

Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

Judge Sen K.Tan, 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 Tan 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	4.3	---	---	---	---
Impartiality	4.4	3.8	5.0	4.6	3.7
Integrity	4.6	4.0	---	4.8	4.1
Temperament	4.4	3.6	5.0	4.7	3.6
Diligence	4.2	3.7	---	4.7	4.1
Overall	4.3	3.7	5.0	4.7	3.9

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 Tan on the six categories summarized in the table above, using 5 as the highest rating possible. The attorney rating for Judge Tan on overall performance was 4.3. Peace and probation officers rated Judge Tan on five categories, using the 5-point scale above. They gave Judge Tan a rating of 3.7.

Four other groups also evaluated Judge Tan's performance, using the same 5-point scale with 5 as the highest rating. Jurors rated him 5.0, court employees gave him 4.7, and social workers, guardians ad litem and CASA volunteers rated him at 3.9. The Alaska Judicial Observers rated him 3.8.

Recommendation: Vote "YES" to retain Judge Sen K.Tan

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Alaska Judicial Council Questionnaire

Trial Judge 2006 Candidates for Judicial Retention

November 21, 2005

Sen K. Tan	Anchorage Superior Court
Name	Court

1. Describe your workload during your present term.

a) $\frac{90}{2}$ % Civil Cases	b) $\frac{\quad}{6-7}$ # of trials/year
$\frac{\quad}{8}$ % Criminal Cases	$\frac{\quad}{6-7}$ # Administrative Appeals
$\frac{\quad}{8}$ % Court Administrative	
100 % Total	

Please see attached page for complete answer to 1 (b).

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

Chairperson of Civil Pattern Jury Instructions Committee Member of Supreme Court Committee on Domestic Violence Training Judge for Magistrates Member of Family Law Forms Committee Coordinator for Child-in-Need-of-aid Therapeutic Court
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Answer to Question 1 (b).

I average 2-3 jury trials per year and 30-40 non-jury trials per year, including divorce, custody, and child-in-need-of-aid cases.

In addition to managing my Anchorage caseload, I was until recently the traveling judge for the Valdez Court, and I am presently the traveling judge for the Cordova Court.

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.

Please see attached page for answer to question 3.

Answer to Question 3.

It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve as a Superior Court Judge in Anchorage. There is no better job.

During my nine years on the bench, the civil caseload has shifted from the standard disputes (personal injury, contract, property) to predominantly domestic cases and child-in-need-of-aid cases. Most civil cases do not go to trial, but instead generally settle after the discovery motions and dispositive motions have been decided. Over the years the number of *pro se* litigants has also increased.

Because of the way my caseload has evolved, most of my elective judicial education has been focused on domestic and children's cases. Recently I attended the National Association of Counsel for Children Conference, and the National Drug Court Institute. In addition, my membership on the Domestic Violence Committee has given me insight into one of the most troubling societal issues. I have also pursued my interest in assessing credibility, and attended a daylong training course on evaluating truthfulness with Dr. Paul Ekman's group. This is particularly relevant as non-jury trials far outnumber jury trials.

In addition, I am one of two judges assigned to the Family Care Court, a therapeutic court that convenes every Tuesday afternoon. The goal of the court is to protect children by providing a structured setting for parents in recovery.

In all, I believe I have matured as a judge, with the continuing goal of striving to be fair to all litigants while giving each individual case the attention it deserves.

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 have been a frequent volunteer speaker at local schools, a participant with the Anchorage Youth Court, and a guest lecturer at the UAA Justice Center. I am also a tutor to those experiencing difficulty with the Bar Exam.

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: Lee W. Swan **Case Number:** 3AN-03-03934CI
v. Central Mini Storage, LLC

Attorneys Involved:

Name	Nicholas J. Kittleson	Name	Kenneth M. Gutsch
Address	9058 Dewberry St.	Address	360 K St., Suite 200
City, State, Zip	Anchorage, AK 99502	City, State, Zip	Anchorage, AK 99501
Name	Stuart C. Rader	Name	
Address	813 W. 3rd Ave.	Address	
City, State, Zip	Anchorage, AK 99501	City, State, Zip	

Case Number 2

Case
Name: Marilyn L. Garcia **Case Number:** 3AN-03-09414CI
v. Polar Bear Gifts, Inc.

Attorneys Involved:

Name	Martin A. Farrell	Name	Peter J. Maassen
Address	900 Hyder St.	Address	813 W. 3rd Ave.
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: Bonita Mahan **Case Number:** 3AN-00-05564CI
v. ERA Aviation, et al.

