchorage Case Number: 3AN-M04-12566 Cr.
v. Dale Russell,

Attorneys Involved:

Name	Amy K. Doogan	Name	Henry E. Graper III
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City, State, Zip	Anchorage AK 99501	City, State, Zip	Anchorage AK 99501
Name		Name	Richard Kibby
Address		Address	405 W. 36th Ave Suite 201
City, State, Zip		City, State, Zip	Anchorage AK 99503

Case Number 2

Case
Name: State of Alaska Case Number: 3WH-04-00007 Cr.
v. Shannon N. Tolman

Attorneys Involved:

Name	Dan Shorey Esq	Name	Charles W. Coe
Address	310 K Street Suite 520	Address	805 W. 3rd Ave, Suite 100
City, State, Zip	Anchorage AK 99501	City, State, Zip	Anchorage AK 99501
Name		Name	
Address		Address	
City, State, Zip		City, State, Zip	

Case Number 3

Case Alaska-USA Federal
Name: Credit Union Case Number: 3AN-04-08226 CI.
v. Sheila and James Oden

Attorneys Involved:

Name	Marshall K. Coryell	Name	Mike Oden Pro Se
Address	4141 B Street #208	Address	111 Concordia
City, State, Zip	Anchorage AK 99503	City, State, Zip	Fairbanks AK 99709
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

Admin. Appeal:

Case Name: KACHEMAK BAY CONSERVATION SOCIETY
 Name: COOK INLET KEEPER, ET AL Case Number: 3AN-96-07909 CI

v. SOA, DEPT. NATURAL RESOURCES
 DIV. OF GAS & OIL, ET AL

Attorneys Involved: (State AAG's)

(Appellants) Name: Patric Lavin/Valerie Brown Name: Lawrence Ostrovsky/Jeffrey Land
 Address: 750 W. 2ND AVE, #200, 99501 Address: 1031 W. 4th Ave, Suite 200
 City, State, Zip: PO Box 91659, A/AK 99509 City, State, Zip: Anchorage AK 99501

(Interveners) Name: Susan Reeves/Thomas Amodio Name: (Intervener: Mental Hlth. Trust)
 Address: 500 L Street Suite 300 Address: T. Henry Wilson AAG
 City, State, Zip: Anchorage AK 99501 City, State, Zip: Anchorage AK 99501
 Marathon Oil, Union Oil, CIRI, Anadarko Petroleum Corp.

Case Number 2

Admin. App.

Case Name: GWICH'IN STEERING COMMITTEE Case Number: 3AN-98-08553 CI.
 Name: SOA, OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

Attorneys Involved:

(Appellant/ Cross Appellee) Name: Robert W. Randall Name: (Appellee/Cross Appellant) Christopher Kennedy AAG
 Address: 2260 Baseline Rd Suite 200 Address: 1031 W. 4th Ave, Suite 200
 City, State, Zip: Boulder CO 80302 City, State, Zip: Anchorage AK 99501

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

Case Number 3

Fairbanks Superior Court Trial

Case Name: STATE OF ALASKA Case Number: 3FA-97-03002 Cr.
 Name: MARK E. COPELAND

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Gail Garriques AAG Name: Bill D. Murphree
 Address: 100 Cushman St Suite 400 Address: PO Box 80044
 City, State, Zip: Fairbanks AK 99708 City, State, Zip: Fairbanks AK 99708

Name: _____ Name: John J. Franich
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 City, State, Zip: _____ City, State, Zip: Fairbanks AK 99701

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A. Alaska Bar Association

Demographic Description (N=543)

		N	%
Type of Practice			
	No Response	12	2.2%
	Private, Solo	127	23.3%
	Private, 2-5 Attorneys	102	18.7%
	Private, 6+ Attorneys	92	16.9%
	Private, Corporate Employee	14	2.5%
	State Judge or Judicial Officer	47	8.6%
	Government	124	22.8%
	Public Service Agency or Organization (not govt)	10	1.8%
	Other	15	2.7%
Length of Alaska Practice			
	No Response	10	1.8%
	5 Years or fewer	47	8.6%
	6 to 10 years	45	8.2%
	11 to 15 years	65	11.9%
	16 to 20 years	67	12.3%
	21 years or more	309	56.9%
Gender			
	No Response	13	2.3%
	Male	389	71.6%
	Female	141	25.9%
Cases Handled			
	No Response	11	2.0%
	Prosecution	38	6.9%
	Mainly Criminal	33	6.0%
	Mixed Criminal & Civil	123	22.6%
	Mainly Civil	313	57.6%
	Other	25	4.6%
Location of Practice			
	No Response	10	1.8%
	First District	22	4.0%
	Second District	5	0.9%
	Third District	464	85.4%
	Fourth District	32	5.8%
	Outside of Alaska	10	1.8%

