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Alaska Judicial Council Trial Judge Questionnaire

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2012 Candidates for Judicial Retention

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Michael P. McConahy	Fairbanks Superior Court
Name	Court
1. Please estimate your workload during you a) 45 % civil cases 45 % criminal cases 10 % court administrative work 100 % Total	b) _5-8_# of jury trials/year _9-18_# of non-jury trials/year _4-6_# of administrative appeals/year
Civil and criminal cases fairly evenly original divorce/custody actions, modi and CINA hearings ranging from emergen determination, and placement review. A committee work and magistrate training	ification hearings of custody/visitation, ncy custody, adjudication, permanency Administrative work includes court

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

Member of the Supreme Court Access to Justice Committee and ad hoc member of its sister committee regarding diversity. Magistrate Training Judge for 4th Judicial District. Member of Legal Issues Committee regarding implementation of new bail project. Member of Board of Directors for North Star Youth Court and participate in training/swearing in of members. Repeat court representative/speaker for National Adoption Day. Speaker at local high schools on court system and promotion of the Supreme Court Live program. Member of local judge group initiating outreach to local bar and local young lawyers encouraging diversity in the judicial application and selection process.



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.

My experience as a trial attorney developed a skill set necessary to comprehend and analyze the factual and legal issues in each case. I am sensible of the uniqueness of each case and the rigors required to bring to bear the full attention of the court to the specific issues in that case. It is a challenge I enjoy. As with any skill, I hope to continue to develop and improve my performance.

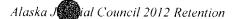
I had substantial experience in a specific branch of statutory/administrative law before becoming a judge. I did not have direct experience with CINA matters. This area of law is statutorily and rule specific. There was an immediate learning curve, but I believe I have grasped (although certainly not mastered) this area of law. I have had several occasions to address new Court Appointed Special Assistants in the CINA area and have encouraged them to have patience in the process. I appreciate the attorneys and professionals that work in this field, and I hope to continue to improve my handling of these sensitive matters.

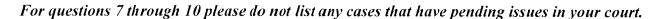
The case load is substantial. My goal is to be effective and, if possible, efficient. But the emphasis is always on effectively providing a fair, just, and predictable decision based in fact and law.

I have been honored to serve as a judicial officer since 2009 and look forward to further service. I find the service to be professionally and personally satisfying and remain hopeful that efforts to promote awareness of the benefit of diversity in all aspects of the judicial process will bear fruit.

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4.		Du	ring 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? \square Yes \square 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.			your answer to any of the questions above is "yes," please give full details, including dates, ts, case numbers and outcomes.
3.1	N/A		
5.		cor	ase provide any other information which you believe would assist the Council in ducting its evaluations and in preparing its recommendations for the 2012 retention ections.
	Fair appl	bar ica	a judicial applicant for two previous openings for the Superior Court in aks. Judges MacDonald and Lyle were selected in those instances. Those ations may be of assistance. I also applied for a district court position mid-80s, but that information may be dated for present purposes.