Attorneys Involved:

Name	Bonita Mahan (pro per)	Name	Marc G. Wilhelm/Julia Moudy
Address	P.O. Box 2873	Address	360 K St., Suite 200
City, State, Zip	Soldotna, AK 99669	City, State, Zip	Anchorage, AK 99501
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: Edith Ting *Case Number:* 3AN-05-04624CI
v. Jeffrey Ting

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Matthew Claman</u>	Name: <u>Jeffrey Ting (pro per)</u>
Address: <u>425 G St., Suite 610</u>	Address: <u>HC31 5263 GB</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Wasilla, AK 99654</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case Name: Itmo: A.K. (C.I.N.A. case) *Case Number:* 3AN-04-00280CN
v. _____

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Susan Wibker-AG/Jaime Muhr-OC5</u>	Name: <u>Anna Chafin-OPA</u>
Address: <u>1031 W. 4th Ave., Suite 200</u>	Address: <u>900 W. 5th Ave., Suite 525</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>
Name: <u>Stephanie Pawlowski-PD</u>	Name: <u>Thom Janidlo</u>
Address: <u>900 W. 5th Ave., Suite 200</u>	Address: <u>1107 W. 7th Ave.</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>

Case Number 3

Case Name: Gayle M. Cates *Case Number:* 3AN-02-08048CI
v. Wayne Cates

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>David Houston</u>	Name: <u>Vanessa White</u>
Address: <u>517 W. Northern Lights Blvd.</u>	Address: <u>211 H Street</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99503</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</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: Sandra Beitel **Case Number:** 3AN-05-08687CI
v. Robert Atkinson

Attorneys Involved:

Name	<u>Colleen R. Baxter</u>	Name	<u>Maryann E. Foley</u>
Address	<u>310 K St., Suite 200</u>	Address	<u>750 W. 2nd Ave., Suite 203</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 2

Case Name: Jerry H. DeFocr, DDS, **Case Number:** 3AN-03-08114CI
v. Glenn Lockwood, DDS, et al.

Attorneys Involved:

Name	<u>Trigg Davis</u>	Name	<u>Thomas Matthews</u>
Address	<u>405 W. 36th Ave., Suite 200</u>	Address	<u>431 W. 7th Ave., Suite 207</u>
City, State, Zip	<u>Anchorage, AK 99503</u>	City, State, Zip	<u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>

Name	<u>Linn Plous</u>	Name	<u>Gary Zipkin</u>
Address	<u>100 Trading Bay, Suite 4</u>	Address	<u>510 L St., 7th Floor</u>
City, State, Zip	<u>Kenai, AK 99611</u>	City, State, Zip	<u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>

Case Number 3

Case Name: Jere Peters **Case Number:** 3AN-04-07665CI
v. Dawn Fischer-Peters

Attorneys Involved:

Name	<u>Martha Shaddy</u>	Name	<u>Maurice Ellis</u>
Address	<u>1101 W. 7th Ave.</u>	Address	<u>731 I St., Suite 103</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	_____

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: John M. Murtagh, et al. **Case Number:** 3AN-97-00649CI
v. State of Alaska, et al.

Attorneys Involved:

Name	Susan Orlansky	Name	Robert Blasco
Address	500 L St., Suite 400	Address	801 W. 10th St., Suite 300
City, State, Zip	Anchorage, AK 99501	City, State, Zip	Juneau, AK 99801

Name	Tanara DeLucia	Name	
Address	1007 W. 3rd Ave., Suite 205	Address	
City, State, Zip	Anchorage, AK 99501	City, State, Zip	

Case Number 2

Case Name: Old Harbor Native Corp. **Case Number:** 3AN-97-03380CI
v. Afognak Joint Venture

Attorneys Involved:

Name	Matthew Jamin	Name	R. Collin Middleton
Address	323 Carolyn St.	Address	421 W. 1st Ave., Suite 250
City, State, Zip	Kodiak, AK 99615	City, State, Zip	Anchorage, AK 99501

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

Case Number 3

Case Name: Chugach Electric Assoc., Inc **Case Number:** 3AN-03-07045CI
v. Regulatory Commission of AK

Attorneys Involved:

Name	Donald Edwards	Name	Kyle W. Parker
Address	P.O. Box 196300	Address	601 W. 5th Ave., Suite 700
City, State, Zip	Anchorage, AK 99519	City, State, Zip	Anchorage, AK 99501

Name	Andrew Hoge	Name	Dean Thompson
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City, State, Zip	Anchorage, AK 99501	City, State, Zip	Anchorage, AK 99503

40. SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE SEN K. TAN

A. Alaska Bar Association

Demographic Description (N=625)

	N	%
Type of Practice		
No Response	11	1.7%
Private, Solo	144	23.0%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	119	19.0%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	133	21.3%
Private, Corporate Employee	16	2.5%
State Judge or Judicial Officer	43	6.8%
Government	126	20.1%
Public Service Agency or Organization (not govt)	15	2.4%
Other	17	2.7%
Length of Alaska Practice		
No Response	11	1.7%
5 Years or fewer	55	8.8%
6 to 10 years	54	8.6%
11 to 15 years	75	12.0%
16 to 20 years	84	13.4%
21 years or more	345	55.2%
Gender		
No Response	13	2.0%
Male	420	67.3%
Female	191	30.6%
Cases Handled		
No Response	10	1.6%
Prosecution	21	3.3%
Mainly Criminal	36	5.7%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	122	19.5%
Mainly Civil	407	65.2%
Other	28	4.4%
Location of Practice		
No Response	10	1.6%
First District	37	5.9%
Second District	7	1.1%
Third District	540	86.5%
Fourth District	22	3.5%
Outside of Alaska	8	1.2%

**Evaluation of Judge Sen K. Tan:
Alaska Bar Association Members**

Summary of Findings

Judge Sen K. Tan was evaluated by 531 Alaska Bar Association members who reported having direct professional experience with the judge. The mean score on *overall evaluation* was 4.3. The highest mean score was obtained on *integrity* (4.6) and the lowest score was obtained on *diligence* (4.2). Details are present in the two tables that follow.

	Poor		Deficient		Accept		Good		Excellent		Mean
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Legal Ability	8	1.5%	23	4.3%	66	12.4%	136	25.6%	298	56.1%	4.3
Impartiality/Fairness	7	1.3%	21	3.9%	66	12.4%	122	22.9%	315	59.3%	4.4
Integrity	3	0.5%	7	1.3%	49	9.3%	97	18.5%	368	70.2%	4.6
Judicial Temperament	4	0.7%	14	2.6%	63	11.9%	142	26.8%	306	57.8%	4.4
Diligence	9	1.7%	29	5.5%	78	14.8%	135	25.6%	275	52.2%	4.2
Overall Rating	5	0.9%	25	4.7%	65	12.3%	131	24.8%	301	57.1%	4.3

