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## Executive Summary

This report presents the results of the judicial retention evaluation surveys for the fourteen judges eligible to stand for retention in the 2014 general elections. The Alaska Judicial Council asked Alaska Bar Association members, peace and probation officers, and social services professionals to evaluate the judges. Only attorneys evaluated the Supreme Court justice, Justice Stowers. Attorneys evaluated trial judges on *legal ability*. All of the groups evaluated the trial court judges on *impartiality, integrity, judicial temperament, diligence* and *overall evaluation*.

Tables 1 (attorneys) and 2 (peace and probation officers) show how people with direct professional experience with the judges evaluated them on each of the criteria. The text below gives a brief summary of the results for each judge.

### Appellate

Justice Craig F. Stowers was evaluated by 174 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the justice. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 4.3.

### First Judicial District

Judge Louis James Menendez was evaluated by 79 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 4.3. Nineteen peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 3.7, based on direct professional experience. Social services professionals evaluated Judge Menendez's performance as Good to Excellent, based on direct professional experience.

Judge Kevin G. Miller was evaluated by 49 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 4.2. Fourteen peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 4.9, based on direct professional experience. Social services professionals evaluated Judge Kevin Miller's performance as Excellent, based on direct professional experience.

### Second Judicial District

Judge Paul A. Roetman was evaluated by 56 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 4.1. Thirteen peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 4.7, based on direct professional experience. Social services professionals evaluated Judge Roetman's performance as Excellent, based on direct professional experience.

### Third Judicial District

Judge Andrew Guidi was evaluated by 136 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 4.5. Two peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 3.0, based on direct professional experience. Social services professionals evaluated Judge Guidi's performance as Excellent, based on direct professional experience.

Judge Gregory Miller was evaluated by 96 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 3.9. Thirteen peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 3.5, based on direct professional experience. Social services professionals evaluated Judge Gregory Miller's performance as Good, based on direct professional experience.

Judge Jo-Ann M. Chung was evaluated by 73 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 4.1. Sixteen peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 4.1, based on direct professional experience. Social services professionals evaluated Judge Chung's performance as Good, based on direct professional experience.

Judge Brian K. Clark was evaluated by 113 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 4.5. Twenty-one peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 4.7, based on direct professional experience. Social services professionals evaluated Judge Clark's performance as Acceptable, based on direct professional experience.

Judge William L. Estelle was evaluated by 71 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 3.4. Twenty-four peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 3.5, based on direct professional experience. Judge Estelle was not evaluated by any social services professionals.

Judge Sharon A. S. Illsley was evaluated by 42 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 3.8. Fifteen peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 3.6, based on direct professional experience. Social services professionals evaluated Judge Illsley's performance as Good to Excellent, based on direct professional experience.

Judge Gregory Motyka was evaluated by 119 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 4.2. Twenty-one peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 4.5, based on direct professional experience. Social services professionals evaluated Judge Motyka's performance as Deficient, based on direct professional experience.

Judge Stephanie Rhoades was evaluated by 153 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 3.5. Thirty peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 4.1, based on direct professional experience. Social services professionals evaluated Judge Rhoades's performance as Excellent, based on direct professional experience.

Judge John W. Wolfe was evaluated by 53 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 4.1. Twenty-one peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 3.8, based on direct professional experience. Judge Wolfe was not evaluated by any social services professionals.

**Fourth Judicial District**

Judge Ben Seekins was evaluated by 53 attorneys who reported direct professional experience with the judge. Their mean score on overall evaluation was 4.3. Twenty-two peace and probation officers gave a mean overall evaluation of 4.4, based on direct professional experience. Social services professionals evaluated Judge Seekins's performance as Good to Excellent, based on direct professional experience.

**Table 1: Mean Ratings by Alaska Bar Association Members**

	N	Legal Ability Mean	Impartiality/Fairness Mean	Integrity Mean	Temperament Mean	Diligence Mean	Overall Evaluation Mean
<i>Appellate</i>							
Craig F. Stowers	174	4.4	4.3	4.5	4.2	4.4	4.3
<i>First District</i>							
Louis James Menendez	79	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.3
Kevin G. Miller	49	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.2
<i>Second District</i>							
Paul A. Roetman	56	3.9	4.1	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.1
<i>Third District</i>							
Andrew Guidi	136	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.5
Gregory Miller	96	3.8	3.9	4.1	3.9	4.0	3.9
Jo-Ann M. Chung	73	3.9	4.1	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.1
Brian K. Clark	113	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.5
William L. Estelle	71	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.4	3.4
Sharon A. S. Illsley	42	3.9	3.8	4.1	3.9	3.8	3.8
Gregory Motyka	119	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.2
Stephanie Rhoades	153	3.8	3.4	3.9	3.0	4.0	3.5
John W. Wolfe	53	3.8	4.0	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.1
<i>Fourth District</i>							
Ben Seekins	53	4.3	4.2	4.4	4.7	4.4	4.3

Note: Ratings for only those respondents with direct professional experience with the judge and who rated the judge on at least one variable.



**Table 2: Mean Ratings by Peace and Probation Officers**

	N	Impartiality/ Fairness Mean	Integrity Mean	Temperament Mean	Diligence Mean	Overall Evaluation Mean
<b><i>First District</i></b>						
Louis James Menendez	19	3.8	3.8	4.0	3.9	3.7
Kevin G. Miller	14	4.7	4.9	4.7	4.8	4.9
<b><i>Second District</i></b>						
Paul A. Roetman	13	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.5	4.7
<b><i>Third District</i></b>						
Andrew Guidi	2	3.0	3.0	3.5	3.0	3.0
Gregory Miller	13	3.9	3.8	4.0	3.7	3.5
Jo-Ann M. Chung	16	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.1
Brian K. Clark	21	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.7
William L. Estelle	24	3.6	4.0	4.0	3.7	3.5
Sharon A. S. Illsley	15	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.9	3.6
Gregory Motyka	21	4.5	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.5
Stephanie Rhoades	30	4.2	4.4	4.0	4.4	4.1
John W. Wolfe	21	3.7	3.8	4.1	4.1	3.8
<b><i>Fourth District</i></b>						
Ben Seekins	22	4.4	4.3	4.6	4.4	4.4

Note: Ratings for only those respondents with direct professional experience with the judge and who rated the judge on at least one variable.

# Judicial Performance Evaluation Surveys for Judges Eligible to Stand in the 2014 General Election

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## Introduction

Alaska's constitution and laws mandate that justices and judges be periodically retained in their positions by the voters on a non-partisan ballot in the general elections. By law, the Alaska Judicial Council evaluates the performance of the justices and judges eligible to stand for retention, and reports its findings to the voters. As part of the evaluation, the Council surveys professionals who are familiar with judicial performance: members of the Alaska Bar Association, peace and probation officers, and social services professionals.

This report presents the results of those surveys for fourteen judges who are eligible for retention in November, 2014. They include supreme court justice Craig F. Stowers (who was only evaluated by attorneys), two First Judicial District trial court judges, one from the Second District, nine from the Third District, and one from the Fourth District. All of the groups evaluated the trial court judges on *impartiality, integrity, judicial temperament, diligence* and *overall evaluation*. Attorneys also evaluated trial judges on *legal ability*. Although respondents may evaluate the judges based on direct professional experience, professional reputation or other social contacts, this report shows only the results for respondents who had direct professional experience with the judge in the performance of judicial duties *and* who evaluated the judge or justice on at least one characteristic.

To maintain objectivity, the Judicial Council contracted with Information Insights, a public policy and management consulting firm with offices in Anchorage and Fairbanks to administer the surveys. Information Insights was responsible for all aspects of distribution and data collection related to the online surveys. The Judicial Council printed and mailed the paper surveys, which were returned directly to Information Insights for processing, data entry, analysis, and preparation of this report.

## Method

### ***Respondents***

The survey was targeted and mailed to three respondent groups, namely, 3,057 active and inactive in-state members and active out-of-state members of the Alaska Bar Association (ABA); 1,652 Alaska peace and probation officers; and 505 Social Services Professionals. Paper surveys were mailed to 231 ABA members; 127 of whom also received an e-mail invitation. The remaining 2,826 ABA members only received an e-mail invitation to take the online survey. Sixty-two peace and probation officers received a paper survey while the remaining 1,590 officers received an e-mail invitation to take the online survey. Social Services Professionals only received e-mail invitations to the online surveys. Surveys were mailed on January 6, 2014, with a due date of February 7, 2014; e-mail messages were sent on January 7, 2014, with the same due date for completion of the on-line survey.

A total of 729 qualified surveys were returned, with 474 from ABA members; 202 from peace and probation officers; and 53 from social services professionals. There were 3 surveys returned without signatures, with illegible signatures, or without being on the mailing list and, thus, were excluded from data entry and analyses. ABA members initiated 439 web-based surveys. Of these 439, 26 were initiated but not counted because the respondent failed to complete the certification process. Additionally, one respondent provided duplicate on-line surveys and paper surveys. For that individual, the survey received first was retained and the duplicate discarded. Peace and probation officers initiated 211 on-line surveys. Of the 211, 9 were initiated but not counted because the respondent failed to complete the certification process. No duplicate surveys were received from peace and probation officers.

From ABA members, included in the final data analysis were 62 paper surveys and 412 on-line surveys, for a total of 474 surveys and a 15.5% return rate. From peace and probation officers, included in the final data analysis were 9 paper surveys and 193 on-line surveys for a total of 202 surveys and a 12.2% return rate. From social services professionals included in the final data analysis were 53 surveys for a response rate of 10.5%. Table A1 in Appendix A shows the response rate for each type of survey respondent.

## **Demographic Descriptions of Respondents**

Demographic information was collected from each respondent to provide details about the individuals who provided the ratings summarized in this report. Tables A2 and A3 in Appendix A provide a breakdown of these demographic characteristics by each respondent group.

## **Instrumentation**

The evaluation surveys for the judges and justice standing for retention on the 2014 ballot contained questions about demographic information for each respondent, along with six evaluation items for the attorneys and five for the other groups. All surveys encouraged respondents to help the citizens of Alaska by thoughtfully evaluating the performance of judges whom the respondents knew. Attorneys' surveys included a certification by the respondent that they had rated the judges as required by the bar's Professional Rule 8.2.

Respondents evaluated each of the areas of performance included in the survey using a five-point Likert scale that ranged from poor (1) to excellent (5). Detailed descriptions of the meaning of each point on the Likert scale were provided for each performance area. The instructions for respondents, criteria, and the rating scale are set out below as they appear in the survey booklet.

In addition to providing ratings, respondents were asked to provide comments on each of the judges eligible to stand for retention in 2014. Sample pages from the paper surveys are contained in Appendix B of this report. The survey and survey instructions, shown here for respondents to the paper surveys, were nearly identical for the paper and on-line surveys.

## Survey Booklet, page ii

### Basis for Rating

Your evaluation may be based upon direct professional experience, social contacts, or professional reputation. **Direct professional experience is limited to direct contact with the judge's work in the performance of his or her judicial duties.** If you lack sufficient knowledge to evaluate, check the box "insufficient knowledge to evaluate this judge" under Question 1, and go on to the next judge.

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### Rating Criteria

<b>Legal Ability</b>	Please evaluate the judge's legal and factual analysis including the judge's knowledge of substantive law, evidence, and procedure, and the judge's writing clarity and precision.
<b>Impartiality &amp; Fairness</b>	Please evaluate the judge's sense of basic fairness and justice and whether the judge treats all parties equally.
<b>Integrity</b>	Please evaluate whether the judge's conduct is free from impropriety or appearance of impropriety and whether the judge makes decisions without regard to possible public criticism.
<b>Judicial Temperament</b>	Please evaluate the judge's courtesy and freedom from arrogance and whether the judge manifests human understanding and compassion.
<b>Diligence</b>	Please evaluate whether the judge is prepared for court proceedings, works diligently, and is reasonably prompt in making decisions.
<b>Overall evaluation</b>	Please provide your overall assessment of the judge's performance.

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### Rating Scale

All questions relate only to the qualities of the judge in the performance of judicial duties. The rating scale is defined as follows:

- |    |                               |   |
|----|-------------------------------|---|
| 1. | <b>Poor</b>                   | Seldom meets minimum standards of performance for this court.         |
| 2. | <b>Deficient</b>              | Does not always meet minimum standards of performance for this court. |
| 3. | <b>Acceptable</b>             | Meets minimum standards of performance for this court.                |
| 4. | <b>Good</b>                   | Often exceeds minimum standards of performance for this court.        |
| 5. | <b>Excellent</b>              | Consistently exceeds minimum standards for this court.                |
| 9. | <b>Insufficient Knowledge</b> | Insufficient knowledge to rate this judge on this criterion.          |

## Confidentiality and Data Safety

The Alaska Judicial Council included a statement with each survey that reassured respondents of the confidentiality of their responses. Confidentiality is also a paramount concern at Information Insights and is translated into specific procedures related to data security. Because the data collected through the retention surveys are sensitive, Information Insights protects them rigorously. Paper surveys are locked in a tamper-resistant cabinet except when staff are working with them. The organization's policies and procedures emphasize the confidentiality requirement, and ensure that only project staff have access to the data. All electronic data are maintained on a secure server, from the time that respondents complete their surveys online. No staff ever keep data on their individual desktop or laptop hard drives.

## Assurance of No Duplicate Responses

To ensure that only individual valid surveys were received, the Judicial Council gave clear instructions about how to handle the paper survey booklets:

*Validation of Responses. A postage-paid business reply envelope is enclosed for the return of your completed evaluation. Place the completed survey inside the envelope marked "Confidential" and seal the envelope. Place the "Confidential" envelope in the return envelope and sign in the space provided. The return envelope must be signed in order for your survey to be counted. Also, please print your name and address on the return envelope.*

The procedures to assure only one paper survey per individual were:

- The individual's name was identified on the outside of the return envelope, added to a survey log, and marked as received.
- If another envelope had already been received from the same individual, the second envelope would be discarded unopened.
- If the survey was received without a name on the return envelope, it was opened and reviewed to see whether the respondent's signature was anywhere on the form. If yes, it was checked off on the log. If not, the survey was discarded.
- If the signature was illegible, and there was no other identifying information (e.g., printed name, legible signature on a comment page), the survey was discarded.
- If the name on the survey was not on the original mailing list, the survey was discarded.

To assure only one on-line survey per individual, Information Insights:

- Provided each potential respondent with a unique URL that could be used only once, and only from the email address to which it was sent.
- Each survey received was compared against the list of paper surveys received to ensure that only one type of survey was completed – an online survey, or a paper one.
- If duplicate surveys were received the most complete survey was kept and the duplicate was discarded.

## Data Management

Information Insight's goal is virtually error-free data handling. To achieve this goal, data from each paper survey were entered twice and then compared to find discrepancies. Next, staff created frequencies for all of the questions, located the outliers, and compared them to the actual survey documents. Online surveys were moved from the survey website to SPSS (the Statistical Package for Social Sciences) for analysis, and the paper survey responses were added to them to create a single database for analysis.

## Data Analyses

The numbers of attorney and peace and probation officer respondents who evaluated the judges on using the different bases for experience (direct professional, professional reputation, other social contacts) are shown in Tables A4 and A5 (Appendix A). The ratings from those respondents who evaluated based on professional reputation or other social contacts are shown in the detailed information on the individual pages for each judge. The analyses in Tables 1 – 12 and Tables A6 and A7, as well as most of the results reported on the individual detailed pages for each judge are based only on those respondents who had direct professional experience with the judge and who evaluated the judge on at least one variable.