**Evaluation of Judge Sigurd E. Murphy:
Alaska Bar Association Members**

Summary of Findings

Judge Sigurd E. Murphy was evaluated by 471 Alaska Bar Association members who reported having direct professional experience with the judge. The mean score on *overall evaluation* was 3.9. The highest mean scores were obtained on *integrity* (4.2) and *diligence* (4.2) and the lowest scores were obtained on *legal ability* (3.9) and *judicial temperament* (3.9). Details are present in the two tables that follow.

	Poor		Deficient		Accept		Good		Excellent		Mean
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Legal Ability	13	2.7%	42	8.9%	97	20.5%	147	31.2%	172	36.5%	3.9
Impartiality/Fairness	13	2.7%	40	8.5%	87	18.5%	136	29.0%	192	41.0%	4.0
Integrity	9	1.9%	24	5.1%	64	13.8%	118	25.4%	248	53.5%	4.2
Judicial Temperament	16	3.4%	38	8.1%	96	20.5%	133	28.4%	185	39.5%	3.9
Diligence	8	1.7%	15	3.3%	77	17.0%	138	30.5%	214	47.3%	4.2
Overall Rating	12	2.5%	46	9.9%	82	17.6%	145	31.2%	179	38.5%	3.9

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

**Judge Sigurd E. Murphy: 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
Basis for Evaluation of Judge												
No Response	4.0	11	4.3	11	4.2	11	3.9	11	4.0	11	4.2	11
Direct Professional	3.9	471	4.0	468	4.2	463	3.9	468	4.2	452	3.9	464
Professional Reputation	3.9	61	3.9	63	4.1	60	3.9	63	4.0	53	3.8	65
Other Personal Contacts	4.3	4	4.3	4	4.5	4	4.5	4	4.5	4	4.5	4
Type of Practice												
No Response	4.1	12	4.0	12	4.2	12	4.2	12	4.3	12	4.0	12
Private, Solo	4.1	113	4.2	111	4.4	111	4.2	111	4.3	107	4.2	112
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	4.2	95	4.2	94	4.4	94	4.2	94	4.3	94	4.2	92
Private, 6+ Attorneys	4.0	79	4.0	79	4.3	78	4.0	80	4.3	76	3.8	77
Private, Corporate Employee	4.2	11	4.2	11	4.6	11	4.1	11	4.4	11	4.4	11
State Judge or Judicial Officer	4.0	41	4.1	41	4.2	40	3.9	41	4.5	39	4.1	41
Government	3.2	102	3.4	102	3.8	99	3.3	101	3.8	96	3.3	101
Public Service Agency or Organization (not govt)	3.9	8	4.0	8	4.4	8	4.5	8	4.1	7	4.3	8
Other	4.0	10	4.1	10	4.3	10	4.3	10	4.2	10	4.3	10
Years Experience												
No Response	4.1	10	4.0	10	4.3	10	4.2	10	4.2	10	4.0	10
5 Years or fewer	3.5	37	3.6	38	4.1	37	3.5	38	4.0	36	3.7	37
6 to 10 years	3.5	43	3.5	43	4.1	41	3.5	43	3.8	40	3.5	42
11 to 15 years	4.1	59	4.0	59	4.4	59	3.9	59	4.4	57	4.0	59
16 to 20 years	3.7	56	3.8	56	4.0	56	3.8	56	3.9	56	3.8	56
21 years or more	4.0	266	4.1	262	4.3	260	4.1	262	4.3	253	4.0	260
Gender												
No Response	4.0	12	3.9	12	4.1	12	4.1	12	4.2	12	3.9	12
Male	4.0	344	4.1	342	4.3	340	4.0	342	4.3	330	4.1	341
Female	3.6	115	3.5	114	3.9	111	3.5	114	4.0	110	3.5	111
Majority of Practice Consists of												
No Response	3.7	11	3.7	11	3.8	11	3.9	11	4.1	11	3.6	11
Prosecution	3.3	37	3.5	37	3.9	37	3.2	37	3.8	36	3.4	37
Mainly Criminal	3.7	28	3.6	28	4.0	27	3.4	28	4.2	26	3.5	28
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.0	111	4.0	111	4.2	109	3.9	111	4.2	108	3.9	110
Mainly Civil	4.0	268	4.1	265	4.3	263	4.1	265	4.2	256	4.1	262
Other	3.9	16	3.9	16	4.1	16	3.9	16	4.2	15	4.1	16
Location of Practice												
No Response	4.1	10	4.0	10	4.3	10	4.2	10	4.2	10	4.0	10
First District	3.2	16	3.7	15	3.9	15	3.7	15	4.1	14	3.6	16
Second District	2.7	3	2.7	3	3.3	3	3.0	3	3.3	3	2.7	3
Third District	3.9	407	4.0	406	4.3	400	3.9	405	4.2	391	4.0	400
Fourth District	4.2	26	4.2	25	4.3	26	4.1	26	4.4	25	4.1	26
Outside of Alaska	3.4	9	3.7	9	4.1	9	3.6	9	3.7	9	3.6	9