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

**Judge Sen K. Tan: 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	3.8	14	3.9	14	4.3	13	4.2	13	4.0	13	4.1	14
Direct Professional	4.3	531	4.4	531	4.6	524	4.4	529	4.2	526	4.3	527
Professional Reputation	4.4	83	4.3	80	4.6	78	4.4	76	4.3	75	4.4	76
Other Personal Contacts	4.7	7	4.3	6	4.7	6	4.5	6	4.7	6	4.7	6
Type of Practice												
No Response	4.4	8	4.3	8	4.4	8	4.4	8	4.3	8	4.4	8
Private, Solo	4.3	130	4.4	129	4.6	128	4.4	129	4.2	129	4.3	128
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	4.4	112	4.4	112	4.6	109	4.5	112	4.2	111	4.4	112
Private, 6+ Attorneys	4.1	119	4.2	119	4.5	119	4.2	118	4.0	118	4.1	117
Private, Corporate Employee	3.9	13	3.9	13	4.4	13	3.9	13	4.2	13	3.8	13
State Judge or Judicial Officer	4.8	32	4.8	32	4.9	32	4.8	31	4.7	32	4.8	32
Government	4.3	97	4.2	97	4.5	95	4.3	97	4.4	95	4.4	96
Public Service Agency or Organization (not govt)	4.6	9	4.6	10	4.4	9	4.4	10	4.6	9	4.6	10
Other	4.5	11	4.6	11	4.8	11	4.7	11	4.6	11	4.7	11
Years Practice												
No Response	4.5	8	4.5	8	4.6	8	4.4	8	4.5	8	4.5	8
5 Years or fewer	4.2	39	4.1	39	4.5	39	4.2	40	4.2	38	4.2	40
6 to 10 years	4.1	45	4.0	45	4.4	45	4.0	45	4.0	44	4.1	44
11 to 15 years	4.4	64	4.4	64	4.6	63	4.5	64	4.3	63	4.4	64
16 to 20 years	4.1	73	4.2	73	4.4	73	4.3	72	4.0	73	4.2	73
21 years or more	4.4	302	4.5	302	4.6	296	4.5	300	4.3	300	4.4	298
Gender												
No Response	4.6	10	4.6	10	4.7	10	4.7	10	4.6	10	4.7	10
Male	4.2	366	4.3	365	4.5	359	4.3	363	4.1	362	4.2	361
Female	4.6	155	4.5	156	4.7	155	4.5	156	4.5	154	4.5	156
Majority of Practice Consists of												
No Response	4.6	7	4.4	7	4.6	7	4.6	7	4.4	7	4.6	7
Prosecution	4.0	14	3.9	14	4.3	14	4.1	14	4.1	14	4.0	14
Mainly Criminal	4.8	25	4.6	25	4.8	25	4.6	24	4.8	25	4.7	25
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.5	104	4.5	104	4.6	102	4.4	103	4.3	104	4.5	101
Mainly Civil	4.2	365	4.3	365	4.6	360	4.4	365	4.1	360	4.2	364
Other	4.4	16	4.4	16	4.7	16	4.5	16	4.3	16	4.5	16
Location of Practice												
No Response	4.3	7	4.1	7	4.3	7	4.3	7	4.0	7	4.1	7
First District	4.6	21	4.5	21	4.7	20	4.7	20	4.4	21	4.6	20
Second District	5.0	2	4.5	2	5.0	2	4.0	2	4.5	2	4.5	2
Third District	4.3	480	4.3	480	4.6	474	4.4	479	4.2	475	4.3	477
Fourth District	4.5	15	4.5	15	4.8	15	4.6	15	4.5	15	4.7	15
Outside of Alaska	4.5	6	4.7	6	4.7	6	4.7	6	4.5	6	4.5	6

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=23)

		N	%
Type of Work			
	No Response	--	0
	State Law Enforcement Officer	5	21.7%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	11	47.8%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0
	Probation/Parole Officer	7	30.4%
	Other	--	0
Length of Alaska Experience			
	No Response	--	0
	5 Years or fewer	2	8.6%
	6 to 10 years	8	34.7%
	11 to 15 years	4	17.3%
	16 to 20 years	2	8.6%
	21 years or more	7	30.4%
Gender			
	No Response	--	0
	Male	19	82.6%
	Female	4	17.3%
Location of Practice			
	No Response	--	0
	First District	1	4.3%
	Second District	--	0
	Third District	22	95.6%
	Fourth District	--	0
	Outside of Alaska	--	0
Community Population			
	No Response	--	0
	Under 2,000	--	0
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	3	13.0%
	Over 35,000	20	86.9%

**Evaluation of Judge Sen K. Tan
Peace and Probation Officers**

Summary of Findings

Judge Sen K. Tan was evaluated by 11 Peace and Probation Officers 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* (4.0) and the lowest score was obtained on *judicial temperament* (3.6). Details are present in the two tables that follow.

	Poor		Deficient		Accept		Good		Excellent		Mean
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Impartiality/Fairness	--	0.0%	1	9.0%	4	36.3%	2	18.1%	4	36.3%	3.8
Integrity	--	0.0%	--	0	4	36.3%	3	27.2%	4	36.3%	4.0
Judicial Temperament	--	0.0%	1	9.0%	5	45.4%	2	18.1%	3	27.2%	3.6
Diligence	--	0.0%	--	0	6	54.5%	2	18.1%	3	27.2%	3.7
Overall Rating	--	0.0%	1	9.0%	5	45.4%	1	9.0%	4	36.3%	3.7