## Results

The results in these tables are based on the respondents who had direct professional experience with each judge and who rated the judge on at least one variable, except as noted above. Because many of the cross tabulation results are based on only a handful of people with experience they should be regarded with caution, and more weight should be given to the overall results for that judge. The number of social services professionals who responded was small, and the respondents were distributed throughout the state. To protect the identity of the professionals who responded, the social services professionals' results are shown in a descriptive sentence rather than numerically.

### Respondents' Levels of Experience with Each Judge

All respondents were asked to describe their experience with each judge – the basis for their evaluation – in two questions. Tables A4 and A5 in Appendix A show the types of experience that respondents had with judges.

#### Basis for Evaluation

1. Which of the following best describes the basis for your evaluation of this judge? Direct professional experience is limited to direct contact with the judge's work as a judge. (Check one.)  
 Direct professional experience    Professional reputation    Other personal    Insufficient knowledge to evaluate  
Contacts   evaluate this judge (Go to next judge)
  
2. If you checked direct professional experience:
  - a. Does your experience with this judge include experience within the last five years?  
 Yes    No
  
  - b. Please describe the amount of your experience with this judge.  
 Substantial    Moderate    Limited

## **Ratings of All Judges on Overall Evaluation, by Demographic Characteristics**

Responses to the retention surveys by the two groups are shown on the following pages in several ways.

- Tables 3 through 7 show the Alaska Bar members' rating on the Overall Evaluation criterion by the respondents' types of caseloads, location of practice, type of practice, gender, and length of practice in Alaska.
- Tables 8 through 12 show the peace and probation officers' rating on the Overall Evaluation criterion by the respondents' type of work, location of work, population of community in which the officer worked, gender, and length of experience.
- Tables A6 and A7 in Appendix A show the distribution, mean, median and standard deviations of the Overall Rating for each judge.

## Ratings from Alaska Bar Members

**Table 3: Mean Scores on Overall Evaluation by Cases Handled: Alaska Bar Members**

	Prosecution		Mainly Criminal		Mixed Criminal & Civil		Mainly Civil		Other		Overall Evaluation
	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	Mean
<i>Appellate</i>											
Craig F. Stowers	2	4.5	6	4.5	49	4.5	106	4.2	9	4.8	4.3
<i>First District</i>											
Louis James Menendez	4	4.3	7	4.6	27	4.2	39	4.3	2	4.5	4.3
Kevin G. Miller	3	3.7	5	4.8	23	4.3	16	4.0	2	5.0	4.2
<i>Second District</i>											
Paul A. Roetman	7	4.0	3	4.0	27	4.0	18	4.2	1	4.0	4.1
<i>Third District</i>											
Andrew Guidi	3	4.3	5	4.4	34	4.6	86	4.5	7	4.7	4.5
Gregory Miller	11	2.5	10	4.6	28	4.4	45	3.7	2	5.0	3.9
Jo-Ann M. Chung	12	4.3	12	3.8	24	4.4	23	3.8	2	3.5	4.1
Brian K. Clark	15	4.1	16	4.8	34	4.6	46	4.5	2	4.5	4.5
William L. Estelle	4	3.3	8	3.6	29	3.7	28	3.3	1	2.0	3.4
Sharon A. S. Illsley	3	3.3	6	4.3	19	3.6	13	3.9	1	3.0	3.8
Gregory Motyka	13	4.2	14	4.0	38	4.2	51	4.2	2	4.5	4.2
Stephanie Rhoades	14	3.1	18	3.4	46	3.5	71	3.6	3	3.3	3.5
John W. Wolfe	5	4.0	8	4.0	25	4.2	13	4.2	1	4.0	4.1
<i>Fourth District</i>											
Ben Seekins	5	2.8	4	4.8	26	4.7	16	4.2	1	5.0	4.3

Note: Ratings for only those respondents with direct professional experience with the judge and who evaluated the judge on at least one quality.



**Table 4: Mean Scores on Overall Evaluation by Location of Practice: Alaska Bar Members**

	First District		Second District		Third District		Fourth District		Outside of Alaska		Overall Evaluation
	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	Mean
<i>Appellate</i>											
Craig F. Stowers	12	4.1	2	5.0	146	4.4	10	3.9	0	--	4.3
<i>First District</i>											
Louis James Menendez	32	4.6	0	--	43	4.1	2	4.5	2	4.0	4.3
Kevin G. Miller	21	4.4	0	--	24	4.1	2	4.5	2	3.5	4.2
<i>Second District</i>											
Paul A. Roetman	3	3.7	9	4.2	35	4.1	8	3.9	2	4.5	4.1
<i>Third District</i>											
Andrew Guidi	4	4.3	1	5.0	128	4.5	1	5.0	1	5.0	4.5
Gregory Miller	0	--	1	5.0	94	3.9	0	--	1	4.0	3.9
Jo-Ann M. Chung	1	5.0	0	--	72	4.0	0	--	0	--	4.1
Brian K. Clark	0	--	0	--	107	4.5	3	4.7	2	5.0	4.5
William L. Estelle	1	4.0	2	4.0	66	3.4	0	--	2	2.5	3.4
Sharon A. S. Illsley	1	4.0	1	4.0	38	3.9	1	2.0	1	2.0	3.8
Gregory Motyka	0	--	1	5.0	114	4.2	2	3.5	1	4.0	4.2
Stephanie Rhoades	5	3.6	1	1.0	137	3.5	5	3.6	2	3.5	3.5
John W. Wolfe	1	5.0	0	--	50	4.0	0	--	2	5.0	4.1
<i>Fourth District</i>											
Ben Seekins	1	5.0	1	5.0	14	4.1	36	4.4	0	--	4.3

Note: Ratings for only those respondents with direct professional experience with the judge and who evaluated the judge on at least one quality.

**Table 5: Mean Scores on Overall Evaluation by Type of Practice: Alaska Bar Members**

	Private, Solo		Private, 2-5 Attorneys		Private, 6+ Attorneys		Private, Corporate Employee		Judge or Judicial Officer		Government		Public Service Agency or Organization (Not Govt)		Other		Overall Evaluation Mean	
	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean		
<i>Appellate</i>																		
Craig F. Stowers	41	4.1	25	4.5	29	4.4	1	3.0	28	4.8	41	4.1	6	4.5	2	5.0	4.3	
<i>First District</i>																		
Louis James Menendez	19	4.6	8	4.1	5	3.8	0	--	17	4.5	27	4.0	2	5.0	1	5.0	4.3	
Kevin G. Miller	10	4.2	10	4.0	1	1.0	0	--	16	4.6	11	4.2	0	--	1	5.0	4.2	
<i>Second District</i>																		
Paul A. Roetman	5	4.2	6	4.3	6	4.3	1	4.0	15	3.9	20	3.9	1	5.0	2	5.0	4.1	
<i>Third District</i>																		
Andrew Guidi	37	4.4	29	4.5	17	4.3	3	5.0	18	4.8	28	4.4	3	5.0	1	5.0	4.5	
Gregory Miller	21	3.8	17	4.4	6	2.7	0	--	21	4.3	29	3.5	1	4.0	1	5.0	3.9	
Jo-Ann M. Chung	13	4.0	12	3.7	6	3.7	0	--	17	4.4	23	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	4.1	
Brian K. Clark	21	4.5	25	4.3	10	4.5	1	5.0	19	5.0	33	4.4	1	2.0	3	5.0	4.5	
William L. Estelle	18	3.6	8	3.5	5	2.8	1	5.0	16	3.5	20	3.2	0	--	3	4.3	3.4	
Sharon A. S. Illsley	10	4.4	6	3.5	0	--	0	--	13	3.4	11	3.8	1	3.0	1	5.0	3.8	
Gregory Motyka	32	4.3	23	4.4	8	4.8	1	5.0	22	4.2	28	3.8	2	3.0	2	4.5	4.2	
Stephanie Rhoades	35	3.3	26	3.0	16	4.1	2	4.0	26	3.7	44	3.4	2	4.0	1	5.0	3.5	
John W. Wolfe	13	4.2	8	3.6	1	5.0	0	--	14	4.4	15	3.9	0	--	2	5.0	4.1	
<i>Fourth District</i>																		
Ben Seekins	8	4.8	10	4.7	6	4.2	0	--	17	4.5	11	3.6	0	--	0	--	4.3	

Note: Ratings for only those respondents with direct professional experience with the judge and who evaluated the judge on at least one quality.

**Table 6: Mean Scores on Overall Evaluation by Respondent Gender: Alaska Bar Members**

	Male		Female		Overall
	N	Mean	N	Mean	Evaluation Mean
<i>Appellate</i>					
Craig F. Stowers	119	4.3	52	4.4	4.3
<i>First District</i>					
Louis James Menendez	49	4.3	28	4.4	4.3
Kevin G. Miller	38	4.2	10	4.5	4.2
<i>Second District</i>					
Paul A. Roetman	35	4.0	21	4.2	4.1
<i>Third District</i>					
Andrew Guidi	95	4.5	40	4.4	4.5
Gregory Miller	69	3.9	26	3.8	3.9
Jo-Ann M. Chung	51	4.0	22	4.2	4.1
Brian K. Clark	83	4.5	30	4.6	4.5
William L. Estelle	51	3.6	19	3.2	3.4
Sharon A. S. Illsley	27	3.9	14	3.6	3.8
Gregory Motyka	88	4.3	29	3.8	4.2
Stephanie Rhoades	108	3.3	42	3.7	3.5
John W. Wolfe	36	4.1	16	4.1	4.1
<i>Fourth District</i>					
Ben Seekins	34	4.4	16	4.4	4.3

Note: Ratings for only those respondents with direct professional experience with the judge and who evaluated the judge on at least one quality.

**Table 7: Mean Scores on Overall Evaluation by Length of Alaska Practice: Alaska Bar Members**

	5 Years or fewer		6 to 10 years		11 to 15 years		16 to 20 years		21 years or more		Overall Evaluation
	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	Mean
<i>Appellate</i>											
Craig F. Stowers	12	4.5	6	4.7	12	4.6	17	4.5	121	4.3	4.3
<i>First District</i>											
Louis James Menendez	4	4.8	4	4.3	9	4.3	7	4.3	54	4.2	4.3
Kevin G. Miller	1	4.0	4	4.8	4	4.3	7	4.1	32	4.2	4.2
<i>Second District</i>											
Paul A. Roetman	3	3.7	11	4.2	5	4.0	8	4.4	28	4.1	4.1
<i>Third District</i>											
Andrew Guidi	6	4.7	8	4.9	11	4.8	13	4.2	93	4.5	4.5
Gregory Miller	15	3.6	9	3.6	6	3.7	9	4.2	50	4.0	3.9
Jo-Ann M. Chung	9	4.2	8	3.5	7	4.1	10	3.7	34	4.3	4.1
Brian K. Clark	16	4.6	13	4.5	7	4.9	16	4.6	58	4.5	4.5
William L. Estelle	9	3.4	6	3.0	5	4.0	9	3.6	38	3.5	3.4
Sharon A. S. Illsley	3	3.3	4	4.5	3	3.7	6	4.7	24	3.5	3.8
Gregory Motyka	15	4.2	13	4.2	6	4.0	12	4.3	69	4.2	4.2
Stephanie Rhoades	15	3.3	13	3.2	12	3.5	16	3.1	91	3.6	3.5
John W. Wolfe	6	4.3	7	3.6	5	4.8	8	4.3	24	4.1	4.1
<i>Fourth District</i>											
Ben Seekins	5	4.8	10	4.1	3	3.7	8	4.4	24	4.5	4.3

Note: Ratings for only those respondents with direct professional experience with the judge and who evaluated the judge on at least one quality.

## Ratings by Peace and Probation Officers

**Table 8: Mean Scores on Overall Evaluation by Type of Work: Peace and Probation Officers**

	State Law Enforcement Officer		Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer		Village Public Safety Officer (VSPO)		Probation/Parole Officer		Other		Overall Evaluation Mean
	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	
<i>First District</i>											
Louis James Menendez	7	3.9	10	3.6	0	--	2	4.0	0	--	3.7
Kevin G. Miller	5	5.0	3	5.0	0	--	5	4.6	0	--	4.9
<i>Second District</i>											
Paul A. Roetman	7	4.4	2	5.0	0	--	3	5.0	1	5.0	4.7
<i>Third District</i>											
Andrew Guidi	2	3.0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	3.0
Gregory Miller	6	3.8	2	3.0	0	--	5	3.4	0	--	3.5
Jo-Ann M. Chung	6	4.2	10	4.1	0	--	0	--	0	--	4.1
Brian K. Clark	8	4.9	13	4.6	0	--	0	--	0	--	4.7
William L. Estelle	13	3.5	8	3.5	0	--	3	3.7	0	--	3.5
Sharon A. S. Illsley	6	3.3	9	3.8	0	--	0	--	0	--	3.6
Gregory Motyka	8	4.5	13	4.5	0	--	0	--	0	--	4.5
Stephanie Rhoades	12	3.7	16	4.4	0	--	2	4.5	0	--	4.1
John W. Wolfe	13	3.9	6	3.2	0	--	2	4.5	0	--	3.8
<i>Fourth District</i>											
Ben Seekins	12	4.4	7	4.6	1	4.0	2	4.0	0	--	4.4

Note: Ratings for only those respondents with direct professional experience with the judge and who evaluated the judge on at least one quality.

**Table 9: Mean Scores on Overall Evaluation by Location of Work: Peace and Probation Officers**

	First District		Second District		Third District		Fourth District		Outside of Alaska		Overall Evaluation
	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	Mean
<i>First District</i>											
Louis James Menendez	18	3.7	0	--	0	--	1	5.0	0	--	3.7
Kevin G. Miller	14	4.9	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	4.9
<i>Second District</i>											
Paul A. Roetman	1	5.0	0	--	9	4.8	4	4.5	0	--	4.7
<i>Third District</i>											
Andrew Guidi	0	--	0	--	2	3.0	0	--	0	--	3.0
Gregory Miller	1	4.0	0	--	12	3.5	0	--	0	--	3.5
Jo-Ann M. Chung	0	--	0	--	16	4.1	0	--	0	--	4.1
Brian K. Clark	0	--	0	--	21	4.7	0	--	0	--	4.7
William L. Estelle	0	--	0	--	23	3.6	0	--	0	--	3.5
Sharon A. S. Illsley	0	--	1	5.0	14	3.5	0	--	0	--	3.6
Gregory Motyka	0	--	0	--	21	4.5	0	--	0	--	4.5
Stephanie Rhoades	0	--	0	--	30	4.1	0	--	0	--	4.1
John W. Wolfe	0	--	0	--	20	3.7	0	--	0	--	3.8
<i>Fourth District</i>											
Ben Seekins	0	--	0	--	0	--	22	4.4	0	--	4.4

Note: Ratings for only those respondents with direct professional experience with the judge and who evaluated the judge on at least one quality.

**Table 10: Mean Scores on Overall Evaluation by Community Population: Peace and Probation Officers**

	Under 2,000		Between 2,000 and 35,000		Over 35,000		Overall Evaluation Mean
	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	
<i>First District</i>							
Louis James Menendez	4	4.3	9	3.3	5	4.0	3.7
Kevin G. Miller	2	5.0	12	4.8	0	--	4.9
<i>Second District</i>							
Paul A. Roetman	0	--	10	4.8	3	4.3	4.7
<i>Third District</i>							
Andrew Guidi	0	--	0	--	2	3.0	3.0
Gregory Miller	0	--	2	3.0	11	3.6	3.5
Jo-Ann M. Chung	0	--	0	--	16	4.1	4.1
Brian K. Clark	0	--	1	2.0	20	4.9	4.7
William L. Estelle	0	--	14	3.6	10	3.5	3.5
Sharon A. S. Illsley	0	--	12	3.9	3	2.3	3.6
Gregory Motyka	0	--	1	5.0	20	4.5	4.5
Stephanie Rhoades	0	--	3	4.7	27	4.0	4.1
John W. Wolfe	0	--	12	4.0	9	3.4	3.8
<i>Fourth District</i>							
Ben Seekins	2	4.5	6	4.3	14	4.4	4.4

Note: Ratings for only those respondents with direct professional experience with the judge and who evaluated the judge on at least one quality.

