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Alaska Judicial Council Trial Judge Questionnaire

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2012 Candidates for Judicial Retention

October 2011

Gregory Louis Heath

Name

Superior Court, Palmer

Court

1. Please estimate your workload during your present term.

a) <u>52</u> % civil cases	b) <u>9</u> # of jury trials/year
<u>43</u> % criminal cases	<u>43</u> # of non-jury trials/year
<u>5</u> % court administrative work	<u>0</u> # of administrative appeals/year
100 % Total	

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

As a Superior Court Judge I have continued my work implementing and overseeing the Palmer Coordinated Resource Project (CRP). I have been involved with the CRP since I became a District Court Judge in 2003. The CRP is a therapeutic court that handles cases with defendants who have cognitive or mental disabilities. Since my time in Superior Court I have established a new program within CRP that works with felony level defendants who meet the qualifications for CRP. Working with felony level defendants in CRP has required me to take a new approach to ensure that defendants meet their probation requirements. CRP continues to be a major success in reducing recidivism and helping to protect our community. I look forward to continuing to work with this valuable program and similarly participating in a drug and alcohol court when one is established in Palmer.

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.

In December of 2011, I completed my second year as a Superior Court Judge and my eighth year as a judicial officer. It has been an honor to serve the Matanuska-Susitna community and the State of Alaska. I believe it is important to maintain a fair and impartial deliberation and temperament when presiding in the courtroom. Regardless of whether a person appearing before the court is an attorney or a self-represented party, as is often the case with family law issues, I treat everyone with the same respect and consideration. I ensure that people are given the time and access to the judicial system to make the court an open environment.

I understand that the issues I deal with in Superior Court have a wide-reaching effect. Especially in criminal matters, my decisions as a judge have serious ramifications for the defendants, victims and the community. Therefore I fully evaluate the issues and thoroughly research the law to ensure that I am making the correct decision. The community expects high standards from a judicial officer and I have upheld those standards the community expects.

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.

6. Please provide any other information which you believe would assist the Council in conducting its evaluations and in preparing its recommendations for the 2012 retention elections.

I have been grateful to serve our community for 18 years, 10 as a practicing attorney, 6 years as a District Court Judge and 2 years as a Superior Court Judge. I am fully committed to continued service to the community.

For questions 7 through 10 please do not list any cases that have pending issues in your court.

- 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, of each attorney involved in these trials. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Case Number 1

Case Name: State of Alaska Case Number: 3PA-10-02058CR
 v. Renee L. Ellison

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>DA Melissa Howard</u>	Name: <u>PD Bruce Brown</u>
Address: <u>515 E. Dahlia Ave., Suite 1</u>	Address: <u>575 E. Dahlia Ave. Ste 100</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Palmer, AK 99645</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Palmer, AK 99645</u>
Name: <u>DA Trina Sears</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>515 E. Dahlia Ave., Suite 1</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Palmer, AK 99645</u>	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case Name: State of Alaska Case Number: 3PA-11-00614CR
 v. Eric Bryce Stoltze

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>DA Jarom Bangerter</u>	Name: <u>PD Jeffrey Bradley</u>
Address: <u>515 E. Dahlia Ave., Suite 1</u>	Address: <u>575 E. Dahlia Ave. Ste 100</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: _____

Case Number 3

Case Name: State of Alaska Case Number: 3PA-11-01209CR
 v. Robert Wayne Snider

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>DA Trina Sears</u>	Name: <u>PD Jeffrey Bradley</u>
Address: <u>515 E. Dahlia Ave., Suite 1</u>	Address: <u>575 E. Dahlia Ave. Ste 100</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: _____

- 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, of each attorney involved in these trials. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Case Number 1

Case Name: Rebecca Van Bakel Case Number: 3PA-09-01125CI
 v. James Van Bakel

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Kenneth Goldman</u>	Name: <u>Robin Taylor</u>
Address: <u>248 S. Alaska St.</u>	Address: <u>801 B St., Suite 505</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: ITMO: JN Case Number: 3PA-09-00047CN
 v. _____

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>AG Vennie Nemecek</u>	Name: <u>S. Jeff Carney (for Mother</u>
Address: <u>1031 W 4th Ave., Suite 200</u>	Address: <u>100 W Lakeview Avenue</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Wasilla, AK 99654</u>
Name: _____	Name: <u>PD Laurel Bennett (For Dad)</u>
Address: _____	Address: <u>515 E. Dahlia Ave, Ste. 100</u>
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: <u>Palmer, AK 99645</u>

Case Number 3

Case Name: Christoper W. Dishman Case Number: 3PA-10-3038CI
 v. Laura Hunt

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>David A. Golter</u>	Name: <u>Michael McDonough</u>
Address: <u>348 S. Denali Street</u>	Address: <u>12110 Business Blvd.</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Palmer, AK 99645</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Ste 6139 Eagle River 99577</u>
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, of each attorney involved in these cases. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Case Number 1

Case Name: State of Alaska Case Number: 3PA-09-03257CR

v. Joseph D. Packard

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>DA Trina Sears</u>	Name: <u>OPA Joseph Van De Mark</u>
Address: <u>515 E. Dahlia Ave., Ste 150</u>	Address: <u>900 W 5th Ave., Suite 525</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Palmer, AK 99645</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>

Name: _____	Name: <u>OPA Marcelle McDannel</u>
Address: _____	Address: <u>900 W 5th Avenue</u>
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>

Case Number 2

Case Name: State of Alaska Case Number: 3PA-09-02438CR

v. Larissa M. Earles

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>DA Rick Allen (now OPA)</u>	Name: <u>OPA Lyle Stohler</u>
Address: <u>900 W 5th Ave., Suite 525</u>	Address: <u>1517 S Industrial Way, #1</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Palmer, AK 99645</u>

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

Case Number 3

Case Name: State of Alaska Case Number: 3PA-10-2555CR

v. Robin L. Kling

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>DA Jarom Bangerter</u>	Name: <u>Joshua Fannon</u>
Address: <u>515 E. Dahlia Ave., Ste 150</u>	Address: <u>808 S Bailey St, Ste 101</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Palmer, AK 99645</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Palmer, AK 99645</u>

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Address: _____	Address: _____
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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, of each attorney involved in these cases. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Case Number 1

Case Name: _____ Case Number: _____

v. _____

Attorneys Involved:

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

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

Case Number 2

Case Name: _____ Case Number: _____

v. _____

Attorneys Involved:

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

Case Number 3

Case Name: _____ Case Number: _____

v. _____

Attorneys Involved:

Name: _____	Name: _____
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