# Alaska Judicial Council 2010 Judicial Retention Performance Evaluation Materials Judge Michael Spaan Anchorage Superior Court

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

## Retention evaluation materials for this judge

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# Retention evaluation materials for all judges on the ballot

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### 1. Peremptory challenges

Analysis of peremptory challenge rates for judges.

### 2. Recusals

Evaluation of judge's record of self-disqualification from cases, or "recusals."

#### 3. Appellate Affirmance Rates

Analysis of appellate decisions involving each trial judge's cases.

### 4. Salary Warrant Withholdings

Evaluation of judge's record of pay withholding for undecided or uncompleted decisions.

# Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation Judge Michael Spaan, Superior Court, Anchorage

#### **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 Spaan 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 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 peremptory 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<br>Survey | Peace<br>Officer<br>Survey | Juror<br>Survey | Court<br>Employee<br>Survey | Social Workers<br>Guardians ad Litem<br>CASAs |
|---------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Legal Ability | 3.9                |                            |                 |                             |   |
| Impartiality  | 4.1                | 3.9                        | 4.8             | 4.6                         | 4.0   |
| Integrity     | 4.2                | 4.1                        |                 | 4.6                         | 4.0   |
| Temperament   | 4.0                | 4.0                        | 4.9             | 4.6                         | 4.0   |
| Diligence     | 4.1                | 4.0                        |                 | 4.5                         | 4.0   |
| Overall       | 4.1                | 3.9                        | 4.9             | 4.6                         | 4.0   |

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 Spaan on the categories summarized in the table above, using 5 as the highest rating possible. The attorney rating for Judge Spaan on overall performance was 4.1. Peace and probation officers gave Judge Spaan a rating of 3.9. Jurors rated him 4.9 overall, court employees gave him 4.6, and social workers, guardians ad litem and CASA volunteers rated him at 4.0. The Alaska Judicial Observers rated him 3.58.

Recommendation: Vote "YES" to retain Judge Michael Spaan

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# Alaska Judicial Council Questionnaire

# Trial Judge 2010 Candidates for Judicial Retention

### October 22, 2009

| Michael R. Spaan  | Alaska Superior Court  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Name  | Court  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Please estimate your workload during your   | present term.  |  |  |  |  |  |
| a) 33 % civil cases 60 % criminal cases 7 % court administrative work 100 % Total                             | b) 23 # of jury trials/year  1 # of non-jury trials/year  6 # of administrative appeals/year |  |  |  |  |  |
| When I assumed the bench in February 2007, I was ass transferred to the Criminal Division. The cases assigned |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. Please describe your participation on court/l during your current term of office.                          | oar committees or other administrative activities  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (1) I have filled in as Acting Deputy Presiding Judge wh  | en Judge Volland has been out of district.   |  |  |  |  |  |
| (2) I am a member of the Criminal Bench-Bar group.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (3) I have participated as a Judge on the High School M   | loot Court finals.   |  |  |  |  |  |
| (4) I am a member of the Court Security Committee.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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.

When I applied to be a Judge I anticipated enjoying the job. I underestimated the level of satisfaction. I look forward to coming to work each morning. Although I am fortunate to have enjoyed a varied and exciting career, being a Judge is a new challenge. The first year was a learning experience and I thank my colleagues on the bench for their time, understanding and patience. Without their help the learning curve would have been much steeper.

I have been fortunate to serve as both a criminal and civil judge. I have attempted to master the issues that come before me. Every case presents new issues which requires analysis and thought, which is a great thing about this job. Working with lawyers, witnesses, litigants and jurors is the part of the job I also enjoy.

I am constantly working on improving my abilities to listen, analyze, and communicate to assure that all who appear in front of me receive a fair, impartial and reasoned result.

| 4.  | Durin | g 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.  |       | r answer to any of the questions above is "yes," please give full details, including dates, case numbers and outcomes.  |
| N/A |       |   |
| ).  |       | provide any other information which you believe would assist the Council in cting its evaluations and in preparing its recommendations for the 2010 retention ons.  |
|     |       |   |

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 of Alaska Case Number: 3AN-07-13106 CR v. Baby Mulipola Attorneys Involved: Name: Josh Cashion Name: Gustaf Olson Address: 310 K Street, Suite 520 Address: 900 West 5th Avenue, Suite 200 City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 Address: Address: City, State, Zip: City, State, Zip: Case Number 2 Case Name: State of Alaska Case Number: 3AN-08-2949 CR v. Robert Chilligan Attorneys Involved: Name: Monica Elkinton Name: Robert Corbisier Address: 900 West 5th Avenue, Suite 200 Address: 310 K Street, Suite 520 City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_ Case Number 3 Name: State of Alaska Case Number: 3AN-07-11074 CR v. Joseph Delgreco Attorneys Involved: Name: Brendan Kelley Name: Regan Williams Address: 900 West 5th Avenue, Suite 525 Address: 310 K Street, Suite 520 City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 Address: City, State, Zip:

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

| <b>a</b>          |                                   |                   |                                 |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Case<br>Name: (   | Charles L. Spinelli, et al.       | Case Number:      | 3AN-06-04048 CI                 |
| v                 | Municipality of Anchorage, et al. |                   |                                 |
|                   | Atto                              | orneys Involved:  |                                 |
| Name              | David Shoup                       | Name:             | Calvin R. Jones                 |
| Address           | 508 West 2nd Avenue, Third Floo   | Address:          | 1900 W. Benson Blvd., Suite 201 |
| City, State, Zip: | Anchorage, AK 99501               | City, State, Zip: | Anchorage, AK 99517             |
| Name:             |                                   | Name:             |                                 |
| Address:          |                                   |                   |                                 |
| City, State, Zip: |                                   |                   |                                 |
|                   | Ca                                | se Number 2       |                                 |
| Case<br>Name: S   | State of Alaska                   | Case Number:      | 3AN-07-11895 CR                 |
| v                 | Kevin Fena                        |                   |                                 |
|                   | Atte                              | orneys Involved:  |                                 |
| Name:             | Aaron Jabaay                      |                   | Lance Wells                     |
| Address:          | 310 K Street, Suite 520           | Address:          | 733 West 4th Avenue, Suite 308  |
| City, State, Zip: | Anchorage, AK 99501               | City, State, Zip: | Anchorage, AK 99501             |
| Name:             |                                   | Name <sup>.</sup> |                                 |
| Address:          |                                   |                   |                                 |
| City, State, Zip: |                                   |                   |                                 |
|                   |                                   | se Number 3       |                                 |
| Case              | N 11 0                            |                   | 0.4.1.00.5000.01                |
|                   | Sheila Curran                     | Case Number:      | 3AN-02-5389 CI                  |
| v. <u>t</u>       | Ed Fayette                        |                   |                                 |
| Nama:             | Allen Bailey                      | orneys Involved:  | Peggy Roston                    |
|                   | 310 K Street, Suite 401           |                   | 4241 B Street, Suite 203        |
|                   | Anchorage, AK 99501               | <del></del>       | Anchorage, AK 99503             |
| eny, orate, zip.  | Alienorage, Alt 33001             | City, State, Zip: | Allohorago, Alt 30000           |
| Name:             |                                   | Name:             |                                 |
| Address:          |                                   | Address:          |                                 |
| City, State, Zip: |                                   | City, State, Zip: |                                 |

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: Keith Coonrod, et al. Case Number: 3AN-06-08866 CI v. State of Alaska Attorneys Involved: Name: Jason Brandeis Name: Krista Stearns Address: PO Box 201844 Address: 1031 West 4th Avenue, Suite 200 City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99520 City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 Name: Kevin Clarkson Name: Joe Josephson Address: 810 N Street, Suite 100 Address: 912 West 6th Avenue City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 Case Number 2 Case Name: State of Alaska Case Number: 3AN-03-10649 CR \* v. Derrick Wren Attorneys Involved: Name: Andrew Lambert Name: Adrienne Bachman Address: 711 H Street, Suite 450 Address: 310 K Street, Suite 520 City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 Name: Daniel Shorey Address: 310 K Street, Suite 520 Address: City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 City, State, Zip: **Case Number 3** Case Name: State of Alaska Case Number: 3AN-08-05258 CR v. Christopher Pifer Attorneys Involved: Name: Robert Corbisier Name: Gayle Brown Address: 750 West 2nd Avenue, Suite 207 Address: 310 K Street, Suite 520 City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 Name: Address: Address: City, State, Zip: City, State, Zip:

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Case Number 2 (SOA v. Derrick Wren, Case No. 3AN-03-10649 CR)

<sup>\*</sup>This case is currently in trial and is listed in this section because of the substantial motion work that preceded trial.