**Table 11: Mean Scores on Overall Evaluation by Respondent Gender: Peace and Probation Officers**

	Male		Female		Overall Evaluation
	N	Mean	N	Mean	Mean
<i>First District</i>					
Louis James Menendez	19	3.7	0	--	3.7
Kevin G. Miller	12	4.9	2	4.5	4.9
<i>Second District</i>					
Paul A. Roetman	12	4.7	1	5.0	4.7
<i>Third District</i>					
Andrew Guidi	1	2.0	0	--	3.0
Gregory Miller	10	3.2	2	5.0	3.5
Jo-Ann M. Chung	14	4.1	1	5.0	4.1
Brian K. Clark	16	4.6	4	5.0	4.7
William L. Estelle	19	3.4	5	4.0	3.5
Sharon A. S. Illsley	13	3.8	2	2.5	3.6
Gregory Motyka	17	4.5	3	4.3	4.5
Stephanie Rhoades	25	4.1	4	4.8	4.1
John W. Wolfe	18	3.7	3	4.3	3.8
<i>Fourth District</i>					
Ben Seekins	20	4.4	2	4.5	4.4

Note: Ratings for only those respondents with direct professional experience with the judge and who evaluated the judge on at least one quality.



**Table 12: Mean Scores on Overall Evaluation by Length of Experience: Peace and Probation Officers**

	5 Years or fewer		6 to 10 years		11 to 15 years		16 to 20 years		21 years or more		Overall Evaluation Mean
	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	
<i>First District</i>											
Louis James Menendez	5	3.4	3	4.0	3	3.0	5	4.0	3	4.3	3.7
Kevin G. Miller	2	4.5	3	5.0	3	5.0	4	4.8	2	5.0	4.9
<i>Second District</i>											
Paul A. Roetman	2	5.0	4	4.8	3	4.7	2	4.0	2	5.0	4.7
<i>Third District</i>											
Andrew Guidi	0	--	0	--	1	2.0	1	4.0	0	--	3.0
Gregory Miller	0	--	4	3.5	4	2.8	4	4.0	0	--	3.5
Jo-Ann M. Chung	1	4.0	4	4.3	4	4.3	6	3.8	0	--	4.1
Brian K. Clark	0	--	6	5.0	7	4.1	7	5.0	0	--	4.7
William L. Estelle	1	2.0	8	3.6	7	3.6	5	3.2	3	4.3	3.5
Sharon A. S. Illsley	5	3.6	2	4.5	5	3.8	2	2.0	1	4.0	3.6
Gregory Motyka	0	--	3	4.7	7	4.4	8	4.5	2	4.0	4.5
Stephanie Rhoades	0	--	7	3.9	7	4.6	12	3.9	3	4.0	4.1
John W. Wolfe	1	2.0	6	4.5	7	3.4	5	3.2	2	5.0	3.8
<i>Fourth District</i>											
Ben Seekins	7	4.1	3	5.0	4	4.8	6	4.5	2	3.5	4.4

Note: Ratings for only those respondents with direct professional experience with the judge and who evaluated the judge on at least one quality.

## **Summaries and Detailed Survey Scores for Individual Judges**

Each judge has a summary page, followed by pages reporting the detailed demographic analysis for the attorneys, and the peace and probation officers. The descriptive results for social services professionals are reported on the judge's summary page. As noted earlier in this report, the results presented in these tables are based on those respondents who had direct professional experience with each judge, and who rated the judge on at least one variable. Many of the cross tabulation results are based on very few respondents. Because they are based on only a handful of people with experience they should be regarded with caution, and more weight should be given to the overall results for that judge.

**Appellate Courts**  
**Craig F. Stowers - Alaska Supreme Court**

**Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

***Summary of survey information***

Craig F. Stowers' detailed survey scores from attorneys follow. Attorneys rated him 4.3 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers, social services professionals do not rate justices or appellate judges.

***The Judicial Council's Evaluation Process***

State law requires the Judicial Council to evaluate each justice standing for retention, and to report its evaluations to the voters. The surveys reported here are an important part of the Council's evaluations. The Council also considers survey ratings by court employees and public comments. Along with the personal observations of the hundreds of people who had direct professional experience with the justice, the Council reviews any litigation involving the justice, conflict of interest records, and public disciplinary files. All of the evaluation information about the justice is on the Council's website at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us).

## Supreme Court Justice Craig F. Stowers

### A. Alaska Bar Association

#### Demographic Description

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	1	0.5%
Private, Solo	53	24.0%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	31	14.0%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	37	16.7%
Private, Corporate Employee	2	0.9%
Judge or Judicial Officer	32	14.5%
Government	54	24.4%
Public Service Agency or Organization	6	2.7%
Other	5	2.3%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	8	3.6%
5 Years or fewer	17	7.7%
6 to 10 years	9	4.1%
11 to 15 years	15	6.8%
16 to 20 years	22	10.0%
21 years or more	150	67.9%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	3	1.4%
Male	148	67.0%
Female	70	31.7%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	2	0.9%
Prosecution	5	2.3%
Mainly Criminal	10	4.5%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	57	25.8%
Mainly Civil	137	62.0%
Other	10	4.5%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	4	1.8%
First District	18	8.1%
Second District	2	0.9%
Third District	182	82.4%
Fourth District	15	6.8%
<b>Experience with the judge</b>		
Direct professional experience	175	79.2%
Experience in last 5 years	165	74.7%
Experience not in last 5 years	10	4.5%

## Justice Craig F. Stowers: Detailed Information Responses Alaska Bar Association Members

	Legal Ability		Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>												
No Response		4		10		8		4		31		7
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>174</b>
Experience in last 5 yrs	4.4	162	4.2	160	4.5	161	4.2	162	4.4	147	4.3	162
Experience not in last 5 yrs	4.4	10	4.6	9	4.6	9	4.6	10	4.4	8	4.4	9
Professional Reputation	4.5	37	4.4	35	4.5	36	4.5	37	4.4	28	4.4	35
Other Personal Contacts	4.4	5	4.5	4	5.0	4	4.6	5	4.6	5	4.4	5
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		3		6		5		3		21		4
Private, Solo	4.3	40	4.0	41	4.3	40	4.1	42	4.2	36	4.1	41
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	4.6	25	4.4	25	4.6	25	4.4	25	4.6	23	4.5	25
Private, 6+ Attorneys	4.2	31	4.4	30	4.6	29	4.2	29	4.4	26	4.4	29
Private, Corporate Employee	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.9	27	4.9	26	4.9	28	4.8	28	4.6	26	4.8	28
Government	4.2	41	4.0	40	4.3	41	3.9	41	4.4	37	4.1	41
Public Service Agency/Org	4.7	6	4.3	6	4.8	6	4.0	6	4.8	5	4.5	6
Other	5.0	3	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		3		6		5		3		20		4
5 Years or fewer	4.5	12	4.3	11	4.7	12	4.1	12	4.6	12	4.5	12
6 to 10 years	4.8	6	4.8	6	4.8	6	4.7	6	4.8	5	4.7	6
11 to 15 years	4.8	12	4.4	11	4.8	12	4.4	12	4.8	9	4.6	12
16 to 20 years	4.5	17	4.4	17	4.5	17	4.5	17	4.5	17	4.5	17
21 years or more	4.3	122	4.2	121	4.4	120	4.2	122	4.4	109	4.3	121
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		3		6		5		3		21		4
Male	4.4	118	4.3	116	4.5	117	4.2	118	4.4	108	4.3	119
Female	4.4	54	4.3	53	4.5	53	4.2	54	4.5	46	4.4	52
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		3		6		5		3		21		4
Prosecution	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2
Mainly Criminal	4.9	7	4.5	6	4.7	6	4.7	7	4.4	5	4.5	6
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.5	48	4.4	48	4.6	49	4.3	49	4.6	47	4.5	49
Mainly Civil	4.3	107	4.1	105	4.4	105	4.1	106	4.3	94	4.2	106
Other	4.8	9	4.8	9	4.9	9	4.7	9	4.9	7	4.8	9
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		3		6		5		3		21		4
First District	4.2	12	4.2	12	4.4	12	3.8	12	4.4	8	4.1	12
Second District	4.5	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
Third District	4.4	147	4.3	146	4.5	146	4.2	147	4.4	137	4.4	146
Fourth District	4.3	12	3.8	10	4.5	11	4.3	12	4.3	8	3.9	12
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

**First Judicial District**  
**Louis James Menendez - Juneau Superior Court**

**Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

***Summary of survey information***

Judge Menendez's detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated him 4.3 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated him 3.7 overall. Social services professionals evaluated Judge Menendez's performance as Good to Excellent, based on direct professional experience.

***The Judicial Council's Evaluation Process***

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## Superior Court Judge Louis James Menendez

### A. Alaska Bar Association

#### Demographic Description

		N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Private, Solo	23	21.7%
	Private, 2-5 Attorneys	11	10.4%
	Private, 6+ Attorneys	9	8.5%
	Private, Corporate Employee	--	0.0%
	Judge or Judicial Officer	22	20.8%
	Government	35	33.0%
	Public Service Agency or Organization	4	3.8%
	Other	2	1.9%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>			
	No Response	1	0.9%
	5 Years or fewer	6	5.7%
	6 to 10 years	4	3.8%
	11 to 15 years	13	12.3%
	16 to 20 years	11	10.4%
	21 years or more	71	67.0%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	2	1.9%
	Male	63	59.4%
	Female	41	38.7%
<b>Cases Handled</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	Prosecution	6	5.7%
	Mainly Criminal	7	6.6%
	Mixed Criminal & Civil	36	34.0%
	Mainly Civil	53	50.0%
	Other	4	3.8%
<b>Location of Practice</b>			
	No Response	--	0.0%
	First District	43	40.6%
	Second District	1	0.9%
	Third District	57	53.8%
	Fourth District	3	2.8%
	Outside of Alaska	2	1.9%
<b>Experience with the judge</b>			
	Direct professional experience	80	75.5%
	Experience in last 5 years	71	67.0%
	Experience not in last 5 years	9	8.5%

## Judge Louis James Menendez: Detailed Information Responses Alaska Bar Association Members

	Legal Ability		Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>												
No Response		4		4		3		7		7		3
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>4.3</b>	76	<b>4.2</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>79</b>
Experience in last 5 yrs	4.2	69	4.3	69	4.4	70	4.4	67	4.2	67	4.3	70
Experience not in last 5 yrs	4.1	9	4.1	9	4.2	9	4.1	9	4.2	9	4.3	9
Professional Reputation	4.4	18	4.4	18	4.7	18	4.4	18	4.2	17	4.4	18
Other Personal Contacts	4.5	6	4.5	6	4.5	6	4.4	5	4.3	6	4.3	6
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		2		2		1		4		4		1
Private, Solo	4.4	19	4.6	19	4.6	19	4.6	18	4.4	19	4.6	19
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	4.0	8	4.3	8	4.1	8	4.3	7	4.0	8	4.1	8
Private, 6+ Attorneys	3.8	5	3.8	5	3.8	5	3.8	5	3.4	5	3.8	5
Private, Corporate Employee	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.4	17	4.5	17	4.5	17	4.3	16	4.6	14	4.5	17
Government	4.0	27	4.0	26	4.2	27	4.2	27	3.9	27	4.0	27
Public Service Agency/Org	5.0	1	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
Other	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		2		2		1		4		4		1
5 Years or fewer	5.0	4	4.8	4	4.8	4	4.5	4	5.0	4	4.8	4
6 to 10 years	4.5	4	5.0	3	4.0	3	4.8	4	3.8	4	4.3	4
11 to 15 years	4.0	8	4.1	9	4.5	10	4.4	9	4.0	8	4.3	9
16 to 20 years	4.1	7	4.4	7	4.4	7	4.6	7	4.2	6	4.3	7
21 years or more	4.1	54	4.2	54	4.3	54	4.2	51	4.2	53	4.2	54
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		2		2		1		4		4		1
Male	4.2	49	4.3	49	4.4	49	4.3	46	4.2	48	4.3	49
Female	4.1	27	4.3	27	4.4	28	4.3	28	4.0	26	4.4	28
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		2		2		1		4		4		1
Prosecution	4.3	4	4.3	4	4.3	4	4.3	4	4.0	4	4.3	4
Mainly Criminal	4.7	7	4.4	7	4.6	7	4.6	7	4.4	7	4.6	7
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.3	27	4.4	26	4.3	27	4.3	25	4.4	26	4.2	27
Mainly Civil	4.0	38	4.3	39	4.4	38	4.3	38	4.0	38	4.3	39
Other	4.5	2	4.0	2	4.7	3	4.0	2	5.0	1	4.5	2
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		2		2		1		4		4		1
First District	4.4	32	4.7	32	4.7	31	4.6	32	4.3	30	4.6	32
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	4.1	42	4.1	42	4.1	44	4.1	40	4.1	42	4.1	43
Fourth District	4.0	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2
Outside of Alaska	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.



## Superior Court Judge Louis James Menendez

### B. Peace and Probation Officers

#### Demographic Description

		N	%
<b>Type of Work</b>	No Response	1	4.2%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	8	33.3%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	12	50.0%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	3	12.5%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>	No Response	1	4.2%
	5 Years or fewer	5	20.8%
	6 to 10 years	3	12.5%
	11 to 15 years	5	20.8%
	16 to 20 years	5	20.8%
	21 years or more	5	20.8%
<b>Gender</b>	No Response	1	4.2%
	Male	23	95.8%
	Female	--	0.0%
<b>Location of Work</b>	No Response	1	4.2%
	First District	22	91.7%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	--	0.0%
	Fourth District	1	4.2%
<b>Community Population</b>	No Response	2	8.3%
	Under 2,000	5	20.8%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	11	45.8%
	Over 35,000	6	25.0%
<b>Experience with the judge</b>	Direct professional experience	19	79.2%
	Experience in last 5 years	18	75.0%
	Experience not in last 5 years	1	4.2%

**Judge Louis James Menendez  
Peace and Probation Officers**

	Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		2		3		3		3		2
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>19</b>
Experience in last 5 yrs	3.8	18	3.8	17	4.0	17	3.9	17	3.7	18
Experience not in last 5 yrs	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Professional Reputation	4.0	3	4.3	3	4.7	3	4.0	3	4.3	3
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		1		1		1		0
State Law Enforcement Officer	3.9	7	3.9	7	4.0	7	3.9	7	3.9	7
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Off.	3.7	10	3.7	9	3.9	9	4.1	9	3.6	10
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	3.5	2	4.0	2
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		1		1		1		0
5 Years or fewer	3.4	5	3.3	4	3.8	4	4.0	5	3.4	5
6 to 10 years	4.0	3	3.7	3	4.3	3	4.0	3	4.0	3
11 to 15 years	3.3	3	3.7	3	3.3	3	3.5	2	3.0	3
16 to 20 years	4.4	5	4.2	5	4.4	5	3.8	5	4.0	5
21 years or more	4.0	3	4.3	3	4.0	3	4.3	3	4.3	3
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		1		1		1		0
Male	3.8	19	3.8	18	4.0	18	3.9	18	3.7	19
Female	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		2		1		1		0
First District	3.8	18	3.8	17	3.9	17	3.9	17	3.7	18
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Fourth District	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response		0		2		1		1		0
Under 2,000	4.0	4	4.0	3	4.0	3	4.3	4	4.3	4
Between 2,000 and 35,000	3.6	9	3.7	9	3.9	9	3.9	8	3.3	9
Over 35,000	4.2	5	4.0	5	4.2	5	3.8	5	4.0	5

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

**First Judicial District**  
**Kevin G. Miller - Ketchikan District Court**

**Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

***Summary of survey information***

Judge Miller's detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated him 4.2 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated him 4.9 overall. Social services professionals evaluated Judge Kevin Miller's performance as Excellent, based on direct professional experience.

***The Judicial Council's Evaluation Process***

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## District Court Judge Kevin G. Miller

### A. Alaska Bar Association

#### Demographic Description

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	--	0.0%
Private, Solo	13	21.0%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	11	17.7%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	3	4.8%
Private, Corporate Employee	--	0.0%
Judge or Judicial Officer	18	29.0%
Government	15	24.2%
Public Service Agency or Organization	1	1.6%
Other	1	1.6%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	1	1.6%
5 Years or fewer	2	3.2%
6 to 10 years	4	6.5%
11 to 15 years	7	11.3%
16 to 20 years	9	14.5%
21 years or more	39	62.9%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	1	1.6%
Male	44	71.0%
Female	17	27.4%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	--	0.0%
Prosecution	4	6.5%
Mainly Criminal	5	8.1%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	26	41.9%
Mainly Civil	24	38.7%
Other	3	4.8%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	--	0.0%
First District	27	43.5%
Second District	--	0.0%
Third District	31	50.0%
Fourth District	2	3.2%
Outside of Alaska	2	3.2%
<b>Experience with the judge</b>		
Direct professional experience	49	79.0%
Experience in last 5 years	43	69.4%
Experience not in last 5 years	6	9.7%

## Judge Kevin G. Miller: Detailed Information Responses Alaska Bar Association Members

	Legal Ability		Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>												
No Response		5		6		4		4		8		4
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>49</b>
Experience in last 5 yrs	4.2	41	4.3	40	4.4	42	4.4	42	4.4	39	4.2	42
Experience not in last 5 yrs	4.4	5	4.8	5	4.8	5	4.8	5	4.4	5	4.4	5
Professional Reputation	4.3	7	4.3	7	4.4	7	4.4	7	4.3	7	4.3	7
Other Personal Contacts	4.5	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	1	5.0	2
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		3		4		2		2		5		2
Private, Solo	4.5	10	4.1	10	4.3	10	4.3	10	4.3	10	4.2	10
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	4.0	9	4.2	9	4.6	9	4.5	10	4.0	10	4.0	10
Private, 6+ Attorneys	1.0	1	--	0	1.0	1	1.0	1	--	0	1.0	1
Private, Corporate Employee	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.4	16	4.8	16	4.7	16	4.8	16	4.8	14	4.6	16
Government	4.2	11	4.2	11	4.4	12	4.5	11	4.3	11	4.2	11
Public Service Agency/Org	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Other	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		3		4		2		2		5		2
5 Years or fewer	4.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
6 to 10 years	4.3	4	4.8	4	4.8	4	4.8	4	4.5	4	4.8	4
11 to 15 years	4.5	4	4.5	4	4.6	5	4.5	4	5.0	3	4.3	4
16 to 20 years	4.2	6	4.3	6	4.5	6	4.6	7	4.2	6	4.1	7
21 years or more	4.2	32	4.4	31	4.4	32	4.4	32	4.4	31	4.2	32
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		3		4		2		2		5		2
Male	4.2	38	4.3	37	4.4	38	4.4	38	4.3	35	4.2	38
Female	4.3	9	4.7	9	4.7	10	4.8	10	4.5	10	4.5	10
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		3		4		2		2		5		2
Prosecution	3.7	3	4.0	3	4.0	3	4.0	3	3.7	3	3.7	3
Mainly Criminal	4.8	5	4.8	5	4.8	5	4.8	5	4.8	5	4.8	5
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.2	23	4.4	23	4.4	23	4.4	23	4.3	22	4.3	23
Mainly Civil	4.1	15	4.4	14	4.4	15	4.4	16	4.4	14	4.0	16
Other	5.0	2	4.5	2	4.7	3	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		3		4		2		2		5		2
First District	4.5	21	4.3	21	4.5	21	4.6	21	4.5	21	4.4	21
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	4.0	23	4.4	22	4.4	24	4.4	24	4.3	21	4.1	24
Fourth District	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2
Outside of Alaska	4.0	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	3.5	2

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

**District Court Judge Kevin G. Miller**

**B. Peace and Probation Officers**

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>	No Response	1	5.9%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	8	47.1%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	3	17.6%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	5	29.4%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>	No Response	1	5.9%
	5 Years or fewer	2	11.8%
	6 to 10 years	4	23.5%
	11 to 15 years	3	17.6%
	16 to 20 years	5	29.4%
	21 years or more	2	11.8%
<b>Gender</b>	No Response	1	5.9%
	Male	14	82.4%
	Female	2	11.8%
<b>Location of Work</b>	No Response	1	5.9%
	First District	16	94.1%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	--	0.0%
	Fourth District	--	0.0%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>	No Response	1	5.9%
	Under 2,000	2	11.8%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	13	76.5%
	Over 35,000	1	5.9%
<b>Experience with the judge</b>	Direct professional experience	14	82.4%
	Experience in last 5 years	14	82.4%
	Experience not in last 5 years	--	0.0%

**Judge Kevin G. Miller**  
**Peace and Probation Officers**

	Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		1		1		1		1		1
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>14</b>
Experience in last 5 yrs	4.7	14	4.9	14	4.7	14	4.8	14	4.9	14
Experience not in last 5 yrs	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Professional Reputation	4.0	2	3.5	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
State Law Enforcement Officer	4.8	6	5.0	6	5.0	6	4.8	6	5.0	6
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Off.	4.7	3	5.0	3	4.3	3	4.7	3	5.0	3
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	4.6	5	4.6	5	4.6	5	4.8	5	4.6	5
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	5.0	2	5.0	2	4.5	2	5.0	2	4.5	2
6 to 10 years	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	4.7	3	5.0	3
11 to 15 years	4.7	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3
16 to 20 years	4.8	4	4.8	4	4.5	4	4.5	4	4.8	4
21 years or more	4.0	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Male	4.7	12	4.8	12	4.8	12	4.8	12	4.9	12
Female	5.0	2	5.0	2	4.5	2	5.0	2	4.5	2
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
First District	4.7	14	4.9	14	4.7	14	4.8	14	4.9	14
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Fourth District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Under 2,000	4.5	2	5.0	2	4.5	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
Between 2,000 and 35,000	4.8	12	4.8	12	4.8	12	4.8	12	4.8	12
Over 35,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

# Second Judicial District Paul A. Roetman - Kotzebue Superior Court

## Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores

### ***Summary of survey information***

Judge Roetman's detailed survey scores from follow. Attorneys rated him 4.1 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated him 4.7 overall. Social services professionals evaluated Judge Roetman's performance as Excellent, based on direct professional experience.

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## Superior Court Judge Paul A. Roetman

### A. Alaska Bar Association

#### Demographic Description

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	--	0.0%
Private, Solo	7	9.9%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	7	9.9%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	7	9.9%
Private, Corporate Employee	1	1.4%
Judge or Judicial Officer	21	29.6%
Government	25	35.2%
Public Service Agency or Organization	1	1.4%
Other	2	2.8%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	1	1.4%
5 Years or fewer	3	4.2%
6 to 10 years	11	15.5%
11 to 15 years	7	9.9%
16 to 20 years	11	15.5%
21 years or more	38	53.5%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	--	0.0%
Male	43	60.6%
Female	28	39.4%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	--	0.0%
Prosecution	9	12.7%
Mainly Criminal	5	7.0%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	33	46.5%
Mainly Civil	22	31.0%
Other	2	2.8%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	--	0.0%
First District	4	5.6%
Second District	9	12.7%
Third District	48	67.6%
Fourth District	8	11.3%
Outside of Alaska	2	2.8%
<b>Experience with the judge</b>		
Direct professional experience	57	80.3%
Experience in last 5 years	52	73.2%
Experience not in last 5 years	5	7.0%

## Judge Paul A. Roetman: Detailed Information Responses Alaska Bar Association Members

	Legal Ability		Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>												
No Response		2		2		4		4		8		3
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>56</b>
Experience in last 5 yrs	4.0	52	4.3	52	4.5	51	4.4	51	4.4	48	4.2	51
Experience not in last 5 yrs	3.0	5	2.8	5	4.0	4	3.5	4	4.0	3	3.2	5
Professional Reputation	3.5	6	3.8	6	4.2	6	4.3	6	3.7	6	3.8	6
Other Personal Contacts	4.0	6	4.5	6	4.7	6	4.3	6	4.3	6	4.2	6
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		0		2		2		6		1
Private, Solo	4.0	5	4.0	5	4.3	4	4.4	5	5.0	4	4.2	5
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	4.3	6	4.3	6	4.7	6	4.2	6	4.5	6	4.3	6
Private, 6+ Attorneys	4.3	7	4.4	7	4.8	6	4.4	7	4.8	6	4.3	6
Private, Corporate Employee	3.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Judge or Judicial Officer	3.7	15	3.9	15	4.2	15	4.0	14	4.1	12	3.9	15
Government	3.8	20	4.0	20	4.5	20	4.5	19	4.3	19	3.9	20
Public Service Agency/Org	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Other	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		0		0		2		1		5		1
5 Years or fewer	3.3	3	3.3	3	3.3	3	3.7	3	4.0	3	3.7	3
6 to 10 years	4.4	11	3.9	11	4.5	11	4.4	11	4.3	11	4.2	11
11 to 15 years	3.4	5	4.0	5	4.8	5	5.0	4	4.4	5	4.0	5
16 to 20 years	4.3	8	4.5	8	4.5	8	4.4	8	4.4	7	4.4	8
21 years or more	3.9	29	4.3	29	4.6	27	4.3	29	4.5	25	4.1	28
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		0		0		2		2		6		1
Male	3.9	35	4.1	35	4.5	33	4.2	34	4.3	30	4.0	35
Female	4.0	22	4.2	22	4.4	22	4.5	21	4.5	21	4.2	21
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		0		0		2		2		6		1
Prosecution	3.7	7	4.4	7	4.9	7	4.5	6	4.3	7	4.0	7
Mainly Criminal	4.3	3	4.0	3	5.0	3	4.7	3	4.0	3	4.0	3
Mixed Criminal & Civil	3.9	27	4.0	27	4.2	27	4.1	26	4.4	22	4.0	27
Mainly Civil	4.1	19	4.3	19	4.7	17	4.5	19	4.6	18	4.2	18
Other	4.0	1	3.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		0		2		2		6		1
First District	3.0	3	3.7	3	4.7	3	4.0	2	4.0	1	3.7	3
Second District	4.1	9	4.0	9	4.4	9	4.6	9	4.3	9	4.2	9
Third District	3.9	35	4.2	35	4.5	34	4.4	34	4.5	31	4.1	34
Fourth District	4.1	8	3.9	8	4.1	7	4.0	8	4.3	8	3.9	8
Outside of Alaska	3.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

## Superior Court Judge Paul A. Roetman

### B. Peace and Probation Officers

#### Demographic Description

	N	%
<b>Type of Work</b>		
No Response	1	5.6%
State Law Enforcement Officer	10	55.6%
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	2	11.1%
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
Probation/Parole Officer	4	22.2%
Other	1	5.6%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>		
No Response	1	5.6%
5 Years or fewer	2	11.1%
6 to 10 years	5	27.8%
11 to 15 years	3	16.7%
16 to 20 years	2	11.1%
21 years or more	5	27.8%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	1	5.6%
Male	16	88.9%
Female	1	5.6%
<b>Location of Work</b>		
No Response	1	5.6%
First District	2	11.1%
Second District	10	55.6%
Third District	5	27.8%
Fourth District	--	0.0%
Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>		
No Response	1	5.6%
Under 2,000	--	0.0%
Between 2,000 and 35,000	13	72.2%
Over 35,000	4	22.2%
<b>Experience with the judge</b>		
Direct professional experience	14	77.8%
Experience in last 5 years	12	66.7%
Experience not in last 5 years	2	11.1%

**Judge Paul A. Roetman  
Peace and Probation Officers**

	Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		4		3		3		3		3
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>13</b>
Experience in last 5 yrs	4.7	11	4.8	12	4.7	12	4.6	12	4.8	12
Experience not in last 5 yrs	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
Professional Reputation	2.0	1	3.0	1	2.0	1	2.0	1	2.0	1
Other Personal Contacts	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		2		1		1		1		1
State Law Enforcement Officer	4.4	7	4.4	7	4.4	7	4.3	7	4.4	7
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Off.	4.5	2	5.0	2	4.5	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	5.0	3	5.0	3	4.7	3	4.7	3	5.0	3
Other	--	0	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		2		1		1		1		1
5 Years or fewer	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
6 to 10 years	4.8	4	4.8	4	4.8	4	4.8	4	4.8	4
11 to 15 years	4.7	3	4.7	3	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.7	3
16 to 20 years	3.5	2	4.0	2	3.5	2	4.0	2	4.0	2
21 years or more	5.0	1	5.0	2	5.0	2	4.0	2	5.0	2
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		2		1		1		1		1
Male	4.6	11	4.7	12	4.5	12	4.4	12	4.7	12
Female	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		2		1		1		1		1
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	4.6	8	4.8	9	4.6	9	4.7	9	4.8	9
Third District	4.5	4	4.5	4	4.5	4	4.0	4	4.5	4
Fourth District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response		2		1		1		1		1
Under 2,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	4.7	9	4.8	10	4.6	10	4.6	10	4.8	10
Over 35,000	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.0	3	4.3	3

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

**Third Judicial District**  
**Andrew Guidi - Anchorage Superior Court**

**Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

***Summary of survey information***

Judge Guidi's detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated him 4.5 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated him 3.0 overall. Social services professionals evaluated Judge Guidi's performance as Excellent, based on direct professional experience.

***The Judicial Council's Evaluation Process***

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## Superior Court Judge Andrew Guidi

### A. Alaska Bar Association

#### Demographic Description

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	--	0.0%
Private, Solo	43	26.2%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	33	20.1%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	19	11.6%
Private, Corporate Employee	3	1.8%
Judge or Judicial Officer	23	14.0%
Government	39	23.8%
Public Service Agency or Organization	3	1.8%
Other	1	0.6%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	5	3.0%
5 Years or fewer	7	4.3%
6 to 10 years	9	5.5%
11 to 15 years	17	10.4%
16 to 20 years	17	10.4%
21 years or more	109	66.5%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	2	1.2%
Male	111	67.7%
Female	51	31.1%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	1	0.6%
Prosecution	6	3.7%
Mainly Criminal	5	3.0%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	42	25.6%
Mainly Civil	102	62.2%
Other	8	4.9%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	1	0.6%
First District	7	4.3%
Second District	1	0.6%
Third District	151	92.1%
Fourth District	3	1.8%
Outside of Alaska	1	0.6%
<b>Experience with the judge</b>		
Direct professional experience	137	83.5%
Experience in last 5 years	132	80.5%
Experience not in last 5 years	5	3.0%

## Judge Andrew Guidi: Detailed Information Responses Alaska Bar Association Members

	Legal Ability		Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>												
No Response		8		6		9		6		14		5
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>136</b>
Experience in last 5 yrs	4.5	128	4.5	129	4.6	126	4.6	131	4.4	123	4.5	129
Experience not in last 5 yrs	4.2	5	3.6	5	3.8	5	3.8	5	4.4	5	4.0	5
Professional Reputation	4.3	15	4.3	14	4.4	14	4.4	14	4.1	14	4.4	15
Other Personal Contacts	4.7	7	4.7	9	4.8	9	4.7	7	4.7	7	4.8	9
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		4		3		6		1		8		3
Private, Solo	4.4	35	4.2	36	4.5	35	4.5	37	4.4	34	4.4	37
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	4.4	29	4.5	29	4.6	29	4.7	29	4.4	27	4.5	29
Private, 6+ Attorneys	4.1	17	4.3	17	4.3	17	4.2	17	4.2	17	4.3	17
Private, Corporate Employee	4.7	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.8	20	4.6	19	4.8	19	4.8	20	4.7	18	4.8	18
Government	4.6	27	4.5	28	4.6	27	4.7	28	4.4	28	4.4	28
Public Service Agency/Org	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	2	4.7	3	4.7	3	5.0	3
Other	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		4		3		6		1		8		3
5 Years or fewer	4.3	6	4.7	6	4.7	6	4.7	6	4.7	6	4.7	6
6 to 10 years	4.9	7	4.9	8	4.8	6	5.0	8	4.6	8	4.9	8
11 to 15 years	5.0	12	4.8	12	4.9	12	4.9	12	4.4	12	4.8	11
16 to 20 years	4.2	13	4.3	13	4.4	12	4.4	13	4.0	11	4.2	13
21 years or more	4.5	92	4.4	92	4.5	92	4.6	94	4.5	89	4.5	93
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		4		3		6		1		9		3
Male	4.5	94	4.5	95	4.6	93	4.7	97	4.5	89	4.5	95
Female	4.5	40	4.4	40	4.5	39	4.4	40	4.4	40	4.4	40
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		4		3		6		1		9		3
Prosecution	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.7	3	4.7	3	4.3	3
Mainly Criminal	4.3	4	4.2	5	4.0	4	4.4	5	4.4	5	4.4	5
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.4	35	4.6	34	4.7	34	4.6	35	4.6	32	4.6	34
Mainly Civil	4.5	85	4.4	86	4.6	85	4.6	87	4.4	83	4.5	86
Other	4.4	7	4.7	7	5.0	6	4.6	7	4.3	6	4.7	7
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		4		3		6		1		9		3
First District	4.0	4	4.5	4	4.5	4	4.3	4	4.0	4	4.3	4
Second District	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Third District	4.5	127	4.4	128	4.6	125	4.6	130	4.4	122	4.5	128
Fourth District	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Outside of Alaska	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

## Superior Court Judge Andrew Guidi

### B. Peace and Probation Officers

#### Demographic Description

		N	%
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	1	12.5%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	5	62.5%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	1	12.5%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	1	12.5%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	1	12.5%
	5 Years or fewer	--	0.0%
	6 to 10 years	1	12.5%
	11 to 15 years	3	37.5%
	16 to 20 years	2	25.0%
	21 years or more	1	12.5%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	2	25.0%
	Male	4	50.0%
	Female	2	25.0%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	1	12.5%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	7	87.5%
	Fourth District	--	0.0%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>			
	No Response	1	12.5%
	Under 2,000	--	0.0%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	--	0.0%
	Over 35,000	7	87.5%
<b>Experience with the judge</b>			
	Direct professional experience	2	25.0%
	Experience in last 5 years	2	25.0%
	Experience not in last 5 years	--	0.0%



**Judge Andrew Guidi**  
**Peace and Probation Officers**

	Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		2		2		2		2		3
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2</b>
Experience in last 5 yrs	3.0	2	3.0	2	3.5	2	3.0	2	3.0	2
Experience not in last 5 yrs	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Professional Reputation	3.0	4	3.0	4	3.3	4	3.3	4	3.3	3
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
State Law Enforcement Officer	3.0	2	3.0	2	3.5	2	3.0	2	3.0	2
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Off.	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
6 to 10 years	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
11 to 15 years	2.0	1	2.0	1	3.0	1	2.0	1	2.0	1
16 to 20 years	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
21 years or more	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Male	2.0	1	2.0	1	3.0	1	2.0	1	2.0	1
Female	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	3.0	2	3.0	2	3.5	2	3.0	2	3.0	2
Fourth District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Under 2,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Over 35,000	3.0	2	3.0	2	3.5	2	3.0	2	3.0	2

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

**Third Judicial District**  
**Gregory Miller - Anchorage Superior Court**

**Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

***Summary of survey information***

Judge Miller's detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated him 3.9 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated him 3.5 overall. Social services professionals evaluated Judge Gregory Miller's performance as Good, based on direct professional experience.

***The Judicial Council's Evaluation Process***

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## Superior Court Judge Gregory Miller

### A. Alaska Bar Association

#### Demographic Description

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	--	0.0%
Private, Solo	28	22.2%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	21	16.7%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	8	6.3%
Private, Corporate Employee	1	0.8%
Judge or Judicial Officer	25	19.8%
Government	41	32.5%
Public Service Agency or Organization	1	0.8%
Other	1	0.8%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	8	6.3%
5 Years or fewer	17	13.5%
6 to 10 years	9	7.1%
11 to 15 years	10	7.9%
16 to 20 years	12	9.5%
21 years or more	70	55.6%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	1	0.8%
Male	90	71.4%
Female	35	27.8%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	--	0.0%
Prosecution	13	10.3%
Mainly Criminal	12	9.5%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	36	28.6%
Mainly Civil	60	47.6%
Other	5	4.0%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	1	0.8%
First District	2	1.6%
Second District	1	0.8%
Third District	120	95.2%
Fourth District	1	0.8%
Outside of Alaska	1	0.8%
<b>Experience with the judge</b>		
Direct professional experience	92	73.0%
Experience in last 5 years	91	72.2%
Experience not in last 5 years	1	0.8%

## Judge Gregory Miller: Detailed Information Responses Alaska Bar Association Members

	Legal Ability		Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>												
No Response		11		10		7		7		15		9
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>96</b>
Experience in last 5 yrs	3.8	89	3.8	90	4.1	89	3.9	91	3.9	88	3.8	91
Experience not in last 5 yrs	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	--	0	5.0	1
Professional Reputation	4.1	17	4.1	17	4.4	19	4.4	18	4.3	15	4.1	17
Other Personal Contacts	4.5	4	5.0	4	5.0	6	5.0	5	4.5	4	4.8	4
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		3		2		3		1		5		1
Private, Solo	3.8	21	3.6	21	3.9	21	3.9	21	3.7	21	3.8	21
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	4.3	16	4.5	16	4.4	16	4.7	17	4.2	17	4.4	17
Private, 6+ Attorneys	2.8	6	2.7	6	2.8	6	2.7	6	2.8	6	2.7	6
Private, Corporate Employee	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.2	20	4.1	21	4.5	21	4.1	21	4.5	19	4.3	21
Government	3.4	29	3.7	29	4.1	28	3.6	29	3.8	27	3.5	29
Public Service Agency/Org	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Other	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		3		2		2		1		5		1
5 Years or fewer	3.5	15	3.8	15	4.2	15	3.9	15	3.7	14	3.6	15
6 to 10 years	3.3	9	3.9	9	4.1	9	3.7	9	3.8	9	3.6	9
11 to 15 years	3.8	5	3.7	6	3.7	6	3.7	6	3.4	5	3.7	6
16 to 20 years	3.9	8	4.3	8	4.5	8	3.9	9	4.3	8	4.2	9
21 years or more	4.0	50	3.9	50	4.2	50	4.1	50	4.1	49	4.0	50
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		3		2		3		1		5		1
Male	3.9	68	4.0	69	4.2	68	3.9	69	3.9	65	3.9	69
Female	3.6	25	3.7	25	4.0	25	3.9	26	4.0	26	3.8	26
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		3		2		3		1		5		1
Prosecution	2.5	11	2.8	11	3.6	11	2.4	11	3.0	10	2.5	11
Mainly Criminal	4.3	10	4.6	10	4.8	10	4.5	10	4.8	9	4.6	10
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.2	28	4.4	28	4.6	28	4.5	28	4.4	26	4.4	28
Mainly Civil	3.7	43	3.6	44	3.8	43	3.8	45	3.7	45	3.7	45
Other	5.0	2	4.5	2	5.0	2	4.5	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		3		2		3		1		5		1
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Third District	3.8	92	3.9	93	4.1	92	3.9	94	3.9	90	3.9	94
Fourth District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Outside of Alaska	3.0	1	3.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

**Superior Court Judge Gregory Miller**

**B. Peace and Probation Officers**

**Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	1	5.0%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	7	35.0%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	4	20.0%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	8	40.0%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	2	10.0%
	5 Years or fewer	1	5.0%
	6 to 10 years	5	25.0%
	11 to 15 years	6	30.0%
	16 to 20 years	5	25.0%
	21 years or more	1	5.0%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	2	10.0%
	Male	15	75.0%
	Female	3	15.0%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	1	5.0%
	First District	1	5.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	18	90.0%
	Fourth District	--	0.0%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>			
	No Response	1	5.0%
	Under 2,000	--	0.0%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	2	10.0%
	Over 35,000	17	85.0%
<b>Experience with the judge</b>			
	Direct professional experience	14	70.0%
	Experience in last 5 years	14	70.0%
	Experience not in last 5 years	--	0.0%

**Judge Gregory Miller  
Peace and Probation Officers**

	Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		2		3		4		3		2
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>13</b>
Experience in last 5 yrs	3.9	13	3.8	13	4.0	13	3.7	13	3.5	13
Experience not in last 5 yrs	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Professional Reputation	2.8	5	2.8	4	2.7	3	3.0	4	2.6	5
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		1		1		1		1		1
State Law Enforcement Officer	4.3	6	4.3	6	4.2	6	3.8	6	3.8	6
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Off.	3.0	2	3.0	2	4.0	2	3.5	2	3.0	2
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	3.8	5	3.4	5	3.8	5	3.6	5	3.4	5
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		1		1		1		1		1
5 Years or fewer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
6 to 10 years	4.3	4	4.0	4	4.0	4	3.5	4	3.5	4
11 to 15 years	3.0	4	2.8	4	3.5	4	3.3	4	2.8	4
16 to 20 years	4.3	4	4.3	4	4.3	4	4.0	4	4.0	4
21 years or more	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		1		1		1		1		1
Male	3.7	10	3.5	10	3.7	10	3.4	10	3.2	10
Female	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	4.5	2	5.0	2
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		1		1		1		1		1
First District	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	3.9	12	3.8	12	4.0	12	3.7	12	3.5	12
Fourth District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response		1		1		1		1		1
Under 2,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	3.0	2	3.0	2	3.5	2	3.5	2	3.0	2
Over 35,000	4.1	11	3.9	11	4.1	11	3.7	11	3.6	11

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

**Third Judicial District**  
**Jo-Ann M. Chung - Anchorage District Court**

**Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

***Summary of survey information***

Judge Chung's detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated her 4.1 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated her 4.1 overall. Social services professionals evaluated Judge Chung's performance as Good, based on direct professional experience.

***The Judicial Council's Evaluation Process***

State law requires the Judicial Council to evaluate each judge standing for retention, and to report its evaluations to the voters. The three surveys reported here are an important part of the Council's evaluations. The Council also considers survey ratings by jurors and court employees, public comments, and the ratings by the independent citizen volunteers at Alaska Judicial Observers. Along with the personal observations of the hundreds of people who had direct professional experience with the judge, the Council reviews any litigation involving the judge, conflict of interest records, public disciplinary files, and indicators of judicial performance such as appellate affirmances and reversals, and peremptory challenges and recusals. All of the evaluation information about the judge is on the Council's website at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us).

## District Court Judge Jo-Ann M. Chung

### A. Alaska Bar Association

#### Demographic Description

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	--	0.0%
Private, Solo	17	19.5%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	12	13.8%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	6	6.9%
Private, Corporate Employee	--	0.0%
Judge or Judicial Officer	17	19.5%
Government	32	36.8%
Public Service Agency or Organization	1	1.1%
Other	2	2.3%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	6	6.9%
5 Years or fewer	10	11.5%
6 to 10 years	10	11.5%
11 to 15 years	11	12.6%
16 to 20 years	10	11.5%
21 years or more	40	46.0%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	--	0.0%
Male	59	67.8%
Female	28	32.2%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	--	0.0%
Prosecution	15	17.2%
Mainly Criminal	15	17.2%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	26	29.9%
Mainly Civil	29	33.3%
Other	2	2.3%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	--	0.0%
First District	2	2.3%
Second District	--	0.0%
Third District	85	97.7%
Fourth District	--	0.0%
Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Experience with the judge</b>		
Direct professional experience	73	83.9%
Experience in last 5 years	72	82.8%
Experience not in last 5 years	1	1.1%



## Judge Jo-Ann M. Chung: Detailed Information Responses Alaska Bar Association Members

	Legal Ability		Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>												
No Response		4		2		6		4		8		1
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>73</b>
Experience in last 5 yrs	3.9	69	4.0	71	4.3	68	4.1	71	4.1	67	4.0	71
Experience not in last 5 yrs	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	--	0	4.0	1	5.0	1
Professional Reputation	4.5	8	4.6	9	4.9	8	5.0	8	4.9	8	4.8	9
Other Personal Contacts	4.5	4	4.7	3	5.0	3	4.3	3	4.5	2	4.5	4
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		3		1		4		2		5		1
Private, Solo	3.9	13	3.9	13	4.3	12	3.9	14	4.1	12	4.0	13
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	3.4	12	3.8	12	4.3	11	4.0	11	3.7	11	3.7	12
Private, 6+ Attorneys	3.5	6	3.5	6	3.5	6	3.7	6	3.8	6	3.7	6
Private, Corporate Employee	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.2	17	4.4	17	4.7	17	4.4	17	4.4	17	4.4	17
Government	4.0	21	4.2	23	4.3	22	4.1	22	4.0	21	4.0	23
Public Service Agency/Org	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Other	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		3		1		4		2		5		1
5 Years or fewer	4.0	8	4.2	9	4.4	8	4.4	9	4.7	7	4.2	9
6 to 10 years	3.6	7	3.8	8	4.0	8	3.8	8	3.5	8	3.5	8
11 to 15 years	3.9	7	4.0	7	3.9	7	4.0	6	4.0	7	4.1	7
16 to 20 years	3.3	10	3.8	10	4.1	8	3.8	9	3.6	9	3.7	10
21 years or more	4.2	34	4.3	34	4.5	34	4.2	35	4.2	33	4.3	34
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		3		1		4		2		5		1
Male	3.9	49	4.0	51	4.3	50	4.0	51	4.0	47	4.0	51
Female	4.0	22	4.1	22	4.4	20	4.3	21	4.3	22	4.2	22
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		3		1		4		2		5		1
Prosecution	4.1	11	4.5	12	4.6	11	4.2	11	4.1	11	4.3	12
Mainly Criminal	3.8	11	3.6	11	3.8	11	4.1	12	4.1	10	3.8	12
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.3	24	4.3	24	4.6	24	4.4	24	4.5	23	4.4	24
Mainly Civil	3.5	23	3.8	24	4.0	23	3.8	23	3.7	23	3.8	23
Other	3.5	2	4.0	2	5.0	1	3.5	2	4.0	2	3.5	2
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		3		1		4		2		5		1
First District	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	--	0	4.0	1	5.0	1
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	3.9	70	4.1	72	4.3	69	4.1	72	4.1	68	4.0	72
Fourth District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

**District Court Judge Jo-Ann M. Chung****B. Peace and Probation Officers****Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	1	4.5%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	7	31.8%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	13	59.1%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	1	4.5%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	2	9.1%
	5 Years or fewer	1	4.5%
	6 to 10 years	5	22.7%
	11 to 15 years	6	27.3%
	16 to 20 years	6	27.3%
	21 years or more	2	9.1%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	2	9.1%
	Male	17	77.3%
	Female	3	13.6%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	1	4.5%
	First District	1	4.5%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	20	90.9%
	Fourth District	--	0.0%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>			
	No Response	1	4.5%
	Under 2,000	1	4.5%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	--	0.0%
	Over 35,000	20	90.9%
<b>Experience with the judge</b>			
	Direct professional experience	17	77.3%
	Experience in last 5 years	17	77.3%
	Experience not in last 5 years	--	0.0%

**Judge Jo-Ann M. Chung  
Peace and Probation Officers**

	Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		2		3		4		4		2
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>16</b>
Experience in last 5 yrs	4.3	16	4.3	16	4.2	15	4.2	14	4.1	16
Experience not in last 5 yrs	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Professional Reputation	4.0	3	4.5	2	4.0	3	4.0	3	4.0	3
Other Personal Contacts	5.0	1	5.0	1	--	0	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		1		1		2		3		1
State Law Enforcement Officer	4.3	6	4.3	6	4.3	6	4.0	5	4.2	6
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Off.	4.2	10	4.3	10	4.1	9	4.3	9	4.1	10
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		1		1		2		3		1
5 Years or fewer	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1
6 to 10 years	4.0	4	4.3	4	4.5	4	4.0	4	4.3	4
11 to 15 years	4.5	4	4.5	4	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.3	4
16 to 20 years	4.0	6	4.0	6	3.7	6	4.0	5	3.8	6
21 years or more	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		1		1		2		2		1
Male	4.2	14	4.3	14	4.2	13	4.2	13	4.1	14
Female	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		1		1		2		3		1
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	4.3	16	4.3	16	4.2	15	4.2	14	4.1	16
Fourth District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response		1		1		2		3		1
Under 2,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Over 35,000	4.3	16	4.3	16	4.2	15	4.2	14	4.1	16

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

**Third Judicial District**  
**Brian K. Clark – Anchorage District Court**

**Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

***Summary of survey information***

Judge Clark's detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated him 4.5 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated him 4.7 overall. Social services professionals evaluated Judge Clark's performance as Acceptable, based on direct professional experience.

***The Judicial Council's Evaluation Process***

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## District Court Judge Brian K. Clark

### A. Alaska Bar Association

#### Demographic Description

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	--	0.0%
Private, Solo	28	20.7%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	29	21.5%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	10	7.4%
Private, Corporate Employee	1	0.7%
Judge or Judicial Officer	22	16.3%
Government	40	29.6%
Public Service Agency or Organization	1	0.7%
Other	4	3.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	3	2.2%
5 Years or fewer	16	11.9%
6 to 10 years	14	10.4%
11 to 15 years	12	8.9%
16 to 20 years	18	13.3%
21 years or more	72	53.3%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	--	0.0%
Male	98	72.6%
Female	37	27.4%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	--	0.0%
Prosecution	17	12.6%
Mainly Criminal	19	14.1%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	41	30.4%
Mainly Civil	55	40.7%
Other	3	2.2%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	1	0.7%
First District	2	1.5%
Second District	--	0.0%
Third District	126	93.3%
Fourth District	4	3.0%
Outside of Alaska	2	1.5%
<b>Experience with the judge</b>		
Direct professional experience	113	83.7%
Experience in last 5 years	104	77.0%
Experience not in last 5 years	9	6.7%

## Judge Brian K. Clark: Detailed Information Responses Alaska Bar Association Members

	Legal Ability		Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>												
No Response		5		6		7		4		11		5
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>113</b>
Experience in last 5 yrs	4.4	102	4.5	101	4.6	101	4.6	103	4.4	96	4.5	102
Experience not in last 5 yrs	4.8	9	4.8	9	4.8	9	4.8	9	4.7	9	4.8	9
Professional Reputation	4.5	14	4.6	14	4.6	13	4.6	14	4.6	14	4.6	14
Other Personal Contacts	4.3	3	4.7	3	4.7	3	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.3	3
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		2		3		3		1		8		2
Private, Solo	4.4	21	4.5	20	4.5	20	4.5	21	4.3	19	4.5	21
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	4.3	26	4.4	26	4.5	25	4.7	26	4.2	25	4.3	25
Private, 6+ Attorneys	4.2	9	4.3	9	4.4	10	4.5	10	4.3	10	4.5	10
Private, Corporate Employee	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.8	19	5.0	19	5.0	19	5.0	19	4.9	19	5.0	19
Government	4.3	33	4.4	33	4.6	33	4.6	33	4.2	30	4.4	33
Public Service Agency/Org	1.0	1	1.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	4.0	1	2.0	1
Other	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	2	5.0	3
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		2		3		3		1		8		2
5 Years or fewer	4.4	16	4.4	16	4.5	16	4.6	16	4.2	14	4.6	16
6 to 10 years	4.3	13	4.5	13	4.5	13	4.9	13	4.4	12	4.5	13
11 to 15 years	4.7	7	4.7	7	4.9	7	4.9	7	4.7	7	4.9	7
16 to 20 years	4.6	16	4.6	16	4.7	16	4.8	16	4.7	15	4.6	16
21 years or more	4.4	58	4.5	57	4.7	57	4.6	59	4.4	56	4.5	58
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		2		3		3		1		8		2
Male	4.4	83	4.5	82	4.6	82	4.6	84	4.3	77	4.5	83
Female	4.5	30	4.5	30	4.7	30	4.6	30	4.5	30	4.6	30
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		2		3		3		1		8		2
Prosecution	4.1	15	4.1	15	4.3	15	4.3	15	3.9	13	4.1	15
Mainly Criminal	4.5	16	4.7	15	4.7	15	4.8	16	4.5	13	4.8	16
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.6	34	4.6	34	4.7	34	4.7	34	4.6	33	4.6	34
Mainly Civil	4.3	46	4.5	46	4.6	46	4.6	47	4.3	46	4.5	46
Other	5.0	2	4.5	2	5.0	2	4.5	2	5.0	2	4.5	2
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		2		3		3		1		8		2
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	4.4	107	4.5	106	4.6	106	4.6	108	4.4	101	4.5	107
Fourth District	4.3	3	4.7	3	4.7	3	4.7	3	4.7	3	4.7	3
Outside of Alaska	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

## District Court Judge Brian K. Clark

### B. Peace and Probation Officers

#### Demographic Description

		N	%
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	1	3.6%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	11	39.3%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	15	53.6%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	1	3.6%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	2	7.1%
	5 Years or fewer	--	0.0%
	6 to 10 years	7	25.0%
	11 to 15 years	7	25.0%
	16 to 20 years	9	32.1%
	21 years or more	3	10.7%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	2	7.1%
	Male	22	78.6%
	Female	4	14.3%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	1	3.6%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	27	96.4%
	Fourth District	--	0.0%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>			
	No Response	1	3.6%
	Under 2,000	--	0.0%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	3	10.7%
	Over 35,000	24	85.7%
<b>Experience with the judge</b>			
	Direct professional experience	21	75.0%
	Experience in last 5 years	20	71.4%
	Experience not in last 5 years	1	3.6%

**Judge Brian K. Clark**  
**Peace and Probation Officers**

	Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		3		2		2		6		2
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>21</b>
Experience in last 5 yrs	4.9	19	4.9	20	4.9	20	4.9	17	4.9	20
Experience not in last 5 yrs	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Professional Reputation	4.2	5	4.2	5	4.2	5	4.5	4	4.2	5
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		2		1		1		4		1
State Law Enforcement Officer	4.9	8	4.9	8	4.9	8	4.9	8	4.9	8
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Off.	4.7	12	4.6	13	4.8	13	4.8	10	4.6	13
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		2		1		1		4		1
5 Years or fewer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
6 to 10 years	5.0	6	5.0	6	5.0	6	5.0	6	5.0	6
11 to 15 years	4.2	6	4.1	7	4.4	7	4.5	6	4.1	7
16 to 20 years	5.0	7	5.0	7	5.0	7	5.0	5	5.0	7
21 years or more	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		2		1		1		4		1
Male	4.7	15	4.6	16	4.8	16	4.8	13	4.6	16
Female	5.0	4	5.0	4	5.0	4	5.0	4	5.0	4
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		2		1		1		4		1
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	4.8	20	4.7	21	4.8	21	4.8	18	4.7	21
Fourth District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response		2		1		1		4		1
Under 2,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	2.0	1	2.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	2.0	1
Over 35,000	4.9	19	4.9	20	4.9	20	4.9	17	4.9	20

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.



**Third Judicial District**  
**William L. Estelle - Palmer District Court**

**Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

***Summary of survey information***

Judge Estelle's detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated him 3.4 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated him 3.5 overall. Judge Estelle was not evaluated by any social services professionals.

***The Judicial Council's Evaluation Process***

State law requires the Judicial Council to evaluate each judge standing for retention, and to report its evaluations to the voters. The three surveys reported here are an important part of the Council's evaluations. The Council also considers survey ratings by jurors and court employees, public comments, and the ratings by the independent citizen volunteers at Alaska Judicial Observers. Along with the personal observations of the hundreds of people who had direct professional experience with the judge, the Council reviews any litigation involving the judge, conflict of interest records, public disciplinary files, and indicators of judicial performance such as appellate affirmances and reversals, and peremptory challenges and recusals. All of the evaluation information about the judge is on the Council's website at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us).

## District Court Judge William L. Estelle

### A. Alaska Bar Association

#### Demographic Description

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	--	0.0%
Private, Solo	22	25.0%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	11	12.5%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	6	6.8%
Private, Corporate Employee	1	1.1%
Judge or Judicial Officer	19	21.6%
Government	26	29.5%
Public Service Agency or Organization	--	0.0%
Other	3	3.4%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	4	4.5%
5 Years or fewer	9	10.2%
6 to 10 years	7	8.0%
11 to 15 years	8	9.1%
16 to 20 years	11	12.5%
21 years or more	49	55.7%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	1	1.1%
Male	62	70.5%
Female	25	28.4%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	1	1.1%
Prosecution	5	5.7%
Mainly Criminal	10	11.4%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	35	39.8%
Mainly Civil	35	39.8%
Other	2	2.3%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	--	0.0%
First District	3	3.4%
Second District	2	2.3%
Third District	79	89.8%
Fourth District	2	2.3%
Outside of Alaska	2	2.3%
<b>Experience with the judge</b>		
Direct professional experience	70	79.5%
Experience in last 5 years	60	68.2%
Experience not in last 5 years	10	11.4%

## Judge William L. Estelle: Detailed Information Responses Alaska Bar Association Members

	Legal Ability		Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>												
No Response		4		4		6		3		10		3
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>71</b>
Experience in last 5 yrs	3.5	59	3.6	58	3.7	58	3.6	59	3.3	55	3.4	60
Experience not in last 5 yrs	3.9	10	3.8	10	3.8	8	3.9	10	3.7	9	3.8	10
Professional Reputation	4.3	10	4.3	10	4.3	10	4.3	10	4.3	9	4.3	10
Other Personal Contacts	4.3	4	4.6	5	4.2	6	4.8	5	3.6	5	4.0	4
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		1		2		5		1		7		0
Private, Solo	3.4	18	3.6	18	3.7	17	3.8	18	3.7	17	3.6	18
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	3.8	8	3.9	8	3.9	8	3.8	8	3.1	8	3.5	8
Private, 6+ Attorneys	2.5	4	2.8	4	3.0	4	3.0	5	3.0	4	2.8	5
Private, Corporate Employee	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Judge or Judicial Officer	3.7	16	3.9	16	3.8	15	3.7	15	3.2	13	3.5	16
Government	3.6	20	3.3	19	3.5	19	3.4	20	3.2	18	3.2	20
Public Service Agency/Org	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Other	4.0	3	4.3	3	5.0	2	4.3	3	4.0	3	4.3	3
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		0		1		4		1		6		0
5 Years or fewer	3.6	9	3.6	8	3.5	8	4.0	9	3.0	7	3.4	9
6 to 10 years	3.7	6	3.2	6	2.8	5	2.8	6	3.3	6	3.0	6
11 to 15 years	4.0	5	4.0	5	4.4	5	4.4	5	3.8	5	4.0	5
16 to 20 years	3.8	9	4.0	9	3.7	9	3.7	9	3.5	8	3.6	9
21 years or more	3.5	38	3.7	38	3.9	36	3.7	37	3.4	35	3.5	38
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		1		2		5		1		7		0
Male	3.6	51	3.7	50	3.9	48	3.7	50	3.6	45	3.6	51
Female	3.4	18	3.3	18	3.2	17	3.4	19	2.9	18	3.2	19
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		1		2		5		1		7		0
Prosecution	3.8	4	3.0	4	3.5	4	2.8	4	3.3	4	3.3	4
Mainly Criminal	3.9	8	3.8	8	3.4	5	3.8	8	3.7	6	3.6	8
Mixed Criminal & Civil	3.7	28	3.8	27	3.9	27	3.9	28	3.6	24	3.7	29
Mainly Civil	3.3	28	3.5	28	3.6	28	3.6	28	3.2	28	3.3	28
Other	4.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	2.0	1	2.0	1	2.0	1
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		1		2		5		1		7		0
First District	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Second District	4.0	2	5.0	1	4.0	2	4.5	2	--	0	4.0	2
Third District	3.6	65	3.6	65	3.7	61	3.6	65	3.4	61	3.4	66
Fourth District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Outside of Alaska	2.0	2	2.5	2	2.0	2	2.5	2	2.0	2	2.5	2

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

**District Court Judge William L. Estelle****B. Peace and Probation Officers****Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>	No Response	1	3.3%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	15	50.0%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	10	33.3%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	4	13.3%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>	No Response	1	3.3%
	5 Years or fewer	1	3.3%
	6 to 10 years	8	26.7%
	11 to 15 years	10	33.3%
	16 to 20 years	6	20.0%
	21 years or more	4	13.3%
<b>Gender</b>	No Response	1	3.3%
	Male	23	76.7%
	Female	6	20.0%
<b>Location of Work</b>	No Response	2	6.7%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	28	93.3%
	Fourth District	--	0.0%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>	No Response	1	3.3%
	Under 2,000	--	0.0%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	14	46.7%
	Over 35,000	15	50.0%
<b>Experience with the judge</b>	Direct professional experience	23	11.4%
	Experience in last 5 years	23	11.4%
	Experience not in last 5 years	--	0.0%

**Judge William L. Estelle  
Peace and Probation Officers**

	Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		2		2		2		2		2
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>24</b>
Experience in last 5 yrs	3.7	23	4.1	23	4.0	23	3.7	23	3.6	23
Experience not in last 5 yrs	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Professional Reputation	3.5	4	3.5	4	3.3	4	3.3	4	3.3	4
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
State Law Enforcement Officer	3.5	13	4.0	13	4.0	13	3.8	13	3.5	13
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Off.	3.6	8	4.0	8	3.8	8	3.5	8	3.5	8
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	3.7	3	4.0	3	4.3	3	3.7	3	3.7	3
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
5 Years or fewer	2.0	1	2.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	2.0	1
6 to 10 years	3.9	8	4.1	8	4.1	8	3.8	8	3.6	8
11 to 15 years	3.6	7	3.7	7	4.0	7	3.7	7	3.6	7
16 to 20 years	3.0	5	4.0	5	3.2	5	3.2	5	3.2	5
21 years or more	4.3	3	5.0	3	4.3	3	3.7	3	4.3	3
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Male	3.5	19	4.0	19	3.8	19	3.6	19	3.4	19
Female	4.0	5	4.2	5	4.6	5	4.0	5	4.0	5
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	3.6	23	4.0	23	4.0	23	3.7	23	3.6	23
Fourth District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		0		0
Under 2,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	3.6	14	4.1	14	3.9	14	3.4	14	3.6	14
Over 35,000	3.5	10	3.8	10	4.0	10	4.0	10	3.5	10

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

**Third Judicial District  
Sharon A. S. Illsley - Kenai District Court**

**Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

***Summary of survey information***

Judge Illsley's detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated her 3.8 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated her 3.6 overall. Social services professionals evaluated Judge Illsley's performance as Good to Excellent, based on direct professional experience.