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

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B. Peace and Probation Officers

Demographic Description (N=71)

		N	%
Type of Work			
	No Response	--	0
	State Law Enforcement Officer	19	26.7%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	37	52.1%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0
	Probation/Parole Officer	14	19.7%
	Other	1	1.4%
Length of Alaska Experience			
	No Response	--	0
	5 Years or fewer	9	12.6%
	6 to 10 years	19	26.7%
	11 to 15 years	19	26.7%
	16 to 20 years	7	9.8%
	21 years or more	17	23.9%
Gender			
	No Response	--	0
	Male	54	76.0%
	Female	17	23.9%
Location of Practice			
	No Response	--	0
	First District	--	0
	Second District	--	0
	Third District	67	94.3%
	Fourth District	4	5.6%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0
Community Population			
	No Response	--	0
	Under 2,000	--	0
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	9	12.6%
	Over 35,000	62	87.3%

**Evaluation of Judge Sigurd E. Murphy
Peace and Probation Officers**

Summary of Findings

Judge Sigurd E. Murphy was evaluated by 61 Peace and Probation Officers who reported having direct professional experience with the judge. The mean score on *overall evaluation* was 4.2. The highest mean score was obtained on *integrity* (4.5) and lowest score was obtained on *judicial temperament* (4.1). Details are present in the two tables that follow.

	Poor		Deficient		Accept		Good		Excellent		Mean
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Impartiality/Fairness	2	3.2%	2	3.2%	9	14.7%	19	31.1%	29	47.5%	4.2
Integrity	1	1.6%	--	0	8	13.5%	12	20.3%	38	64.4%	4.5
Judicial Temperament	2	3.3%	2	3.3%	10	16.6%	18	30.0%	28	46.6%	4.1
Diligence	1	1.7%	2	3.4%	8	13.7%	16	27.5%	31	53.4%	4.3
Overall Rating	1	1.6%	2	3.2%	9	14.7%	20	32.7%	29	47.5%	4.2