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:        | Case Number:                                |              |
| ν                 |   |              |
| None              | Attorneys Involved:                         |              |
| Name:             | Name:                                       |              |
| Address:          | Address:                                    |              |
| City, State, Zip: | City, State, Zip:                           |              |
| Name:             | Name:                                       |              |
| Address:          | Address:                                    |              |
| City, State, Zip: | City, State, Zip:                           |              |
|                   | Case Number 2                               |              |
| Case Name:        | Case Number:                                |              |
| ν                 | WAS AND |              |
|                   | Attorneys Involved:                         |              |
| Name:             | Name:                                       |              |
| Address:          | Address:                                    |              |
| City, State, Zip: | City, State, Zip:                           | <del>,</del> |
| Name:             | Name:                                       |              |
| Address:          | Address:                                    |              |
| City, State, Zip: | City, State, Zip:                           |              |
|                   | Case Number 3                               |              |
| Case Name:        | Case Number:                                |              |
| ν,                |   |              |
|                   | Attorneys Involved:                         |              |
| Name:             | Name:                                       |              |
| Address:          | Address:                                    |              |
| City, State, Zip: | City, State, Zip:                           |              |
| Name:             | Name:                                       |              |
| Address:          | Address:                                    |              |
| City, State, Zip: | City, State, Zip:                           |              |

# Third Judicial District Michael Spaan - Anchorage Superior Court

### **Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

### Summary of survey information

Judge Spaan's detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated him 4.1 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated him 3.9 overall, and social workers, Guardians ad Litem and CASA volunteers rated him 4.0 overall.

|               | Attorney Survey<br>N=118 | Peace Officer<br>Survey<br>N=18 | Social Workers<br>Guardians ad Litem<br>CASAs<br>N=1 |
|---------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Legal Ability | 3.9                      |                                 |  |
| Impartiality  | 4.1                      | 3.9                             | 4.0  |
| Integrity     | 4.2                      | 4.1                             | 4.0  |
| Temperament   | 4.0                      | 4.0                             | 4.0  |
| Diligence     | 4.1                      | 4.0                             | 4.0  |
| Overall       | 4.1                      | 3.9                             | 4.0  |

### 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.

# **Superior Court Judge Michael Spaan**

### A. Alaska Bar Association

# **Demographic Description**

|                                  |                                       | N   | %     |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----|-------|
| Type of Practice                 |                                       |     |       |
|                                  | No Response                           | 3   | 1.9%  |
|                                  | Private, Solo                         | 24  | 15.6% |
|                                  | Private, 2-5 Attorneys                | 16  | 10.4% |
|                                  | Private, 6+ Attorneys                 | 21  | 13.6% |
|                                  | Private, Corporate Employee           | 5   | 3.2%  |
|                                  | Judge or Judicial Officer             | 24  | 15.6% |
|                                  | Government                            | 56  | 36.4% |
|                                  | Public Service Agency or Organization | 1   | .6%   |
|                                  | (Not Govt)                            |     |       |
|                                  | Other                                 | 4   | 2.6%  |
| <b>Length of Alaska Practice</b> |                                       |     |       |
|                                  | No Response                           | 4   | 2.6%  |
|                                  | 5 Years or fewer                      | 19  | 12.3% |
|                                  | 6 to 10 years                         | 7   | 4.5%  |
|                                  | 11 to 15 years                        | 17  | 11.0% |
|                                  | 16 to 20 years                        | 14  | 9.1%  |
|                                  | 21 years or more                      | 93  | 60.4% |
| Gender                           | •                                     |     |       |
|                                  | No Response                           | 6   | 3.9%  |
|                                  | Male                                  | 93  | 60.4% |
|                                  | Female                                | 55  | 35.7% |
| Cases Handled                    |                                       |     |       |
|                                  | No Response                           | 4   | 2.6%  |
|                                  | Prosecution                           | 16  | 10.4% |
|                                  | Mainly Criminal                       | 22  | 14.3% |
|                                  | Mixed Criminal & Civil                | 35  | 22.7% |
|                                  | Mainly Civil                          | 70  | 45.5% |
|                                  | Other                                 | 7   | 4.5%  |
| <b>Location of Practice</b>      |                                       |     |       |
|                                  | No Response                           | 3   | 1.9%  |
|                                  | First District                        | 4   | 2.6%  |
|                                  | Second District                       | 1   | .6%   |
|                                  | Third District                        | 141 | 91.6% |
|                                  | Fourth District                       | 3   | 1.9%  |
|                                  | Outside of Alaska                     | 2   | 1.3%  |

Judge Michael Spaan: Detailed Information Responses Alaska Bar Association Members

|                             | Leg  |     | Impart |     |       | Judicial |      |        |       | Overall |       |     |
|-----------------------------|------|-----|--------|-----|-------|----------|------|--------|-------|---------|-------|-----|
|                             | Abil | •   | Fairı  |     | Integ |          | _    | rament | Dilig |         | Evalu |     |
|                             | Mean | N   | Mean   | N   | Mean  | N        | Mean | N      | Mean  | N       | Mean  | N   |
| Basis for Evaluation        |      | 2   |        | 2   |       | 2        |      | 2      |       | 4       |       | 1   |
| No Response                 | 2.0  | 2   | 4.4    | 2   | 4.0   | 2        | 4.0  | 3      | 4.4   | 4       | 4.1   | 1   |
| Direct Professional         | 3.9  | 117 | 4.1    | 117 | 4.2   | 117      | 4.0  | 116    | 4.1   | 115     | 4.1   | 118 |
| Professional Reputation     | 4.2  | 27  | 4.2    | 27  | 4.1   | 27       | 4.0  | 27     | 3.9   | 27      | 4.1   | 27  |
| Other Personal Contacts     | 4.2  | 6   | 4.2    | 6   | 4.5   | 6        | 4.5  | 6      | 4.2   | 5       | 4.5   | 6   |
| Type of Practice            |      |     |        |     |       |          |      |        |       |         |       |     |
| No Response                 |      | 1   |        | 1   |       | 1        |      | 0      |       | 1       |       | 1   |
| Private, Solo               | 4.0  | 16  | 4.1    | 16  | 4.3   | 16       | 4.1  | 16     | 4.1   | 16      | 4.1   | 16  |
| Private, 2-5 Attorneys      | 4.0  | 13  | 4.2    | 13  | 4.5   | 13       | 4.2  | 13     | 4.3   | 13      | 4.2   | 13  |
| Private, 6+ Attorneys       | 3.8  | 14  | 3.8    | 14  | 3.9   | 14       | 3.7  | 15     | 3.5   | 14      | 3.9   | 14  |
| Private, Corporate Employee | 4.3  | 3   | 4.3    | 3   | 4.3   | 3        | 4.3  | 3      | 4.3   | 3       | 4.3   | 3   |
| Judge or Judicial Officer   | 4.2  | 22  | 4.4    | 21  | 4.4   | 22       | 4.2  | 22     | 4.3   | 21      | 4.3   | 22  |
| Government                  | 3.8  | 44  | 4.0    | 45  | 4.2   | 44       | 3.9  | 42     | 4.1   | 43      | 4.0   | 45  |
| Public Service Agency or    |      |     |        |     |       |          |      |        |       |         |       |     |
| Organization (Not Govt)     | 4.0  | 1   | 4.0    | 1   | 4.0   | 1        | 4.0  | 1      | 4.0   | 1       | 4.0   | 1   |
| Other                       | 4.0  | 2   | 4.5    | 2   | 5.0   | 2        | 5.0  | 2      | 4.5   | 2       | 4.5   | 2   |
| Years of Practice in Alaska |      |     |        |     |       |          |      |        |       |         |       |     |
| No Response                 |      | 1   |        | 2   |       | 1        |      | 0      |       | 2       |       | 1   |
| 5 Years or fewer            | 3.9  | 17  | 4.1    | 17  | 4.3   | 17       | 4.1  | 17     | 4.2   | 17      | 4.1   | 17  |
| 6 to 10 years               | 4.2  | 6   | 4.5    | 6   | 4.3   | 6        | 4.0  | 5      | 4.5   | 6       | 4.3   | 6   |
| 11 to 15 years              | 4.3  | 15  | 4.4    | 15  | 4.6   | 15       | 4.3  | 15     | 4.3   | 15      | 4.4   | 15  |
| 16 to 20 years              | 3.8  | 12  | 3.7    | 13  | 4.0   | 12       | 3.6  | 11     | 3.8   | 11      | 3.7   | 13  |
| 21 years or more            | 3.9  | 64  | 4.1    | 63  | 4.2   | 64       | 4.1  | 65     | 4.0   | 63      | 4.1   | 64  |
| Gender                      |      |     |        |     |       |          |      |        |       |         |       |     |
| No Response                 |      | 0   |        | 0   |       | 0        |      | 2      |       | 1       |       | 0   |
| Male                        | 4.0  | 70  | 4.1    | 70  | 4.3   | 70       | 4.1  | 68     | 4.1   | 69      | 4.1   | 70  |
| Female                      | 3.9  | 43  | 4.1    | 43  | 4.2   | 43       | 4.0  | 44     | 4.1   | 42      | 4.1   | 44  |
| Cases Handled               |      |     |        |     |       |          |      |        |       |         |       |     |
| No Response                 |      | 1   |        | 0   |       | 1        |      | 1      |       | 2       |       | 0   |
| Prosecution                 | 4.2  | 14  | 4.6    | 14  | 4.6   | 14       | 3.7  | 13     | 4.4   | 14      | 4.4   | 14  |
| Mainly Criminal             | 3.8  | 22  | 3.9    | 22  | 4.3   | 22       | 4.1  | 21     | 4.1   | 21      | 3.9   | 22  |
| Mixed Criminal & Civil      | 4.1  | 29  | 4.3    | 28  | 4.3   | 29       | 4.2  | 30     | 4.3   | 29      | 4.3   | 29  |
| Mainly Civil                | 3.8  | 46  | 4.0    | 47  | 4.1   | 46       | 4.0  | 46     | 3.9   | 45      | 4.0   | 47  |
| Other                       | 4.0  | 3   | 4.0    | 3   | 4.0   | 3        | 4.0  | 3      | 4.0   | 3       | 4.0   | 3   |
| <b>Location of Practice</b> |      |     |        |     |       |          |      |        |       |         |       |     |
| No Response                 |      | 1   |        | 2   |       | 2        |      | 3      |       | 3       |       | 1   |
| First District              | 4.0  | 2   | 4.0    | 3   | 4.0   | 3        | 4.0  | 3      | 4.0   | 2       | 4.0   | 3   |
| Second District             |      | 0   |        | 0   |       | 0        |      | 0      |       | 0       |       | 0   |
| Third District              | 3.9  | 110 | 4.1    | 109 | 4.3   | 109      | 4.0  | 108    | 4.1   | 108     | 4.1   | 110 |
| Fourth District             | 5.0  | 2   | 5.0    | 2   | 5.0   | 2        | 5.0  | 2      | 5.0   | 2       | 5.0   | 2   |
| Outside of Alaska           | 5.0  | 1   | 4.0    | 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.