***The Judicial Council's Evaluation Process***

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## District Court Judge Sharon A. S. Illsley

### A. Alaska Bar Association

#### Demographic Description

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	--	0.0%
Private, Solo	13	22.8%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	7	12.3%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	--	0.0%
Private, Corporate Employee	--	0.0%
Judge or Judicial Officer	16	28.1%
Government	19	33.3%
Public Service Agency or Organization	1	1.8%
Other	1	1.8%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	3	5.3%
5 Years or fewer	4	7.0%
6 to 10 years	5	8.8%
11 to 15 years	6	10.5%
16 to 20 years	10	17.5%
21 years or more	29	50.9%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	1	1.8%
Male	37	64.9%
Female	19	33.3%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	--	0.0%
Prosecution	6	10.5%
Mainly Criminal	8	14.0%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	24	42.1%
Mainly Civil	17	29.8%
Other	2	3.5%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	--	0.0%
First District	3	5.3%
Second District	1	1.8%
Third District	50	87.7%
Fourth District	2	3.5%
Outside of Alaska	1	1.8%
<b>Experience with the judge</b>		
Direct professional experience	42	73.7%
Experience in last 5 years	38	66.7%
Experience not in last 5 years	4	7.0%

**Judge Sharon A. S. Illsley: Detailed Information Responses  
Alaska Bar Association Members**

	Legal Ability		Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>												
No Response		1		1		3		2		6		2
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>42</b>
Experience in last 5 yrs	3.8	38	3.7	38	4.1	37	3.8	38	3.7	36	3.7	38
Experience not in last 5 yrs	4.5	4	4.3	4	4.3	4	4.5	4	5.0	3	4.3	4
Professional Reputation	3.7	14	3.5	14	4.0	13	3.8	13	3.8	12	3.7	13
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		0		1		0		3		0
Private, Solo	4.4	10	4.5	10	4.6	10	4.8	10	4.4	8	4.4	10
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	3.3	6	3.0	6	3.7	6	3.8	6	3.3	6	3.5	6
Private, 6+ Attorneys	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Private, Corporate Employee	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Judge or Judicial Officer	3.7	13	3.5	13	3.7	13	3.3	13	3.2	13	3.4	13
Government	3.9	11	3.7	11	4.3	10	3.7	11	4.3	10	3.8	11
Public Service Agency/Org	3.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	3.0	1	2.0	1	3.0	1
Other	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		0		0		1		0		3		0
5 Years or fewer	3.0	3	3.0	3	4.0	3	3.7	3	3.3	3	3.3	3
6 to 10 years	4.3	4	4.5	4	5.0	4	4.5	4	4.8	4	4.5	4
11 to 15 years	3.7	3	3.7	3	3.7	3	3.7	3	3.0	2	3.7	3
16 to 20 years	4.5	6	4.8	6	4.8	6	4.8	6	4.2	6	4.7	6
21 years or more	3.7	24	3.4	24	3.8	23	3.5	24	3.5	22	3.5	24
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		0		0		1		0		3		0
Male	3.8	27	3.9	27	4.2	27	4.0	27	3.8	26	3.9	27
Female	4.1	14	3.6	14	3.9	13	3.6	14	3.8	12	3.6	14
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		0		0		1		0		3		0
Prosecution	3.7	3	3.0	3	4.0	3	3.7	3	3.7	3	3.3	3
Mainly Criminal	4.2	6	4.2	6	4.8	6	4.7	6	4.3	6	4.3	6
Mixed Criminal & Civil	3.9	19	3.6	19	3.8	18	3.6	19	3.4	17	3.6	19
Mainly Civil	3.9	13	4.0	13	4.2	13	4.0	13	3.9	12	3.9	13
Other	3.0	1	3.0	1	4.0	1	3.0	1	5.0	1	3.0	1
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		0		1		0		3		0
First District	4.0	1	4.0	1	--	0	3.0	1	--	0	4.0	1
Second District	3.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Third District	4.0	38	3.9	38	4.1	38	4.0	38	3.8	36	3.9	38
Fourth District	2.0	1	1.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	2.0	1
Outside of Alaska	3.0	1	2.0	1	3.0	1	2.0	1	2.0	1	2.0	1

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.



## District Court Judge Sharon A. S. Illsley

### B. Peace and Probation Officers

#### Demographic Description

		N	%
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	1	4.0%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	10	40.0%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	13	52.0%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	1	4.0%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	2	8.0%
	5 Years or fewer	5	20.0%
	6 to 10 years	3	12.0%
	11 to 15 years	7	28.0%
	16 to 20 years	3	12.0%
	21 years or more	5	20.0%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	1	4.0%
	Male	22	88.0%
	Female	2	8.0%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	1	4.0%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	1	4.0%
	Third District	23	92.0%
	Fourth District	--	0.0%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>			
	No Response	1	4.0%
	Under 2,000	--	0.0%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	16	64.0%
	Over 35,000	8	32.0%
<b>Experience with the judge</b>			
	Direct professional experience	16	64.0%
	Experience in last 5 years	14	56.0%
	Experience not in last 5 years	2	8.0%

**Judge Sharon A. S. Illsley  
Peace and Probation Officers**

	Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		4		5		4		5		4
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>15</b>
Experience in last 5 yrs	3.7	14	3.7	13	3.9	14	4.0	13	3.7	14
Experience not in last 5 yrs	2.0	1	2.0	1	2.0	1	2.0	1	2.0	1
Professional Reputation	3.7	6	3.7	6	3.8	6	3.8	6	3.8	6
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		1		2		1		2		1
State Law Enforcement Officer	3.3	6	3.5	6	3.8	6	3.5	6	3.3	6
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Off.	3.8	9	3.6	8	3.8	9	4.1	8	3.8	9
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		1		2		1		2		1
5 Years or fewer	3.6	5	3.3	4	3.8	5	3.5	4	3.6	5
6 to 10 years	4.0	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	5.0	2	4.5	2
11 to 15 years	4.0	5	4.0	5	3.8	5	4.0	5	3.8	5
16 to 20 years	2.0	2	2.0	2	3.0	2	2.5	2	2.0	2
21 years or more	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		1		2		1		2		1
Male	3.8	13	3.8	12	4.0	13	4.1	12	3.8	13
Female	2.5	2	2.5	2	2.5	2	2.5	2	2.5	2
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		1		2		1		2		1
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Third District	3.6	14	3.5	13	3.7	14	3.8	13	3.5	14
Fourth District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response		1		2		1		2		1
Under 2,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	3.9	12	3.8	11	4.0	12	4.2	11	3.9	12
Over 35,000	2.3	3	2.7	3	3.0	3	2.7	3	2.3	3

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

**Third Judicial District**  
**Gregory Motyka - Anchorage District Court**

**Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

***Summary of survey information***

Judge Motyka's detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated him 4.2 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated him 4.5 overall. Social services professionals evaluated Judge Motyka's performance as Deficient, based on direct professional experience.

***The Judicial Council's Evaluation Process***

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## District Court Judge Gregory Motyka

### A. Alaska Bar Association

#### Demographic Description

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	1	0.7%
Private, Solo	40	28.4%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	25	17.7%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	10	7.1%
Private, Corporate Employee	1	0.7%
Judge or Judicial Officer	24	17.0%
Government	36	25.5%
Public Service Agency or Organization	2	1.4%
Other	2	1.4%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	4	2.8%
5 Years or fewer	15	10.6%
6 to 10 years	13	9.2%
11 to 15 years	12	8.5%
16 to 20 years	13	9.2%
21 years or more	84	59.6%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	2	1.4%
Male	105	74.5%
Female	34	24.1%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	1	0.7%
Prosecution	15	10.6%
Mainly Criminal	15	10.6%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	41	29.1%
Mainly Civil	65	46.1%
Other	4	2.8%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	1	0.7%
First District	3	2.1%
Second District	1	0.7%
Third District	132	93.6%
Fourth District	3	2.1%
Outside of Alaska	1	0.7%
<b>Experience with the judge</b>		
Direct professional experience	117	83.0%
Experience in last 5 years	94	66.7%
Experience not in last 5 years	23	16.3%

## Judge Gregory Motyka: Detailed Information Responses Alaska Bar Association Members

	Legal Ability		Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>												
No Response		5		2		3		1		14		1
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>119</b>
Experience in last 5 yrs	4.1	91	4.2	94	4.3	93	4.2	94	4.2	84	4.2	94
Experience not in last 5 yrs	4.3	23	4.3	22	4.5	22	4.4	23	4.1	22	4.3	23
Professional Reputation	4.2	17	4.2	18	4.4	18	4.2	18	4.2	17	4.2	18
Other Personal Contacts	4.0	1	3.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	--	0	4.0	1
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		3		1		2		0		11		0
Private, Solo	4.2	32	4.3	31	4.3	31	4.3	32	4.1	29	4.3	32
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	4.2	23	4.3	23	4.5	23	4.4	23	4.3	22	4.4	23
Private, 6+ Attorneys	4.9	8	4.6	8	4.9	8	4.8	8	4.6	8	4.8	8
Private, Corporate Employee	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.4	20	4.2	22	4.3	21	4.3	22	4.2	20	4.2	22
Government	3.8	27	3.9	28	4.1	28	3.9	28	3.8	24	3.8	28
Public Service Agency/Org	3.0	2	3.0	2	2.5	2	3.0	2	3.0	1	3.0	2
Other	4.5	2	4.5	2	5.0	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		3		1		2		0		11		0
5 Years or fewer	4.2	15	4.2	15	4.4	15	4.1	15	4.3	13	4.2	15
6 to 10 years	4.2	12	4.2	13	4.3	13	4.4	13	4.3	11	4.2	13
11 to 15 years	4.0	6	3.8	6	4.2	6	4.0	6	4.2	6	4.0	6
16 to 20 years	4.2	12	4.3	12	4.3	12	4.4	12	4.4	11	4.3	12
21 years or more	4.2	67	4.2	68	4.3	67	4.2	69	4.1	63	4.2	69
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		3		0		1		0		10		0
Male	4.2	86	4.3	88	4.5	87	4.4	88	4.3	79	4.3	88
Female	4.0	28	3.9	29	4.0	29	3.8	29	3.8	28	3.8	29
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		3		1		2		0		11		0
Prosecution	4.2	12	4.4	13	4.4	13	4.2	13	3.9	11	4.2	13
Mainly Criminal	3.9	14	3.8	14	4.1	14	4.1	14	4.1	11	4.0	14
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.3	36	4.2	38	4.3	37	4.3	38	4.3	34	4.2	38
Mainly Civil	4.1	51	4.2	50	4.4	50	4.3	51	4.1	49	4.2	51
Other	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		3		1		2		0		11		0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Third District	4.2	113	4.2	113	4.3	112	4.3	114	4.2	103	4.2	114
Fourth District	4.0	2	3.5	2	4.0	2	3.5	2	4.0	2	3.5	2
Outside of Alaska	--	0	3.0	1	4.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	4.0	1

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

## District Court Judge Gregory Motyka

### B. Peace and Probation Officers

#### Demographic Description

		N	%
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	1	3.4%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	13	44.8%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	15	51.7%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	--	0.0%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	2	6.9%
	5 Years or fewer	--	0.0%
	6 to 10 years	4	13.8%
	11 to 15 years	8	27.6%
	16 to 20 years	12	41.4%
	21 years or more	3	10.3%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	2	6.9%
	Male	23	79.3%
	Female	4	13.8%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	1	3.4%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	28	96.6%
	Fourth District	--	0.0%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>			
	No Response	1	3.4%
	Under 2,000	--	0.0%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	1	3.4%
	Over 35,000	27	93.1%
<b>Experience with the judge</b>			
	Direct professional experience	21	72.4%
	Experience in last 5 years	19	65.5%
	Experience not in last 5 years	2	6.9%

**Judge Gregory Motyka  
Peace and Probation Officers**

	Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		3		4		4		6		3
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>21</b>
Experience in last 5 yrs	4.6	19	4.8	18	4.6	18	4.6	16	4.6	19
Experience not in last 5 yrs	3.5	2	3.5	2	2.5	2	3.5	2	3.0	2
Professional Reputation	4.2	5	4.4	5	4.4	5	4.4	5	4.4	5
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		1		1		3		0
State Law Enforcement Officer	4.6	8	4.7	7	4.3	8	4.4	7	4.5	8
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Off.	4.5	13	4.6	13	4.4	12	4.5	11	4.5	13
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		1		1		3		0
5 Years or fewer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
6 to 10 years	5.0	3	5.0	3	4.7	3	4.5	2	4.7	3
11 to 15 years	4.3	7	4.7	6	4.4	7	4.3	6	4.4	7
16 to 20 years	4.6	8	4.6	8	4.3	7	4.6	7	4.5	8
21 years or more	4.0	2	4.0	2	3.5	2	4.0	2	4.0	2
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		1		1		3		0
Male	4.5	17	4.7	16	4.3	16	4.4	14	4.5	17
Female	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.7	3	4.3	3	4.3	3
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		1		1		3		0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	4.5	21	4.7	20	4.4	20	4.4	18	4.5	21
Fourth District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response		0		1		1		3		0
Under 2,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	5.0	1	5.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Over 35,000	4.5	20	4.6	19	4.4	19	4.4	17	4.5	20

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

**Third Judicial District**  
**Stephanie Rhoades - Anchorage District Court**

**Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

***Summary of survey information***

Judge Rhoades' detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated her 3.5 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated her 4.1 overall. Social services professionals evaluated Judge Rhoades's performance as Excellent, based on direct professional experience.