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

Judge Sen K. Tan: 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	1.0	1	1.0	1	1.0	1	1.0	1	1.0	1
Direct Professional	3.8	11	4.0	11	3.6	11	3.7	11	3.7	11
Professional Reputation	3.5	11	3.5	11	3.4	11	3.2	11	3.5	11
Other Personal Contacts	4.0	1	4.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	4.0	1
Type of Work										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
State Law Enforcement Officer	3.3	3	3.3	3	3.0	3	3.0	3	3.0	3
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	4.0	5	4.4	5	4.2	5	4.0	5	4.2	5
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	4.0	3	4.0	3	3.3	3	4.0	3	3.7	3
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Years Experience										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
5 Years or fewer	5.0	2	4.5	2	4.0	2	4.5	2	4.5	2
6 to 10 years	3.8	4	4.0	4	4.0	4	3.8	4	4.0	4
11 to 15 years	3.0	2	3.5	2	3.0	2	3.0	2	3.0	2
16 to 20 years	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
21 years or more	3.0	2	3.5	2	2.5	2	3.0	2	2.5	2
Gender										
No Response	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Male	4.1	8	4.3	8	3.9	8	4.0	8	4.0	8
Female	3.0	3	3.3	3	3.0	3	3.0	3	3.0	3
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	3.8	11	4.0	11	3.6	11	3.7	11	3.7	11
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	4.5	2	5.0	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	5.0	2
Over 35,000	3.7	9	3.8	9	3.4	9	3.6	9	3.4	9

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=15)

		N	%
Type of Work			
	No Response	2	13.3%
	Social Worker	7	46.6%
	Guardian ad Litem	3	20.0%
	CASA Volunteer	3	20.0%
	Other	--	0
Length of Alaska Experience			
	No Response	2	13.3%
	5 Years or fewer	6	40.0%
	6 to 10 years	3	20.0%
	11 to 15 years	1	6.6%
	16 to 20 years	3	20.0%
	21 years or more	--	0
Gender			
	No Response	2	13.3%
	Male	--	0
	Female	13	86.6%
Location of Practice			
	No Response	2	13.3%
	First District	--	0
	Second District	--	0
	Third District	13	86.6%
	Fourth District	--	0
	Outside of Alaska	--	0
Community Population			
	No Response	2	13.3%
	Under 2,000	--	0
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	--	0
	Over 35,000	13	86.6%

**Evaluation of Judge Sen K. Tan
Social Workers, Guardians Ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers**

Summary of Findings

Judge Sen K. Tan was evaluated by 14 Social Workers, Guardians Ad Litem, and CASA volunteers who reported having direct professional experience with the judge. The mean score on *overall evaluation* was 3.9. The highest mean score was obtained on *integrity* (4.1) and *diligence* (4.1) and the lowest score was obtained on *judicial temperament* (3.6). Details are present in the two tables that follow.

	Poor		Deficient		Accept		Good		Excellent		Mean
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Impartiality/Fairness	--	0	3	21.4%	4	28.5%	1	7.1%	6	42.8%	3.7
Integrity	--	0	1	7.6%	3	23.0%	3	23.0%	6	46.1%	4.1
Judicial Temperament	2	14.2%	1	7.1%	2	14.2%	4	28.5%	5	35.7%	3.6
Diligence	--	0	2	15.3%	2	15.3%	2	15.3%	7	53.8%	4.1
Overall Rating	--	0	3	21.4%	2	14.2%	3	21.4%	6	42.8%	3.9

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

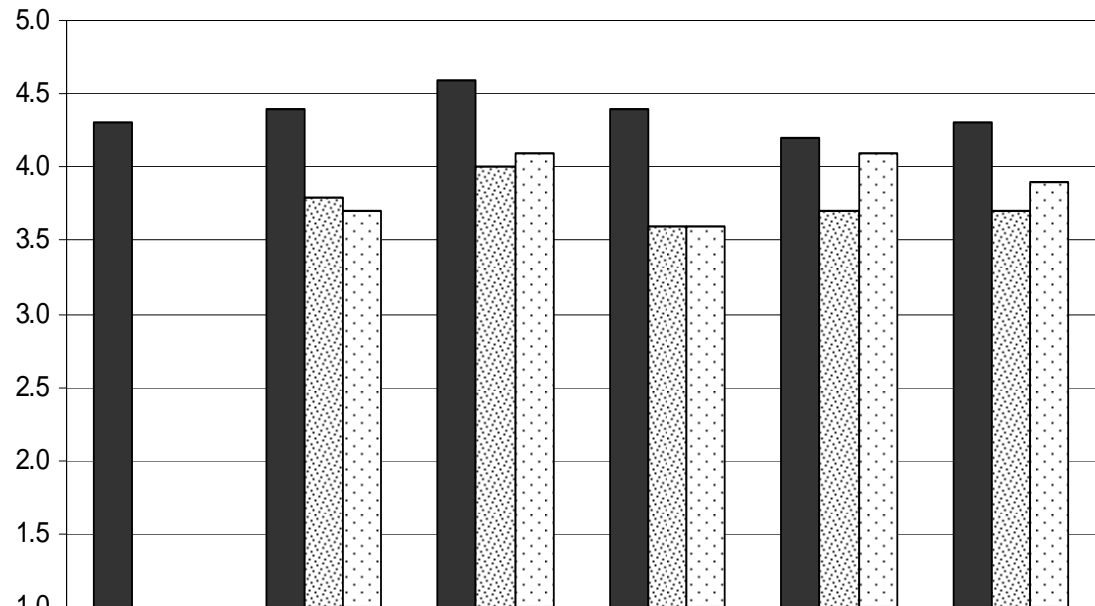
**Judge Sen K. Tan: Detail Information on Responses
Social Workers, Guardians Ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers**