# **Superior Court Judge Michael Spaan**

### **B.** Peace and Probation Officers

# **Demographic Description**

|                             |   | N  | %     |
|-----------------------------|---|----|-------|
| Type of Work                |   |    |       |
|                             | No Response                               |    | 0.0%  |
|                             | State Law Enforcement Officer             | 7  | 35.0% |
|                             | Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer | 4  | 20.0% |
|                             | Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)      | 1  | 5.0%  |
|                             | Probation/Parole Officer                  | 7  | 35.0% |
|                             | Other                                     | 1  | 5.0%  |
| Length of Alaska Experience | ce  |    |       |
|                             | No Response                               |    | 0.0%  |
|                             | 5 Years or fewer                          | 7  | 35.0% |
|                             | 6 to 10 years                             | 2  | 10.0% |
|                             | 11 to 15 years                            | 6  | 30.0% |
|                             | 16 to 20 years                            | 3  | 15.0% |
|                             | 21 years or more                          | 2  | 10.0% |
| Gender                      |   |    |       |
|                             | No Response                               |    | 0.0%  |
|                             | Male                                      | 14 | 70.0% |
|                             | Female                                    | 6  | 30.0% |
| Location of Work            |   |    |       |
|                             | No Response                               |    | 0.0%  |
|                             | First District                            |    | 0.0%  |
|                             | Second District                           |    | 0.0%  |
|                             | Third District                            | 20 | 100%  |
|                             | Fourth District                           |    | 0.0%  |
|                             | Outside of Alaska                         |    | 0.0%  |
| <b>Community Population</b> |   |    |       |
| ŭ 2                         | No Response                               |    | 0.0%  |
|                             | Under 2,000                               | 1  | 5.0%  |
|                             | Between 2,000 and 35,000                  | 1  | 5.0%  |
|                             | Over 35,000                               | 18 | 90.0% |

Judge Michael Spaan Peace and Probation Officers

|   | Impartiality/<br>Fairness Integrity |    | rity | Judici<br>Tempera | Dilige | Diligence |      | Overall<br>Evaluation |      |    |
|---|-------------------------------------|----|------|-------------------|--------|-----------|------|-----------------------|------|----|
|   | Mean                                | N  | Mean | N                 | Mean   | N         | Mean | N                     | Mean | N  |
| <b>Basis for Evaluation</b>               |                                     |    |      |                   |        |           |      |                       |      |    |
| No Response                               |                                     | 0  |      | 0                 |        | 1         |      | 0                     |      | 0  |
| <b>Direct Professional</b>                | 3.9                                 | 18 | 4.1  | 18                | 4.0    | 17        | 4.0  | 18                    | 3.9  | 18 |
| Professional Reputation                   | 4.0                                 | 1  | 4.0  | 1                 | 4.0    | 1         | 4.0  | 1                     | 4.0  | 1  |
| Other Personal Contacts                   |                                     | 0  |      | 0                 |        | 0         |      | 0                     |      | 0  |
| Type of Work                              |                                     |    |      |                   |        |           |      |                       |      |    |
| No Response                               |                                     | 0  |      | 0                 |        | 1         |      | 0                     |      | 0  |
| State Law Enforcement Officer             | 4.3                                 | 6  | 4.5  | 6                 | 4.2    | 6         | 4.3  | 6                     | 4.3  | 6  |
| Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer | 4.5                                 | 4  | 4.3  | 4                 | 4.3    | 4         | 4.3  | 4                     | 4.3  | 4  |
| Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)      | 5.0                                 | 1  | 5.0  | 1                 | 4.0    | 1         | 5.0  | 1                     | 5.0  | 1  |
| Probation/Parole Officer                  | 3.0                                 | 6  | 3.2  | 6                 | 3.4    | 5         | 3.2  | 6                     | 3.0  | 6  |
| Other                                     | 4.0                                 | 1  | 5.0  | 1                 | 5.0    | 1         | 5.0  | 1                     | 5.0  | 1  |
| <b>Length of Experience</b>               |                                     |    |      |                   |        |           |      |                       |      |    |
| No Response                               |                                     | 0  |      | 0                 |        | 1         |      | 0                     |      | 0  |
| 5 Years or fewer                          | 3.7                                 | 7  | 3.9  | 7                 | 4.0    | 6         | 3.6  | 7                     | 3.7  | 7  |
| 6 to 10 years                             | 3.5                                 | 2  | 3.5  | 2                 | 3.0    | 2         | 4.0  | 2                     | 3.5  | 2  |
| 11 to 15 years                            | 4.3                                 | 4  | 4.0  | 4                 | 4.0    | 4         | 4.0  | 4                     | 4.0  | 4  |
| 16 to 20 years                            | 4.3                                 | 3  | 4.7  | 3                 | 4.3    | 3         | 4.7  | 3                     | 4.7  | 3  |
| 21 years or more                          | 4.0                                 | 2  | 4.5  | 2                 | 4.5    | 2         | 4.5  | 2                     | 4.0  | 2  |
| Gender                                    |                                     |    |      |                   |        |           |      |                       |      |    |
| No Response                               |                                     | 0  |      | 0                 |        | 1         |      | 0                     |      | 0  |
| Male                                      | 4.2                                 | 13 | 4.2  | 13                | 4.2    | 12        | 4.2  | 13                    | 4.1  | 13 |
| Female                                    | 3.4                                 | 5  | 3.6  | 5                 | 3.6    | 5         | 3.6  | 5                     | 3.6  | 5  |
| Location of Work                          |                                     |    |      |                   |        |           |      |                       |      |    |
| No Response                               |                                     | 0  |      | 0                 |        | 1         |      | 0                     |      | 0  |
| First District                            |                                     | 0  |      | 0                 |        | 0         |      | 0                     |      | 0  |
| Second District                           |                                     | 0  |      | 0                 |        | 0         |      | 0                     |      | 0  |
| Third District                            | 3.9                                 | 18 | 4.1  | 18                | 4.0    | 17        | 4.0  | 18                    | 3.9  | 18 |
| Fourth District                           |                                     | 0  |      | 0                 |        | 0         |      | 0                     |      | 0  |
| Outside of Alaska                         |                                     | 0  |      | 0                 |        | 0         |      | 0                     |      | 0  |
| <b>Community Population</b>               |                                     |    |      |                   |        |           |      |                       |      |    |
| No Response                               |                                     | 0  |      | 0                 |        | 1         |      | 0                     |      | 0  |
| Under 2,000                               | 5.0                                 | 1  | 5.0  | 1                 | 4.0    | 1         | 5.0  | 1                     | 5.0  | 1  |
| Between 2,000 and 35,000                  |                                     | 0  |      | 0                 |        | 0         |      | 0                     |      | 0  |
| Over 35,000                               | 3.9                                 | 17 | 4.0  | 17                | 4.0    | 16        | 3.9  | 17                    | 3.9  | 17 |