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

Judge Sigurd E. Murphy: 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
Basis for Evaluation of Judge										
No Response	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
Direct Professional	4.2	61	4.5	59	4.1	60	4.3	58	4.2	61
Professional Reputation	3.7	9	3.7	9	3.8	9	3.7	9	3.6	9
Other Personal Contacts	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Type of Work										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
State Law Enforcement Officer	3.8	17	4.3	17	3.8	17	4.0	17	3.8	17
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	4.4	33	4.6	31	4.3	33	4.4	31	4.4	33
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	4.0	10	4.2	10	4.0	9	4.2	9	4.1	10
Other	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Years Experience										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
5 Years or fewer	4.6	8	4.6	7	4.6	7	4.8	6	4.5	8
6 to 10 years	4.1	16	4.3	15	3.9	16	4.2	15	4.0	16
11 to 15 years	3.9	16	4.6	16	4.1	16	4.2	16	4.1	16
16 to 20 years	4.2	6	4.3	6	4.2	6	4.2	6	4.3	6
21 years or more	4.3	15	4.5	15	4.2	15	4.3	15	4.3	15
Gender										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Male	4.1	47	4.4	45	4.0	47	4.2	45	4.1	47
Female	4.5	14	4.6	14	4.7	13	4.6	13	4.5	14
Location of Practice										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	4.2	59	4.5	57	4.2	58	4.4	56	4.3	59
Fourth District	2.0	2	3.0	2	2.0	2	2.0	2	2.5	2
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Community Population										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Under 2,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	3.6	8	4.3	8	3.6	8	3.9	8	3.9	8
Over 35,000	4.2	53	4.5	51	4.2	52	4.3	50	4.3	53

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=3)

		N	%
Type of Work			
	No Response	--	0
	Social Worker	1	33.3%
	Guardian ad Litem	--	0
	CASA Volunteer	2	66.6%
	Other	--	0
Length of Alaska Experience			
	No Response	--	0
	5 Years or fewer	1	33.3%
	6 to 10 years	2	66.6%
	11 to 15 years	--	0
	16 to 20 years	--	0
	21 years or more	--	0
Gender			
	No Response	--	0
	Male	2	66.6%
	Female	1	33.3%
Location of Practice			
	No Response	--	0
	First District	--	0
	Second District	--	0
	Third District	3	100.0%
	Fourth District	--	0
	Outside of Alaska	--	0
Community Population			
	No Response	--	0
	Under 2,000	--	0
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	--	0
	Over 35,000	3	100.0%

**Evaluation of Judge Sigurd E. Murphy
Social Workers, Guardians Ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers**

Summary of Findings

Judge Sigurd E. Murphy was evaluated by three Social Workers, and CASA volunteers who reported having direct professional experience with the judge. The mean score on *overall evaluation* was 3.7 and all other areas obtained a score of 3.7. Details are present in the two tables that follow.

	Poor		Deficient		Accept		Good		Excellent		Mean
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Impartiality/Fairness	--	0	--	0	2	66.6%	--	0	1	33.3%	3.7
Integrity	--	0	--	0	2	66.6%	--	0	1	33.3%	3.7
Judicial Temperament	--	0	--	0	2	66.6%	--	0	1	33.3%	3.7
Diligence	--	0	--	0	2	66.6%	--	0	1	33.3%	3.7
Overall Rating	--	0	--	0	2	66.6%	--	0	1	33.3%	3.7

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

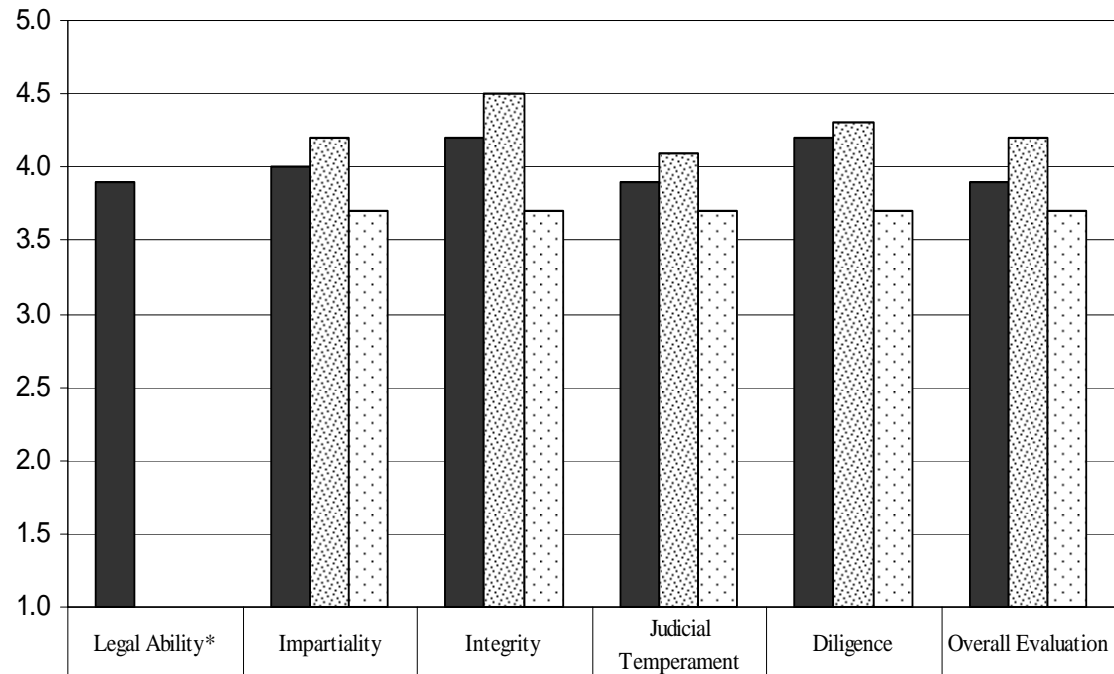
**Judge Sigurd E. Murphy: Detail Information on Responses
Social Workers, Guardians Ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers**

	Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Rating	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
Basis for Evaluation of Judge										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Direct Professional	3.7	3	3.7	3	3.7	3	3.7	3	3.7	3
Professional Reputation	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Type of Work										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Social Worker	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
Guardian ad Litem	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
CASA Volunteer	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Years Experience										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
5 Years or fewer	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
6 to 10 years	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2
11 to 15 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
16 to 20 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
21 years or more	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Gender										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Male	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2
Female	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
Location of Practice										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	3.7	3	3.7	3	3.7	3	3.7	3	3.7	3
Fourth District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Community Population										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Under 2,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Over 35,000	3.7	3	3.7	3	3.7	3	3.7	3	3.7	3

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

District Court Judge Sigurd E. Murphy

Average Ratings from All Groups Surveyed



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

Juror Survey Results 2006 Retention Evaluation Sigurd E. Murphy											
		Distribution of Ratings									
Survey Category	Mean	Excellent % (n)	Good % (n)	Acceptable % (n)	Deficient % (n)	Poor % (n)	Total Returned = 22				
Impartiality/Fairness	5.0	100% 22	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0					
Respectful/Courteous	5.0	100% 22	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0					
Attentive during Proceedings	5.0	100% 22	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0					
Control over Proceedings	5.0	100% 22	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0					
Intelligence/Skill as a Judge	5.0	100% 22	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0					
Overall Evaluation	5.0	100% 22	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0					

<p align="center">Court Employee Survey Results 2006 Retention Evaluation Sigurd E. Murphy</p>												
		<p align="center">Distribution of Ratings</p>										
Survey Category	Mean	Excellent		Good		Acceptable		Deficient		Poor		Total
		%	(n)	%	(n)	%	(n)	%	(n)	%	(n)	Returned = 79
Impartiality/Fairness	3.7	25%	20	35%	28	25%	20	9%	7	3%	2	77
Integrity	3.7	33%	26	28%	22	23%	18	6%	5	8%	6	77
Judicial Temperament	3.5	30%	24	25%	20	15%	12	15%	12	11%	9	77
Diligence	4.0	35%	28	30%	24	19%	15	8%	6	1%	1	74
Overall Evaluation	3.7	30%	24	27%	21	22%	17	11%	9	5%	4	75

Judge Sigurd E. Murphy
 Prior Scores Summary
 Retention 2006
 Appointed 07/08/92 to Anchorage District Court

Bar Survey						
2006 Retention	3.9	4.0	4.2	3.9	4.2	3.9
2004 Interim	3.8	3.8	4.1	3.8	4.1	3.8
2002 Retention	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.3	4.0
1998 Retention	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.8	4.1	3.8
1994 Retention	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.8	4.0	3.9
	Legal Ability	Impartiality	Integrity	Judicial Temperament	Diligence	Overall Performance

Peace & Probation Officer Survey					
2006 Retention	4.2	4.5	4.1	4.3	4.2
2004 Interim	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.2
2002 Retention	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.3
1998 Retention	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.0	4.0
1994 Retention	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.3
	Impartiality	Integrity	Judicial Temperament	Diligence	Overall Performance