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:	4FA-10-1604CR				
v.							
	Attorneys Involved:						
Name:	Scott Mattern	Name:	Justin Racette				
Address:	455 3rd Ave., #150	Address:	900 W. 5th Ave., #20				
City, State, Zip:	Fairbanks, AK 99701	City, State, Zip:	Fairbanks, AK 99701				
Name:		Name:					
Address:		Address:					
City, State, Zip:		City, State, Zip:					
	Case	Number 2					
Case Name:	State	Case Number:	4FA-10-791CR				
ν.	Shawn Justice						
•	Attorneys Involved:						
Name:	Gayle Garrigues	•	Nelson Traverso				
-	455 3rd Ave., #150		312 5th Ave.				
City, State, Zip:	Fairbanks, AK 99701	City, State, Zip:	Fairbanks, AK 99701				
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Name:		Name:	Steven Hansen				
Address:		Address:	900 W. 5th Ave., #20				
City, State, Zip:		City, State, Zip:	Fairbanks, AK 99701				
	Case	Number 3					
Case Name:	State	Case Number:	4FA-09-4508 CR				
ν.	Lyndon Pasilon	-					
Attorneys Involved:							
Name:	Corinne Vorenkamp	Name:	Karla Taylor-Welch				
- Address:	455 3rd Ave., #150	Address:	100 Cushman St., #502				
-	Fairbanks, AK 99701	City, State, Zip:	Fairbanks, AK 99701				
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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:	Hill	Case Number:	4FA-10-3077CI			
v.	Marinez	•				
Attorneys Involved:						
Name:	Craig Partyka	•	Kristin Farleigh			
-	714 4th Ave., #200		1008 16th Ave., #200			
City, State, Zip:	Fairbanks, AK 99701		Fairbanks, AK 99701			
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Name:		Name:				
Address:		Address:				
City, State, Zip:		City, State, Zip:				
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	Case	Number 2				
Case Name:	Lesser	Case Number:	4FA-10-2057CI			
ν.	Lesser					
	Attorn	eys Involved:				
Name:	Mila Neubert	Name:	Jason Weiner			
Address:	330 Wendell St., #E	Address:	1008 16th Ave., #200			
City, State, Zip:	Fairbanks, AK 99701	City, State, Zip:	Fairbanks, AK 99701			
Name: -		Name:				
Address:		Address:				
City, State, Zip:		City, State, Zip:				
		Number 3				
Case Name: _	Holladay	Case Number: _	4FA-10-1643CI			
ν	Holladay					
	Attorna	eys Involved:				
Name:	Dennis Cook		Jason Weiner			
Address:	714 4th Ave., #200	Address:	1008 16th Ave., #200			
City, State, Zip:	Fairbanks, AK 99701	City, State, Zip:	Fairbanks, AK 99701			
Name: _						
Address: _		Address:				
City, State, Zip:		City, State, Zip:				

Address: 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 Number: 4FA-10-01862 CI Case Name: John v. Yukon Flats School District Attorneys Involved: Name: Matthew Singer Name: Ward Merdes Address: 455 3rd Ave., #225 Address: 3000 A Street, Suite 300 City, State, Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99701 City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99503 Address: Address: City, State, Zip: City, State, Zip: Case Number 2 Case Number: 4FA-11-1474CI Case Name: AFWCF State/Ahtna Attorneys Involved: Name: Kevin Saxby Michael Kramer Address: 1031 W. 4th Ave., #200 Address: 100 Cushman St., #311 Fairbanks, AK 99707 City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 City, State, Zip: Name: John Starkey Address: 4800 Snow Cir City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99508 City, State, Zip: Case Number 3 Case Name: Perry Case Number: 4FA-11-00973CI Treadwell/State Attorneys Involved: Name: Thomas Wickwire Name: Laura Fox Address: 2775 Hanson Road, #1 Address: 1031 W.4th Ave., #200 City, State, Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99709 City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

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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: State Case Number: 4FA-10-639CR Katairoak Attorneys Involved: Name: Andrew Baldock Name: Robert John Address: 455 3rd Ave., #150 Address: POB 73570 City, State, Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99701 City, State, Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99707 Address: Address: City, State, Zip: City, State, Zip: Case Number 2 Case Name: Attla Case Number: 4FA-11-1424CI Trans World Insurance Attorneys Involved: Name: Ward Merdes Name: Zane Wilson Address: 455 3rd Ave., #225 Address: 714 4th Ave., #200 City, State, Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99701 City, State, Zip: Fairbanks, Alaska 99701 City, State, Zip: City, State, Zip: Case Number 3 Case Number: 4FA-10-1042CI Case Name: Kozhanova v. State Attorneys Involved: Name: Dawn Austin Name: Elizabeth Crail Address: 310 K. Street, #200 Address: 455 3rd Ave., #150 City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 City, State, Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99701 Address:

City, State, Zip: City, State, Zip: