



# alaska judicial council

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## Alaska Judicial Council Trial Judge Questionnaire

### 2012 Candidates for Judicial Retention

October 2011

Margaret L. Murphy

Name

Homer District Court

Court

1. Please estimate your workload during your present term.

a) <u>25</u> % civil cases	b) <u>6</u> # of jury trials/year
<u>70</u> % criminal cases	<u>30</u> # of non-jury trials/year
<u>5</u> % court administrative work	<u>0</u> # of administrative appeals/year
100 % Total	

The number of non-jury trials includes only small claims cases and other civil matters. I also do approximately 40 to 50 traffic trials a year.

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

I was recently appointed to the Alaska Committee to Prevent Underage Drinking. I will attend my first meeting in December. I am looking forward to contributing in any way possible to combating the problem of underage drinking.

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 continue to find my position as the Homer District Court Judge rewarding. I always treat everyone who appears before the court with courtesy and respect whether they are attorneys, litigants, or witnesses. I enjoy the diversity of work that is available, especially the work I am permitted to do with my pro tem appointment. I do my best to ensure that all my decisions are fair and impartial and based solely on the law applicable to the case. I believe that I have served the community well and I would be honored to have the opportunity to continue to provide judicial services to Homer and the surrounding area.

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.

Since almost all of my non-jury trials involved only pro se litigants, I have listed additional cases involving attorneys and a significant amount of work. I will provide information to contact pro se litigants involved in non-jury trials if the Council would like to contact them. The majority of non-jury trials were forcible entry and detainer actions, small claims, and traffic trials.

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: 3HO-11-345CR

v. Joshua V. Harrington

**Attorneys Involved:**

Name: Mr. Ben Jaffa

Name: Ms. Joy Hobart

Address: 120 Trading Bay Dr, Ste 200

Address: 130 Trading Bay Dr, Ste 390

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Case Number 2**

Case Name: State of Alaska Case Number: 3HO-11-222CR

v. Garret Brooks

**Attorneys Involved:**

Name: Ms. Regina Largent

Name: Mr. Andrew Haas

Address: 120 Trading Bay Dr, Ste 200

Address: 350 Bonanza Ave.

City, State, Zip: Kenai, AK 99611

City, State, Zip: Homer, AK 99603

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Case Number 3**

Case Name: State of Alaska Case Number: 3HO-11-340CR

v. William Todd Johnson

**Attorneys Involved:**

Name: Ms. Regina Largent

Name: Ms. Joy Hobart

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Address: 130 Trading Bay Dr, Ste 390

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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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:** ITMO R.R. **Case Number:** 3HO-10-03DL

v. \_\_\_\_\_

**Attorneys Involved:**

<b>Name:</b> Ms. Kelly Lawson	<b>Name:</b> Mr. William Taylor
<b>Address:</b> 120 Trading Bay Dr, Ste 200	<b>Address:</b> 130 Trading Bay Dr, Ste 390
<b>City, State, Zip:</b> Kenai, AK 99611	<b>City, State, Zip:</b> Kenai, AK 99611

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<b>Address:</b> _____	<b>Address:</b> _____
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**Case Number 2**

**Case Name:** ITMO G.R., L.R., C.R., J.M. **Case Number:** 3HO-09-01/02/03/04CN

v. \_\_\_\_\_

**Attorneys Involved:**

<b>Name:</b> Mr. Roger Rom	<b>Name:</b> Ms. Elizabeth Leduc
<b>Address:</b> 1031 W. 4th Ave., Ste. 200	<b>Address:</b> 130 Trading Bay Dr, Ste 390
<b>City, State, Zip:</b> Anchorage, AK 99501	<b>City, State, Zip:</b> Kenai, AK 99611

<b>Name:</b> Ms. Shana Theiler	<b>Name:</b> Ms. Terri Spigelmyer
<b>Address:</b> 220 Main Street Loop, Ste.B	<b>Address:</b> 350 Bonanza Ave.
<b>City, State, Zip:</b> Kenai, AK 99611	<b>City, State, Zip:</b> Homer, AK 99603

**Case Number 3**

**Case Name:** State of Alaska **Case Number:** 3HO-10-325CR

v. Adam L. Clay

**Attorneys Involved:**

<b>Name:</b> Mr. Ben Jaffa	<b>Name:</b> Mr. Frederick Slone
<b>Address:</b> 120 Trading Bay Dr, Ste 200	<b>Address:</b> 3003 Minnesota Dr, Ste 301
<b>City, State, Zip:</b> Kenai, AK 99611	<b>City, State, Zip:</b> Anchorage, AK 99503

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<b>Address:</b> _____	<b>Address:</b> _____
<b>City, State, Zip:</b> _____	<b>City, State, Zip:</b> _____

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**Case Name: ITMO G.R., L.R., C.R., J.M.**

**Case Number: 3HO-09-01/02/03/04CN**

**Attorneys Involved: (continued)**

**Name: Mr. Sam Severin**

**Name: Mr. Chad Holt**

**Address: 425 G St., Ste. 600**

**Address: 900 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave., Ste. 702**

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

**Case Number 1**

**Case Name:** State of Alaska **Case Number:** 3HO-11-82CR  
**v.** Daryn K. Holmes

**Attorneys Involved:**

**Name:** Ms. Amy Fenske **Name:** Mr. Hatton Greer  
**Address:** 120 Trading Bay Dr, Ste 200 **Address:** 130 Trading Bay Dr, Ste 390  
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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Case Number 2**

**Case Name:** State of Alaska **Case Number:** 3HO-10-147CR  
**v.** Arthur C. Aho

**Attorneys Involved:**

**Name:** Mr. A. Andrew Peterson **Name:** Mr. Ian Wheelles  
**Address:** 310 K St., Ste. 403 **Address:** 5700 Old SewardHwy, Ste204  
**City, State, Zip:** Anchorage, AK 99501-2064 **City, State, Zip:** Anchorage, AK 99518

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Case Number 3**

**Case Name:** State of Alaska **Case Number:** 3HO-09-455CR  
**v.** George T. Babcock

**Attorneys Involved:**

**Name:** Mr. Ben Jaffa **Name:** Mr. Frederick Slone  
**Address:** 120 Trading Bay Dr, Ste 200 **Address:** 3003 Minnesota Dr, Ste 301  
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**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

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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 v. \_\_\_\_\_

**Attorneys Involved:**

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

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

**Case Number 2**

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 3**

Case Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 v. \_\_\_\_\_

**Attorneys Involved:**

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