

**Alaska Judicial Council
2010 Judicial Retention Performance Evaluation Materials
Judge William L. Estelle
Palmer District Court**

The Judicial Council finds Judge Estelle to be **Qualified** and recommends unanimously that the public vote **"YES"** to retain him as a district court judge.

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Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

Judge William L. Estelle, District Court, Palmer

Judicial Council Recommendation 2010

The Alaska Judicial Council is a non-partisan citizens' commission established by the Alaska constitution. Alaskan law requires the Council to evaluate judges' performance and authorizes the Council to recommend to voters whether judges should be retained in office. The Judicial Council reviews judges' integrity, diligence, legal ability, fairness, demeanor, ability to manage their caseloads, and overall performance of their judicial responsibilities in and out of the courtroom. The Judicial Council finds Judge Estelle to be **Qualified** and recommends unanimously that the public vote "YES" to retain him as a district court judge.

Judicial Council Evaluation

The Judicial Council surveyed thousands of Alaskans including peace and probation officers, court employees, attorneys, jurors, social workers/guardians ad litem, and child advocates 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 the judge's preemptory challenge, 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 involving the judge; and whether a judge's pay was withheld for an untimely decision. The Council reviewed other court records and investigated judicial conduct in specific cases. The Council interviewed some judges, attorneys, and court staff, and 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	3.8	---	---	---	---
Impartiality	3.8	4.0	4.9	3.5	5.0
Integrity	4.1	4.2	---	3.9	5.0
Temperament	3.6	3.8	4.9	3.5	5.0
Diligence	3.7	4.2	---	3.7	5.0
Overall	3.6	4.0	4.9	3.7	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

Survey respondents rated Judge Estelle on the categories summarized in the table above, using 5 as the highest rating possible. The attorney rating for Judge Estelle on overall performance was 3.6. Peace and probation officers gave Judge Estelle a rating of 4.0. Jurors rated him 4.9 overall, court employees gave him 3.7, and social workers, guardians ad litem and CASA volunteers rated him at 5.0.

Recommendation: Vote "YES" to retain Judge William L. Estelle

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Alaska Judicial Council Questionnaire

Trial Judge 2010 Candidates for Judicial Retention

October 22, 2009

<u>William L. Estelle</u> Name	<u>Palmer District Court</u> Court
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1. Please estimate your workload during your present term.

a) <u>20</u> % civil cases <u>75</u> % criminal cases <u>5</u> % court administrative work 100 % Total	b) <u>15</u> # of jury trials/year <u>6</u> # of non-jury trials/year <u>0</u> # of administrative appeals/year
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2. Please describe your participation on court/bar committees or other administrative activities during your current term of office.

Newer Judges Training Conference speaker regarding District Court case management topics.
Chairman Palmer Courthouse Art Selection Committee for 1%-for-Art.
Palmer District Court supervisor.
Palmer Coordinated Resources Program (Mental Health Court) judge.
Research on District Court administrative best practices.

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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 love working in the Palmer District Court and am very satisfied by the help we provide to the public. This is the "ounce of prevention" court. We deal with the majority of the courts' cases, 80% of the criminal cases, and deal with the widest variety of human misfortune. I look, in each case, for a "silver lining" under the theory that each is an opportunity for the person to get the education, skills and tools that help them avoid coming back to court as a party. I am privileged to serve the community where I was born and raised. As the Matanuska and Susitna Valleys have grown in population, the court filings also have grown proportionately.

Managing growth through innovations such as our "Evening Court" for traffic matters and Small Claims cases was well received by those citizens and officers who are either working or sleeping during the daytime court hours. In addition, our Mental Health Court process (Palmer Coordinated Resources Project or CRP) has been a huge success. It provides a treatment-oriented alternative to the regular Misdemeanor Trial and Jail phases. We are expanding it to include low-level non-violent felonies involving defendants with mental health issues. To participate, these folks must commit to a long-term treatment plan. Then, the CRP case manager provides an appropriate level of treatment-oriented structure and support. The court has brief, regular, periodic review hearings to assess progress. There, the court reviews achievements, any temporary set backs and future plans. After hearing from the parties and professionals, the court may order adjustments in levels or frequency of contacts. Patience, respect and understanding go a long way toward helping these people to see their way out of trouble and to a better future, not only for them but for the community, families, victims and others involved. Looking forward, I hope to continue to serve my community and do what I can to improve the quality of outcomes and the quality of legal practice in the Palmer Trial Courts.

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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 non-judicial 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
 - f) had any complaints, charges or grievances filed against you with the Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct, the Alaska Bar Association, or with the Alaska Court System that resulted in public proceedings or sanctions? 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.

Ruth Estelle v. Estate of Paul Ellis, 3PA-05-2018 civ. I was a potential trial witness, in a case that settled, between my mother and the estate of my uncle, over a vacant and derelict building which she had bought decades ago from my deceased aunt and uncle. My uncle's estate asserted a claim over a reconveyance that had not been recorded when the debt was satisfied. The estate threatened to seek foreclosure prompting the filing of the suit. The case settled and the building was sold. The involved parties were all family members.

6. Please provide any other information which you believe would assist the Council in conducting its evaluations and in preparing its recommendations for the 2010 retention elections.

I believe that I have served the community very well and am proud to be able to use my lifelong knowledge of this area to enhance my decisions. Understanding the area, its history, and local challenges help inform my decisions and help me to fashion judgments and sentences that will not only be just decisions but also will help people avoid future disputes and offenses.

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7. Please list your three most recent jury trials including case names and numbers. Please list the names, current addresses, including zip codes and suite numbers where applicable, and phone numbers of each attorney involved in these trials. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Case Number 1

Case Name: State **Case Number:** 3PA-09-1230 cr
v. Joiner

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Michael Perry	Name: Jeff Bradley
Address: 11921 Palmer-Wasilla Highway	Address: 268 E. Fireweed St., Suite. 200
City, State, Zip: Palmer, AK 99645	City, State, Zip: Palmer, AK 99645
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case Name: State **Case Number:** 3PA-08-2265 cr
v. Jenkins

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Shawn Traini	Name: Jeff Bradley
Address: 11921 Palmer-Wasilla Highway	Address: 268 E. Fireweed St., Suite. 200
City, State, Zip: Palmer, AK 99645	City, State, Zip: Palmer, AK 99645
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 3

Case Name: State **Case Number:** 3PA-09-1800 cr
v. Doggett

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Shawn Traini	Name: Byron Collins
Address: 11921 Palmer-Wasilla Highway	Address: 310 K. St., Suite 200
City, State, Zip: Palmer, AK 99645	City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

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8. Please list your three most recent non-jury trials including case names and numbers. Please list the names, current addresses, including zip codes and suite numbers where applicable, and phone numbers of each attorney involved in your three most recent non-jury trials. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Case Number 1

Case Name: Grinnell *Case Number:* 3PA--2105
 v. Sherwood

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Eric Conard</u>	Name: <u>Noble M. Sherwood, Pro Se</u>
Address: <u>832 S. Colony Way</u>	Address: <u>P.O. Box 875103</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Palmer, AK 99645</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Wasilla, AK 99687</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case Name: Marty *Case Number:* 3PA-08-1166 ci
 v. Jones

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Stefan K. Marty, Pro Se</u>	Name: <u>Julie Jones, Pro Se</u>
Address: <u>P.O. Box 1242</u>	Address: <u>P.O. Box 11</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Palmer, AK 99645</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Sutton, AK 99674</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 3

Case Name: Capitol One Bank *Case Number:* 3PA-09-12360 ci
 v. King

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>George Cruickshank</u>	Name: <u>James King, Pro Se</u>
Address: <u>3000 A. Street</u>	Address: <u>P.O. Box 870211</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99680</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Wasilla, AK 99687</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

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9. Please list your three most recent cases, including case names and numbers, which did not go to trial, but on which you did significant work (such as settlement conference, hearings, motion work, etc.). Please list the names, current addresses, including zip codes and suite numbers where applicable, and phone numbers of each attorney involved these cases. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Case Number 1

Case Name: State 3PA-09-02 cr
Case Number: 3PA-09-02 cr
 v. Gutierrez

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Shawn Traini</u>	Name: <u>Rex Butler</u>
Address: <u>11921 Palmer-Wasilla Highway</u>	Address: <u>745 W. 4th Ave., Suite 300</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Palmer, AK 99645</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case Name: State 3PA-08-3312 cr
Case Number: 3PA-08-3312 cr
 v. Shilling

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Shawn Traini</u>	Name: <u>Rex Butler</u>
Address: <u>11921 Palmer-Wasilla Highway</u>	Address: <u>745 W. 4th Ave., Suite 300</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Palmer, AK 99645</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 3

Case Name: State 3PA-08-3614 cr
Case Number: 3PA-08-3614 cr
 v. Bottomly

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Shawn Traini</u>	Name: <u>Jeff Bradley</u>
Address: <u>11921 Palmer-Wasilla Highway</u>	Address: <u>268 E. Fireweed St., Suite. 200</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Palmer, AK 99645</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Palmer, AK 99645</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

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10. *Optional:* If you deem it helpful to the Council, please list up to three other cases during your past term in which you believe your work was particularly noteworthy. Please list the names, current addresses, including zip codes and suite numbers where applicable, and phone numbers of each attorney involved in these cases. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Case Number 1

Case Name: Navrot **Case Number:** 3PA-06-1568 ci
v. Miller

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Ken Albertson</u>	Name: <u>George T. Miller, Pro Se</u>
Address: <u>P.O. Box 4368</u>	Address: <u>General Deliver</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Palmer, AK 99645</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Sutton, AK 99674</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case Name: Matanuska Electric Assn. **Case Number:** 3PA-07-1491
v. Puddicombe

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Richard Deuser</u>	Name: <u>Bill Ingaldson</u>
Address: <u>1075 Check St., Suite 214</u>	Address: <u>813 W. 3rd Avenue</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Wasilla, AK 99687</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 3

Case Name: Isborn **Case Number:** 3PA-07-1396 ci
v. Allstate Insurance

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Eric Jensen</u>	Name: <u>Rebecca Hozubin</u>
Address: <u>167 Park Ave.</u>	Address: <u>310 K. Street</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Wasilla, AK 99687</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Third Judicial District William L. Estelle - Palmer District Court

Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores

Summary of survey information

Judge Estelle's detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated him 3.6 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated him 4.0 overall, and social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASA volunteers rated him 5.0 overall.

	Attorney Survey N=72	Peace Officer Survey N=25	Social Workers Guardians ad Litem CASAs N=2
Legal Ability	3.8	--	--
Impartiality	3.8	4.0	5.0
Integrity	4.1	4.2	5.0
Temperament	3.6	3.8	5.0
Diligence	3.7	4.2	5.0
Overall	3.6	4.0	5.0

The Judicial Council's Evaluation Process

State law requires the Judicial Council to evaluate each judge standing for retention, and to report its evaluations to the voters. The three surveys reported here are an important part of the Council's evaluations. The Council also considers survey ratings by jurors and court employees, public comments, and the ratings by the independent citizen volunteers at Alaska Judicial Observers. Along with the personal observations of the hundreds of people who had direct professional experience with the judge, the Council reviews any litigation involving the judge, conflict of interest records, public disciplinary files, and indicators of judicial performance such as appellate affirmances and reversals, and peremptory challenges and recusals. All of the evaluation information about the judge is on the Council's website at www.ajc.state.ak.us.

District Court Judge William L. Estelle**A. Alaska Bar Association****Demographic Description**

		N	%
Type of Practice			
	No Response	2	2.3%
	Private, Solo	20	23.0%
	Private, 2-5 Attorneys	18	20.7%
	Private, 6+ Attorneys	4	4.6%
	Private, Corporate Employee	2	2.3%
	Judge or Judicial Officer	18	20.7%
	Government	22	25.3%
	Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	--	0.0%
	Other	1	1.1%
Length of Alaska Practice			
	No Response	3	3.4%
	5 Years or fewer	9	10.3%
	6 to 10 years	11	12.6%
	11 to 15 years	13	14.9%
	16 to 20 years	7	8.0%
	21 years or more	44	50.6%
Gender			
	No Response	2	2.3%
	Male	57	65.5%
	Female	28	32.2%
Cases Handled			
	No Response	1	1.1%
	Prosecution	5	5.7%
	Mainly Criminal	13	14.9%
	Mixed Criminal & Civil	35	40.2%
	Mainly Civil	30	34.5%
	Other	3	3.4%
Location of Practice			
	No Response	1	1.1%
	First District	1	1.1%
	Second District	1	1.1%
	Third District	80	92.0%
	Fourth District	3	3.4%
	Outside of Alaska	1	1.1%

Judge William L. Estelle: Detailed Information Responses Alaska Bar Association Members