	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	4.6	5	4.6	5	4.4	5	4.2	5	4.4	5
Direct Professional	3.7	14	4.1	13	3.6	14	4.1	13	3.9	14
Professional Reputation	4.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Type of Work										
No Response	3.5	2	5.0	1	3.0	2	5.0	1	3.5	2
Social Worker	3.4	7	3.7	7	3.6	7	3.7	7	3.7	7
Guardian ad Litem	5.0	3	5.0	3	4.7	3	5.0	3	5.0	3
CASA Volunteer	3.0	2	3.5	2	3.0	2	3.5	2	3.0	2
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Years Experience										
No Response	3.5	2	5.0	1	3.0	2	5.0	1	3.5	2
5 Years or fewer	3.2	5	3.8	5	3.6	5	3.6	5	3.6	5
6 to 10 years	3.3	3	3.3	3	3.0	3	3.3	3	3.3	3
11 to 15 years	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1
16 to 20 years	5.0	3	5.0	3	4.7	3	5.0	3	5.0	3
21 years or more	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Gender										
No Response	3.5	2	5.0	1	3.0	2	5.0	1	3.5	2
Male	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Female	3.8	12	4.0	12	3.8	12	4.0	12	3.9	12
Location of Practice										
No Response	3.5	2	5.0	1	3.0	2	5.0	1	3.5	2
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	3.8	12	4.0	12	3.8	12	4.0	12	3.9	12
Fourth District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Community Population										
No Response	3.5	2	5.0	1	3.0	2	5.0	1	3.5	2
Under 2,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Over 35,000	3.8	12	4.0	12	3.8	12	4.0	12	3.9	12

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 items are only completed by Alaska Bar Association members.

Juror Survey Results 2006 Retention Evaluation Sen K. Tan											
		Distribution of Ratings									
Survey Category	Mean	Excellent % (n)	Good % (n)	Acceptable % (n)	Deficient % (n)	Poor % (n)	Total Returned = 7				
Impartiality/Fairness	5.0	100% 7	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	7				
Respectful/Courteous	5.0	100% 7	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	7				
Attentive during Proceedings	5.0	100% 7	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	7				
Control over Proceedings	5.0	100% 7	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	7				
Intelligence/Skill as a Judge	5.0	100% 7	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	7				
Overall Evaluation	5.0	100% 7	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	7				

Court Employee Survey Results 2006 Retention Evaluation Sen K. Tan												
		Distribution of Ratings										
Survey Category	Mean	Excellent % (n)	Good % (n)	Acceptable % (n)	Deficient % (n)	Poor % (n)	Total Returned = 84					
Impartiality/Fairness	4.6	66% 55	30% 25	1% 1	1% 1	0% 0	82					
Integrity	4.8	75% 63	21% 18	1% 1	0% 0	0% 0	82					
Judicial Temperament	4.7	67% 56	27% 23	1% 1	0% 0	0% 0	80					
Diligence	4.7	69% 58	25% 21	2% 2	0% 0	0% 0	81					
Overall Evaluation	4.7	75% 63	20% 17	2% 2	0% 0	0% 0	82					

Judge Sen K. Tan
 Prior Scores Summary
 Retention 2006
 Appointed 12/04/96 to Anchorage Superior Court

Bar Survey						
2006 Retention	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.2	4.3
2004 Interim	4.2	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.3
2000 Retention	4.0	4.3	4.4	4.3	3.9	4.0
	Legal Ability	Impartiality	Integrity	Judicial Temperament	Diligence	Overall Performance

Peace & Probation Officer Survey					
2006 Retention	3.8	4.0	3.6	3.7	3.7
2004 Interim	3.8	3.8	3.6	4.0	3.8
2000 Retention	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.9
	Impartiality	Integrity	Judicial Temperament	Diligence	Overall Performance