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Alaska Judicial Council Trial Judge Questionnaire

2012 Candidates for Judicial Retention

October 2011

Keith B. Levy

Name

Juneau District Court

Court

1. Please estimate your workload during your present term.

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| a) <u>35</u> % civil cases | b) <u>12</u> # of jury trials/year |
| <u>60</u> % criminal cases | <u>10</u> # of non-jury trials/year |
| <u>5</u> % court administrative work | <u> </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.

Member, advisory committee for the Family Law Self Help Center

Chair, Newer Judge Training Committee

Judge member, Commission on Judicial Conduct

Member, steering committee for the Success Inside and Out program (a pre-release program for inmates at Lemon Creek Correctional Center)

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.

Since the last retention election I have continued to take advantage of educational opportunities, to meet the demands of the job on the bench, and to contribute to the administration of justice through activities off the bench. In addition to continuing to preside over the Juneau Therapeutic Court, I have been working with stakeholders to establish a mental health court in Juneau. This court will be a diversion program to provide coordinated treatment resources to individuals who are charged with misdemeanor offenses and suffer from mental illness. I have also begun a program of weekly compliance hearings for individuals who admit to violating probation by not completing treatment requirements. The program provides a structure to encourage completion of treatment and avoid additional jail time.

I was recently elected by my colleagues to serve as a judge member of the Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct. I have also taken responsibility for organizing and putting on the annual Success Inside and Out Program at the Lemon Creek Correctional Center. This is a program to help inmates prepare for release into the community. I also continue to serve as chair of the Newer Judge Training Committee, putting on an annual training conference for judges who have been appointed within the preceding three years.

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.

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 Case Number: 1JU-10-1458CR
 v. Lavada Johnson

Attorneys Involved:

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|---|---|
| Name: <u>Angie Kemp</u> | Name: <u>Kevin Higgins</u> |
| Address: <u>P.O. Box 110300</u> | Address: <u>227 7th Street</u> |
| City, State, Zip: <u>Juneau, AK 99811</u> | City, State, Zip: <u>Juneau, AK 99801</u> |

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

Case Number 2

Case Name: City and Borough of Juneau Case Number: 1JU-11-715 CR
 v. Danette Fite

Attorneys Involved:

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| Name: <u>August Petropoulos</u> | Name: <u>Tom Wagner</u> |
| Address: <u>155 S. Seward Street</u> | Address: <u>417 Harris Street</u> |
| City, State, Zip: <u>Juneau, AK 99801</u> | City, State, Zip: <u>Juneau, AK 99801</u> |

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Case Number 3

Case Name: City and Borough of Juneau Case Number: 1JU-11-816 CR
 v. James Eylander

Attorneys Involved:

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|---|---|
| Name: <u>Robin Carlisle</u> | Name: <u>Tom Wagner</u> |
| Address: <u>155 S. Seward Street</u> | Address: <u>417 Harris Street</u> |
| City, State, Zip: <u>Juneau, AK 99801</u> | City, State, Zip: <u>Juneau, AK 99801</u> |

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

Case Number 1

Case Name: Hien A. Tran Case Number: 1JU-08-814 CI
 v. Daniel R. Paris

Attorneys Involved:

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| Name: <u>Paul Grant</u> | Name: <u>Eric Vang</u> |
| Address: <u>217 Second Street, Suite 204</u> | Address: <u>319 Seward St., Ste 9</u> |
| City, State, Zip: <u>Juneau, AK 99801</u> | City, State, Zip: <u>Juneau, AK 99801</u> |
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| City, State, Zip: _____ | City, State, Zip: _____ |

Case Number 2

Case Name: AK USA Federal Credit Union Case Number: 1JU-10-1045 CI
 v. Stewart Hallam

Attorneys Involved:

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| Name: <u>Wayne Dawson</u> | Name: _____ |
| Address: <u>805 W. Fireweed Lane</u> | Address: _____ |
| City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99503</u> | City, State, Zip: _____ |
| Name: _____ | Name: _____ |
| Address: _____ | Address: _____ |
| City, State, Zip: _____ | City, State, Zip: _____ |

Case Number 3

Case Name: Bridgeview Condo. Ass'n Case Number: 1JU-09-1018 CI
 v. Rondi Smith

Attorneys Involved:

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| Name: <u>Robert Spitzfaden</u> | Name: _____ |
| Address: <u>217 Second St., Ste. 204</u> | Address: _____ |
| City, State, Zip: <u>Juneau, AK 99801</u> | City, State, Zip: _____ |
| 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: City and Borough of Juneau Case Number: 1JU-10-661CR
 v. Willard F. Elliott

Attorneys Involved:

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|---|---|
| Name: <u>Robin Carlisle</u> | Name: <u>Louis J. Menendez</u> |
| Address: <u>155 S. Seward Street</u> | Address: <u>P.O. Box 114100</u> |
| City, State, Zip: <u>Juneau, AK 99801</u> | City, State, Zip: <u>Juneau, AK 99811</u> |
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| Address: _____ | Address: _____ |
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Case Number 2

Case Name: State of Alaska Case Number: 1JU-10-1293CR
 v. Gordon Valle

Attorneys Involved:

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| Name: <u>David Brower</u> | Name: <u>Kevin Higgins</u> |
| Address: <u>P.O. Box 110300</u> | Address: <u>227 7th Street</u> |
| City, State, Zip: <u>Juneau, AK 99811</u> | City, State, Zip: <u>Juneau, AK 99801</u> |
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| City, State, Zip: _____ | City, State, Zip: _____ |

Case Number 3

Case Name: STG Realty, Inc. Case Number: 1CR-10-26 CI
 v. City of Kasaan, et al

Attorneys Involved:

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| Name: <u>Michael Lessmeier</u> | Name: <u>William Wuestenfeld</u> |
| Address: <u>8390 Airport Blvd., Ste 104</u> | Address: <u>701 W.8th Ave., Suite 1100</u> |
| City, State, Zip: <u>Juneau, AK 99801</u> | City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u> |
| Name: <u>Robert Blasco</u> | Name: <u>Charles Evans</u> |
| Address: <u>9360 Glacier Hwy., Ste. 202</u> | Address: <u>123 E. 11th Ave.</u> |
| City, State, Zip: <u>Juneau, AK 99801</u> | City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u> |

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.)

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Case Name: _____ Case Number: _____

v. _____

Attorneys Involved:

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Attorneys Involved:

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