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Alaska Judicial Council Trial Judge Questionnaire

2012 Candidates for Judicial Retention

October 2011

Michael L. Wolverton

Anchorage Superior Court

Name

Court

1. Please estimate your workload during your present term.

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| a) <u>5</u> % civil cases | b) <u>4-20</u> # of jury trials/year |
| <u>95</u> % criminal cases | <u>2-5</u> # of non-jury trials/year |
| <u>0</u> % court administrative work | <u>12</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 one of the five Anchorage Superior Court criminal bench judges, I participate in the Anchorage bench/bar meetings. I have also volunteered to handle the IDP Plus calendar for probationers with mental health issues.

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 wake up in the morning, I look forward to going to work, and for this I am truly thankful. I enjoy the people I work with in the justice system, and I enjoy the challenges of the job.

Despite the number of years that I have been on the bench, the work has never grown stale for me, and in some respects I feel that my daily courtroom performance has been better than ever. I have particularly enjoyed working with a new generation of attorneys as they develop their skills.

We are fortunate to have two judicial conferences every year where we receive training and information that is timely and useful. At these conferences, and in our daily work, we have the opportunity to interact and consult with judicial colleagues, making the learning process continual and productive.

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.

I went through divorce proceedings in 2006.

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: SOA Case Number: 3AN-11-7367 CR

v. Kyle Smith

Attorneys Involved:

Name: John Darnall

Name: Sidney K. Billingslea

Address: 310 K Street

Address: 134 West 15th Avenue

City, State, Zip: Anchorage, Alaska 99501

City, State, Zip: Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Name: Katie Summers

Name: _____

Address: 310 K Street

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: Anchorage, Alaska 99501

City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case Name: SOA Case Number: 3AN-11-2363 CR

v. Richard Booth

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Joshua Kindred

Name: Erika Kahill

Address: 310 K Street

Address: 900 West 5th Avenue

City, State, Zip: Anchorage, Alaska 99501

City, State, Zip: Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Name: _____

Name: Catherine Boruff

Address: _____

Address: 900 West 5th Avenue

City, State, Zip: _____

City, State, Zip: Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Case Number 3

Case Name: SOA Case Number: 3AN-09-14900 CR

v. Jason Geisler

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Robert Henderson

Name: Adam Bartlett

Address: 310 K Street

Address: 745 West 4th Avenue

City, State, Zip: Anchorage, Alaska 99501

City, State, Zip: Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Name: Patrick Sherry

Name: _____

Address: 310 K Street

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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: SOA Case Number: 3AN-08-9468 CR
v. Steven Saepharn

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Robert Corbisier Name: Rex Butler
Address: 310 K Street Address: 745 West 4th Avenue
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, Alaska 99501 City, State, Zip: Anchorage, Alaska 99501
Name: Address:
Address: Address:
City, State, Zip: City, State, Zip:

Case Number 2

Case Name: ITMO D.Z. Case Number: 3AN-10-77; 10-55; 09-95 DL
v.

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Jay Fayette Name: Chris Provost
Address: 310 K Street Address: 900 West 5th Avenue, #525
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, Alaska 99501 City, State, Zip: Anchorage, Alaska 99501
Name: Patrick Bergt Name: Matthew Widmer
Address: 310 K Street Address: 900 West 5th Avenue, #525
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, Alaska 99501 City, State, Zip: Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Case Number 3

Case Name: SOA Case Number: 3AN-05-11345 CR
v. Kenneth J. Dubie Jr.

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Alison Collins Name: Pamela Dale
Address: P.O. Box 1363 Address: 814 West 2nd Avenue
City, State, Zip: Palmer, Alaska 99645 City, State, Zip: Anchorage, Alaska 99501
Name: Address:
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: SOA Case Number: 3AN-07-6075 CR

v. Levar Taylor

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Paul Miovas	Name: Mark Cucci
Address: 310 K Street	Address: 900 West 5th Avenue, #525
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, Alaska 99501	City, State, Zip: Anchorage, Alaska 99501
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case Name: SOA Case Number: 3AN-07-6076 CR

v. Bernie Moffit

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Paul Miovas	Name: Steve Wells
Address: 310 K Street	Address: 711 H Street, #450
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, Alaska 99501	City, State, Zip: Anchorage, Alaska 99501
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Due to the fact that my caseload consists almost exclusively of felonies, my staff and I cannot come up with a third case in this category.

Case Number 3

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: _____