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

# **Superior Court Judge Michael Spaan**

### 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 Experien   | ce                       |   |       |
|                             | 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%  |
| <b>Community Population</b> |                          |   |       |
| ν -                         | No Response              |   | 0.0%  |
|                             | Under 2,000              |   | 0.0%  |
|                             | Between 2,000 and 35,000 |   | 0.0%  |
|                             | Over 35,000              | 2 | 100%  |

Judge Michael Spaan Social Workers, Guardians ad Litem, and CASA Volunteers

|                             | Impartia |   |        | Judici | al      |      |           | Overall |            |   |
|-----------------------------|----------|---|--------|--------|---------|------|-----------|---------|------------|---|
|                             | Fairness |   | Integr | ity    | Tempera | ment | Diligence |         | Evaluation |   |
|                             | Mean     | N | Mean   | N      | Mean    | N    | Mean      | N       | Mean       | N |
| <b>Basis for Evaluation</b> |          |   |        |        |         |      |           |         |            |   |
| No Response                 |          | 0 |        | 0      |         | 0    |           | 0       |            | 0 |
| <b>Direct Professional</b>  | 4.0      | 1 | 4.0    | 1      | 4.0     | 1    | 4.0       | 1       | 4.0        | 1 |
| Professional Reputation     | 3.0      | 1 | 3.0    | 1      | 3.0     | 1    | 3.0       | 1       | 3.0        | 1 |
| Other Personal Contacts     |          | 0 |        | 0      |         | 0    |           | 0       |            | 0 |
| Type of Work                |          |   |        |        |         |      |           |         |            |   |
| No Response                 |          | 0 |        | 0      |         | 0    |           | 0       |            | 0 |
| Social Worker               | 4.0      | 1 | 4.0    | 1      | 4.0     | 1    | 4.0       | 1       | 4.0        | 1 |
| Guardian ad Litem           |          | 0 |        | 0      |         | 0    |           | 0       |            | 0 |
| CASA Volunteer              |          | 0 |        | 0      |         | 0    |           | 0       |            | 0 |
| Length of Experience        |          |   |        |        |         |      |           |         |            |   |
| No Response                 |          | 0 |        | 0      |         | 0    |           | 0       |            | 0 |
| 5 Years or fewer            |          | 0 |        | 0      |         | 0    |           | 0       |            | 0 |
| 6 to 10 years               | 4.0      | 1 | 4.0    | 1      | 4.0     | 1    | 4.0       | 1       | 4.0        | 1 |
| 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                      |          | 0 |        | 0      |         | 0    |           | 0       |            | 0 |
| 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              | 4.0      | 1 | 4.0    | 1      | 4.0     | 1    | 4.0       | 1       | 4.0        | 1 |
| 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    |          | 0 |        | 0      |         | 0    |           | 0       |            | 0 |
| Over 35,000                 | 4.0      | 1 | 4.0    | 1      | 4.0     | 1    | 4.0       | 1       | 4.0        | 1 |

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# Juror Survey Results 2010 Retention Evaluation Michael Spaan

|                               |      | Distribution of Ratings |     |               |    |                     |   |                    |   |               |   |                    |
|-------------------------------|------|-------------------------|-----|---------------|----|---------------------|---|--------------------|---|---------------|---|--------------------|
| Survey Category               | Mean | Excellent<br>% (n)      |     | Good<br>% (n) |    | Acceptable<br>% (n) |   | Deficient<br>% (n) |   | Poor<br>% (n) |   | Total<br>Responses |
| Impartiality/Fairness         | 4.8  | 83%                     | 220 | 16%           | 41 | .4%                 | 1 | 0%                 | 0 | 0%            | 0 | 262                |
| Respectful/Courteous          | 4.9  | 90%                     | 238 | 10%           | 25 | .4%                 | 1 | 0%                 | 0 | 0%            | 0 | 264                |
| Attentive during Proceedings  | 4.8  | 83%                     | 217 | 17%           | 44 | 1%                  | 2 | 0%                 | 0 | 0%            | 0 | 263                |
| Control over Proceedings      | 4.9  | 86%                     | 228 | 13%           | 35 | .4%                 | 1 | 0%                 | 0 | 0%            | 0 | 264                |
| Intelligence/Skill as a Judge | 4.9  | 88%                     | 233 | 11%           | 30 | .4%                 | 1 | 0%                 | 0 | 0%            | 0 | 264                |
| Overall Evaluation            | 4.9  | 88%                     | 233 | 11%           | 29 | .4%                 | 1 | 0%                 | 0 | 0%            | 0 | 263                |

# Court Employee Survey Results 2010 Retention Evaluation Michael Spaan

|                       |           |              |               |    |                     | _ |                    |   |               |   |      |                    |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------------|---------------|----|---------------------|---|--------------------|---|---------------|---|------|--------------------|
| Question              | Exce<br>% | llent<br>(n) | Good<br>% (n) |    | Acceptable<br>% (n) |   | Deficient<br>% (n) |   | Poor<br>% (n) |   | Mean | Total<br>Responses |
| Impartiality/Fairness | 62%       | 33           | 30%           | 16 | 8%                  | 4 | 0%                 | 0 | 0%            | 0 | 4.6  | 53                 |
| Integrity             | 63%       | 32           | 31%           | 16 | 6%                  | 3 | 0%                 | 0 | 0%            | 0 | 4.6  | 51                 |
| Judicial Temperament  | 67%       | 36           | 24%           | 13 | 7%                  | 4 | 2%                 | 1 | 0%            | 0 | 4.6  | 54                 |
| Diligence             | 59%       | 30           | 35%           | 18 | 6%                  | 3 | 0%                 | 0 | 0%            | 0 | 4.5  | 51                 |
| Overall Evaluation    | 61%       | 33           | 33%           | 18 | 6%                  | 3 | 0%                 | 0 | 0%            | 0 | 4.6  | 54                 |