	Legal Ability		Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
Basis for Evaluation												
No Response		2		1		3		1		2		0
Direct Professional	3.8	70	3.8	71	4.1	69	3.6	71	3.7	70	3.6	72
Professional Reputation	3.9	9	3.9	9	4.4	9	4.0	9	4.3	7	4.0	9
Other Personal Contacts	4.4	5	4.8	5	4.8	5	4.4	5	4.4	5	4.4	5
Type of Practice												
No Response		0		0		0		0		1		0
Private, Solo	3.9	16	3.8	16	4.1	16	3.8	16	3.9	16	3.9	16
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	3.5	15	3.9	16	4.1	14	3.8	16	3.4	15	3.4	16
Private, 6+ Attorneys	3.5	2	3.5	2	4.0	2	3.0	2	3.5	2	3.5	2
Private, Corporate Attorney	4.5	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	3.5	2	4.0	2
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.0	16	4.1	16	4.3	16	3.7	16	3.8	16	3.9	16
Government	3.7	17	3.2	17	3.7	17	2.8	17	3.5	17	3.1	18
Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Other	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Years of Practice in Alaska												
No Response		0		0		0		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	3.8	9	3.8	9	4.1	8	3.0	9	3.3	9	3.3	9
6 to 10 years	4.0	8	3.4	9	3.8	8	3.2	9	3.6	8	3.2	9
11 to 15 years	4.0	11	3.9	11	4.5	11	3.7	11	3.9	11	3.6	12
16 to 20 years	4.0	7	4.0	7	4.6	7	4.3	7	4.3	7	4.1	7
21 years or more	3.8	33	3.9	33	4.1	33	3.7	33	3.7	33	3.8	33
Gender												
No Response		1		0		2		0		1		0
Male	3.8	45	3.8	46	4.1	44	3.5	46	3.7	45	3.7	46
Female	3.8	24	3.7	24	4.2	24	3.6	24	3.8	24	3.4	25
Cases Handled												
No Response		0		0		1		0		0		0
Prosecution	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.5	2	3.0	2	4.0	2	3.0	3
Mainly Criminal	3.9	10	3.1	11	3.6	10	2.5	11	3.6	10	3.0	11
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.1	31	4.1	31	4.4	31	3.9	31	3.9	31	4.0	31
Mainly Civil	3.4	24	3.6	24	3.9	23	3.7	24	3.4	24	3.3	24
Other	3.7	3	4.0	3	4.0	3	3.7	3	3.7	3	4.0	3
Location of Practice												
No Response		2		1		3		1		2		0
First District	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Second District	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Third District	3.8	64	3.7	65	4.1	63	3.5	65	3.6	64	3.6	66
Fourth District	4.0	3	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.0	3	4.0	3	4.0	3
Outside of Alaska	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1

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

District Court Judge William L. Estelle**B. Peace and Probation Officers****Demographic Description**

		N	%
Type of Work			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	17	53.1%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	7	21.9%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	8	25.0%
	Other	--	0.0%
Length of Alaska Experience			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	8	25.0%
	6 to 10 years	13	40.6%
	11 to 15 years	5	15.6%
	16 to 20 years	5	15.6%
	21 years or more	1	3.1%
Gender			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Male	24	75.0%
	Female	8	25.0%
Location of Work			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	32	100%
	Fourth District	--	0.0%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
Community Population			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Under 2,000	--	0.0%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	13	40.6%
	Over 35,000	19	59.4%

Judge William L. Estelle
Peace and Probation Officers

	Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
Basis for Evaluation										
No Response		0		0		0		1		1
Direct Professional	4.0	26	4.2	26	3.8	26	4.2	25	4.0	25
Professional Reputation	3.5	4	3.5	4	3.5	4	3.5	4	3.5	4
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Type of Work										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
State Law Enforcement Officer	4.0	15	4.1	15	3.7	15	4.3	15	4.0	15
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	4.3	6	4.5	6	4.0	6	4.4	5	4.2	5
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	3.6	5	4.0	5	3.8	5	4.0	5	3.8	5
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Length of Experience										
No Response	0		0		0	1		1		1
5 Years or fewer	4.4	5	4.8	5	4.6	5	4.8	5	4.6	5
6 to 10 years	4.0	12	4.0	12	3.6	12	4.1	12	4.0	12
11 to 15 years	3.5	4	3.8	4	3.3	4	3.7	3	3.0	3
16 to 20 years	4.3	4	4.5	4	4.3	4	4.8	4	4.3	4
21 years or more	3.0	1	3.0	1	2.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
Gender										
No Response		0		0		0		1		1
Male	4.0	21	4.1	21	3.7	21	4.2	20	4.0	20
Female	4.0	5	4.2	5	4.2	5	4.4	5	4.2	5
Location of Work										
No Response		0		0		0		1		1
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	4.0	26	4.2	26	3.8	26	4.2	25	4.0	25
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	4.3	9	4.4	9	4.2	9	4.5	8	4.3	8
Over 35,000	3.8	17	4.0	17	3.5	17	4.1	17	3.9	17

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

District Court Judge William L. Estelle**C. Social Workers, Guardians ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers****Demographic Description**

		N	%
Type of Work			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Social Worker	1	50.0%
	Guardian ad Litem	--	0.0%
	CASA Volunteer	1	50.0%
	Other	--	0.0%
Length of Alaska Experience			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	5 Years or fewer	--	0.0%
	6 to 10 years	2	100%
	11 to 15 years	--	0.0%
	16 to 20 years	--	0.0%
	21 years or more	--	0.0%
Gender			
	No Response	1	50.0%
	Male	--	0.0%
	Female	1	50.0%
Location of Work			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	2	100%
	Fourth District	--	0.0%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
Community Population			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Under 2,000	--	0.0%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	1	50.0%
	Over 35,000	1	50.0%

Judge William L. Estelle
Social Workers, Guardians ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers

	Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
Basis for Evaluation										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Direct Professional	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
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	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Guardian ad Litem	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
CASA Volunteer	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Length of Experience										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
6 to 10 years	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	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	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Female	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Location of Work										
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	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
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	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Over 35,000	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1

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

<p style="text-align: center;">Juror Survey Results 2010 Retention Evaluation William L. Estelle</p>										
		<p style="text-align: center;">Distribution of Ratings</p>								
<p style="text-align: center;">Survey Category</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mean</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Excellent % (n)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Good % (n)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Acceptable % (n)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Deficient % (n)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Poor % (n)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Total Responses</p>			
<p>Impartiality/Fairness</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4.9</p>	<p>90% 18</p>	<p>10% 2</p>	<p>0% 0</p>	<p>0% 0</p>	<p>0% 0</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p>			
<p>Respectful/Courteous</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4.9</p>	<p>90% 18</p>	<p>10% 2</p>	<p>0% 0</p>	<p>0% 0</p>	<p>0% 0</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p>			
<p>Attentive during Proceedings</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4.9</p>	<p>85% 17</p>	<p>15% 3</p>	<p>0% 0</p>	<p>0% 0</p>	<p>0% 0</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p>			
<p>Control over Proceedings</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4.9</p>	<p>90% 18</p>	<p>10% 2</p>	<p>0% 0</p>	<p>0% 0</p>	<p>0% 0</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p>			
<p>Intelligence/Skill as a Judge</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4.9</p>	<p>85% 17</p>	<p>15% 3</p>	<p>0% 0</p>	<p>0% 0</p>	<p>0% 0</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p>			
<p>Overall Evaluation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4.9</p>	<p>85% 17</p>	<p>15% 3</p>	<p>0% 0</p>	<p>0% 0</p>	<p>0% 0</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p>			

Court Employee Survey Results 2010 Retention Evaluation William L. Estelle								
Question	Excellent % (n)	Good % (n)	Acceptable % (n)	Deficient % (n)	Poor % (n)	Mean	Total Responses	
Impartiality/Fairness	10% 2	45% 9	35% 7	5% 1	5% 1	3.5	20	
Integrity	24% 5	48% 10	24% 5	0% 0	5% 1	3.9	21	
Judicial Temperament	15% 3	35% 7	35% 7	10% 2	5% 1	3.5	20	
Diligence	29% 6	33% 7	24% 5	10% 2	5% 1	3.7	21	
Overall Evaluation	19% 4	48% 10	19% 4	10% 2	5% 1	3.7	21	

Prior Retention Scores
Judge William L. Estelle
Palmer District Court: Retention 2010
 Appointed to Palmer District Court 2003

Bar Survey						
2010 Retention	3.8	3.8	4.1	3.6	3.7	3.6
2006 Retention	3.8	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.8
	Legal Ability	Impartiality	Integrity	Judicial Temperament	Diligence	Overall Performance
Peace & Probation Officer Survey						
2010 Retention	4.0	4.2	3.8	4.2	4.0	4.0
2006 Retention	3.7	4.1	3.5	3.9	3.7	3.7
	Impartiality	Integrity	Judicial Temperament	Diligence	Overall Performance	