***The Judicial Council's Evaluation Process***

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## District Court Judge Stephanie Rhoades

### A. Alaska Bar Association

#### Demographic Description

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	1	0.6%
Private, Solo	42	23.9%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	29	16.5%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	20	11.4%
Private, Corporate Employee	2	1.1%
Judge or Judicial Officer	29	16.5%
Government	50	28.4%
Public Service Agency or Organization	2	1.1%
Other	1	0.6%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	6	3.4%
5 Years or fewer	15	8.5%
6 to 10 years	15	8.5%
11 to 15 years	14	8.0%
16 to 20 years	18	10.2%
21 years or more	108	61.4%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	3	1.7%
Male	125	71.0%
Female	48	27.3%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	1	0.8%
Prosecution	15	8.5%
Mainly Criminal	18	10.2%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	50	28.4%
Mainly Civil	87	49.4%
Other	5	2.8%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	3	1.7%
First District	8	4.5%
Second District	1	0.6%
Third District	157	89.2%
Fourth District	5	2.8%
Outside of Alaska	2	1.1%
<b>Experience with the judge</b>		
Direct professional experience	84	47.7%
Experience in last 5 years	66	37.5%
Experience not in last 5 years	18	10.2%

## Judge Stephanie Rhoades: Detailed Information Responses Alaska Bar Association Members

	Legal Ability		Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>												
No Response		7		7		5		0		13		1
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>153</b>
Experience in last 5 yrs	3.7	63	3.3	63	3.8	65	2.9	66	3.8	60	3.3	66
Experience not in last 5 yrs	4.1	16	3.8	17	4.2	16	3.6	18	4.1	17	3.8	17
Professional Reputation	4.6	18	4.4	18	4.7	18	4.4	19	4.6	17	4.5	19
Other Personal Contacts	4.5	2	4.5	2	5.0	2	4.5	2	5.0	2	4.5	2
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		6		6		4		0		11		1
Private, Solo	3.7	35	3.5	34	3.8	34	3.2	35	3.8	32	3.3	35
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	3.2	25	2.9	25	3.3	25	2.6	27	3.2	24	3.0	26
Private, 6+ Attorneys	4.3	16	4.1	16	4.3	16	3.6	16	4.1	16	4.1	16
Private, Corporate Employee	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	3.5	2	4.0	2	4.0	2
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.2	25	3.6	24	4.2	25	2.9	26	4.4	26	3.7	26
Government	4.0	41	3.3	43	3.9	44	2.8	44	4.3	39	3.4	44
Public Service Agency/Org	4.0	2	3.5	2	4.0	2	3.5	2	5.0	2	4.0	2
Other	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		6		6		4		0		11		1
5 Years or fewer	3.8	13	3.3	15	3.8	15	2.8	15	4.2	14	3.3	15
6 to 10 years	3.8	12	3.4	13	3.9	13	2.6	14	4.2	10	3.2	13
11 to 15 years	3.9	12	3.1	12	3.9	12	2.8	12	4.3	12	3.5	12
16 to 20 years	3.6	16	2.8	14	3.4	16	2.6	16	3.6	14	3.1	16
21 years or more	3.9	89	3.6	88	4.3	88	3.2	91	4.0	87	3.6	91
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		6		6		4		0		11		1
Male	3.7	104	3.4	105	3.8	105	3.0	109	3.8	99	3.3	108
Female	4.1	41	3.5	40	4.0	42	3.0	42	4.3	41	3.7	42
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		6		6		4		0		11		1
Prosecution	3.8	12	2.8	14	3.8	14	2.6	14	4.1	12	3.1	14
Mainly Criminal	3.8	17	3.7	17	3.9	18	2.7	18	4.3	15	3.4	18
Mixed Criminal & Civil	3.9	45	3.4	43	3.8	45	2.8	46	4.1	45	3.5	46
Mainly Civil	3.8	70	3.5	70	3.9	69	3.3	72	3.8	67	3.6	71
Other	4.0	3	3.3	3	4.0	3	2.7	3	5.0	3	3.3	3
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		6		6		4		0		10		1
First District	4.0	5	3.4	5	3.8	5	3.2	5	4.0	5	3.6	5
Second District	--	0	2.0	1	--	0	1.0	1	5.0	1	1.0	1
Third District	3.9	134	3.5	132	3.9	135	3.0	138	4.0	129	3.5	137
Fourth District	3.5	4	3.6	5	3.6	5	3.2	5	4.0	4	3.6	5
Outside of Alaska	4.0	2	2.5	2	4.0	2	2.5	2	4.5	2	3.5	2

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

## District Court Judge Stephanie Rhoades

### B. Peace and Probation Officers

#### Demographic Description

	N	%
<b>Type of Work</b>		
No Response	1	2.7%
State Law Enforcement Officer	15	40.5%
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	16	43.2%
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
Probation/Parole Officer	5	13.5%
Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>		
No Response	2	5.4%
5 Years or fewer	--	0.0%
6 to 10 years	9	24.3%
11 to 15 years	8	21.6%
16 to 20 years	14	37.8%
21 years or more	4	10.8%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	2	5.4%
Male	28	75.7%
Female	7	18.9%
<b>Location of Work</b>		
No Response	1	2.7%
First District	--	0.0%
Second District	--	0.0%
Third District	36	97.3%
Fourth District	--	0.0%
Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>		
No Response	1	2.7%
Under 2,000	--	0.0%
Between 2,000 and 35,000	5	13.5%
Over 35,000	31	83.8%
<b>Experience with the judge</b>		
Direct professional experience	31	83.8%
Experience in last 5 years	29	78.4%
Experience not in last 5 years	2	5.4%

**Judge Stephanie Rhoades  
Peace and Probation Officers**

	Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		2		3		3		5		3
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>30</b>
Experience in last 5 yrs	4.2	29	4.4	28	3.9	28	4.4	26	4.1	29
Experience not in last 5 yrs	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.0	1
Professional Reputation	5.0	4	5.0	4	5.0	4	5.0	4	5.0	4
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		1		1		3		1
State Law Enforcement Officer	3.8	12	4.2	11	3.4	12	4.3	11	3.7	12
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Off.	4.4	16	4.4	16	4.2	15	4.3	14	4.4	16
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	4.7	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	3	4.5	2
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		1		1		3		1
5 Years or fewer	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
6 to 10 years	4.1	7	4.1	7	3.7	7	4.2	6	3.9	7
11 to 15 years	4.6	7	4.7	7	4.7	6	4.5	6	4.6	7
16 to 20 years	4.0	13	4.3	12	3.8	13	4.3	12	3.9	12
21 years or more	4.0	3	4.3	3	3.7	3	4.3	3	4.0	3
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		1		3		1
Male	4.2	25	4.3	25	3.9	24	4.3	22	4.1	25
Female	4.8	5	4.8	5	4.8	5	4.6	5	4.8	4
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		1		1		3		1
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	4.2	31	4.4	30	4.0	30	4.4	28	4.1	30
Fourth District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response		0		1		1		3		1
Under 2,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	4.3	3	4.7	3	4.3	3	4.7	3	4.7	3
Over 35,000	4.2	28	4.4	27	3.9	27	4.3	25	4.0	27

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

**Third Judicial District  
John W. Wolfe - Palmer District Court**

**Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

***Summary of survey information***

Judge Wolfe's detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated him 4.1 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated him 3.8 overall. Judge Wolfe was not evaluated by any social services professionals.

***The Judicial Council's Evaluation Process***

State law requires the Judicial Council to evaluate each judge standing for retention, and to report its evaluations to the voters. The three surveys reported here are an important part of the Council's evaluations. The Council also considers survey ratings by jurors and court employees, public comments, and the ratings by the independent citizen volunteers at Alaska Judicial Observers. Along with the personal observations of the hundreds of people who had direct professional experience with the judge, the Council reviews any litigation involving the judge, conflict of interest records, public disciplinary files, and indicators of judicial performance such as appellate affirmances and reversals, and peremptory challenges and recusals. All of the evaluation information about the judge is on the Council's website at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us).

## District Court Judge John W. Wolfe

### A. Alaska Bar Association

#### Demographic Description

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	--	0.0%
Private, Solo	17	24.3%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	8	11.4%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	1	1.4%
Private, Corporate Employee	--	0.0%
Judge or Judicial Officer	20	28.6%
Government	22	31.4%
Public Service Agency or Organization	--	0.0%
Other	2	2.9%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	3	4.3%
5 Years or fewer	7	10.0%
6 to 10 years	8	11.4%
11 to 15 years	9	12.9%
16 to 20 years	10	14.3%
21 years or more	33	47.1%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	1	1.4%
Male	45	64.3%
Female	24	34.3%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	1	1.4%
Prosecution	6	8.6%
Mainly Criminal	10	14.3%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	34	48.6%
Mainly Civil	17	24.3%
Other	2	2.9%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	--	0.0%
First District	2	2.9%
Second District	--	0.0%
Third District	64	91.4%
Fourth District	2	2.9%
Outside of Alaska	2	2.9%
<b>Experience with the judge</b>		
Direct professional experience	60	85.7%
Experience in last 5 years	53	75.7%
Experience not in last 5 years	7	10.0%

## Judge John W. Wolfe: Detailed Information Responses Alaska Bar Association Members

	Legal Ability		Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>												
No Response		2		2		4		8		10		3
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>53</b>
Experience in last 5 yrs	3.8	48	4.0	48	4.3	46	4.3	45	4.1	42	4.0	48
Experience not in last 5 yrs	4.3	4	4.3	4	5.0	4	5.0	4	5.0	4	5.0	4
Professional Reputation	4.0	11	4.0	11	4.0	11	3.8	11	4.2	10	4.0	10
Other Personal Contacts	4.0	3	4.7	3	4.7	3	5.0	1	4.7	3	4.3	3
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		0		2		4		7		0
Private, Solo	4.1	13	4.1	13	4.4	12	4.4	12	4.3	12	4.2	13
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	3.3	8	3.6	8	3.9	8	4.2	6	4.1	7	3.6	8
Private, 6+ Attorneys	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Private, Corporate Employee	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Judge or Judicial Officer	3.9	14	4.4	14	4.6	14	4.5	13	4.4	10	4.4	14
Government	3.6	15	3.6	15	4.3	14	4.2	15	3.9	14	3.9	15
Public Service Agency/Org	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Other	5.0	2	5.0	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	5.0	2
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		0		0		2		4		7		0
5 Years or fewer	4.2	6	4.3	6	4.5	6	4.5	6	4.3	6	4.3	6
6 to 10 years	3.7	7	3.7	7	4.3	7	4.1	7	4.0	6	3.6	7
11 to 15 years	4.4	5	4.2	5	4.8	5	4.8	5	4.8	5	4.8	5
16 to 20 years	3.8	8	4.4	8	4.4	8	4.6	7	4.3	6	4.3	8
21 years or more	3.8	24	4.0	24	4.3	22	4.4	21	4.2	20	4.1	24
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		0		0		2		4		7		0
Male	3.9	36	4.1	36	4.4	35	4.4	32	4.3	32	4.1	36
Female	3.8	16	3.9	16	4.4	15	4.3	16	4.1	13	4.1	16
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		0		0		2		4		7		0
Prosecution	3.8	5	3.6	5	4.6	5	4.2	5	4.2	5	4.0	5
Mainly Criminal	3.6	8	4.0	8	4.1	7	4.6	7	4.0	7	4.0	8
Mixed Criminal & Civil	3.8	25	4.1	25	4.4	25	4.3	23	4.3	20	4.2	25
Mainly Civil	4.1	13	4.0	13	4.4	13	4.6	12	4.4	12	4.2	13
Other	4.0	1	4.0	1	--	0	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		0		0		2		4		7		0
First District	4.0	1	3.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	3.8	50	4.0	50	4.3	48	4.3	46	4.2	44	4.0	50
Fourth District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Outside of Alaska	3.5	2	4.5	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	1	5.0	2

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

**District Court Judge John W. Wolfe****B. Peace and Probation Officers****Demographic Description**

		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Type of Work</b>			
	No Response	1	4.3%
	State Law Enforcement Officer	14	60.9%
	Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	6	26.1%
	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0.0%
	Probation/Parole Officer	2	8.7%
	Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>			
	No Response	1	4.3%
	5 Years or fewer	1	4.3%
	6 to 10 years	7	30.4%
	11 to 15 years	7	30.4%
	16 to 20 years	5	21.7%
	21 years or more	2	8.7%
<b>Gender</b>			
	No Response	1	4.3%
	Male	18	78.3%
	Female	4	17.4%
<b>Location of Work</b>			
	No Response	2	8.7%
	First District	--	0.0%
	Second District	--	0.0%
	Third District	21	91.3%
	Fourth District	--	0.0%
	Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>			
	No Response	1	4.3%
	Under 2,000	--	0.0%
	Between 2,000 and 35,000	13	56.5%
	Over 35,000	9	39.1%
<b>Experience with the judge</b>			
	Direct professional experience	21	91.3%
	Experience in last 5 years	20	87.0%
	Experience not in last 5 years	1	4.3%



**Judge John W. Wolfe  
Peace and Probation Officers**

	Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		2		2		2		3		2
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>21</b>
Experience in last 5 yrs	3.8	20	3.9	20	4.1	20	4.1	19	3.8	20
Experience not in last 5 yrs	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1	3.0	1
Professional Reputation	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		1		0
State Law Enforcement Officer	3.9	13	3.9	13	4.2	13	4.3	12	3.9	13
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Off.	3.2	6	3.3	6	3.5	6	3.5	6	3.2	6
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Probation/Parole Officer	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		1		0
5 Years or fewer	2.0	1	2.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	2.0	1
6 to 10 years	4.3	6	4.5	6	4.5	6	4.7	6	4.5	6
11 to 15 years	3.3	7	3.4	7	3.9	7	3.5	6	3.4	7
16 to 20 years	3.4	5	3.4	5	3.4	5	3.4	5	3.2	5
21 years or more	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	2
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		1		0
Male	3.6	18	3.7	18	4.0	18	4.0	17	3.7	18
Female	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.3	3	4.3	3
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		1		0
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	3.7	20	3.8	20	4.0	20	4.0	19	3.7	20
Fourth District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response		0		0		0		1		0
Under 2,000	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Between 2,000 and 35,000	4.0	12	4.1	12	4.2	12	4.2	12	4.0	12
Over 35,000	3.3	9	3.4	9	3.9	9	3.9	8	3.4	9

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

**Fourth Judicial District**  
**Ben Seekins - Fairbanks District Court**

**Summary Sheet and Detailed Survey Scores**

***Summary of survey information***

Judge Seekins' detailed survey scores follow. Attorneys rated him 4.3 on overall performance. Peace and probation officers rated him 4.4 overall. Social services professionals evaluated Judge Seekins's performance as Good to Excellent, based on direct professional experience.

***The Judicial Council's Evaluation Process***

State law requires the Judicial Council to evaluate each judge standing for retention, and to report its evaluations to the voters. The three surveys reported here are an important part of the Council's evaluations. The Council also considers survey ratings by jurors and court employees, public comments, and the ratings by the independent citizen volunteers at Alaska Judicial Observers. Along with the personal observations of the hundreds of people who had direct professional experience with the judge, the Council reviews any litigation involving the judge, conflict of interest records, public disciplinary files, and indicators of judicial performance such as appellate affirmances and reversals, and peremptory challenges and recusals. All of the evaluation information about the judge is on the Council's website at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us).

## District Court Judge Ben Seekins

### A. Alaska Bar Association

#### Demographic Description

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	1	1.3%
Private, Solo	15	19.5%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	11	14.3%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	8	10.4%
Private, Corporate Employee	1	1.3%
Judge or Judicial Officer	21	27.3%
Government	20	26.0%
Public Service Agency or Organization	--	0.0%
Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	4	5.2%
5 Years or fewer	6	7.8%
6 to 10 years	10	13.0%
11 to 15 years	5	6.5%
16 to 20 years	12	15.6%
21 years or more	40	51.9%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	3	3.9%
Male	48	62.3%
Female	26	33.8%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	1	1.3%
Prosecution	7	9.1%
Mainly Criminal	6	7.8%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	33	42.9%
Mainly Civil	28	36.4%
Other	2	2.6%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	1	1.3%
First District	5	6.5%
Second District	1	1.3%
Third District	28	36.4%
Fourth District	42	54.5%
Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Experience with the judge</b>		
Direct professional experience	57	74.0%
Experience in last 5 years	56	72.7%
Experience not in last 5 years	1	1.3%

## Judge Ben Seekins: Detailed Information Responses Alaska Bar Association Members

	Legal Ability		Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>												
No Response		6		7		6		6		8		7
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>53</b>
Experience in last 5 yrs	4.3	53	4.2	53	4.4	52	4.7	53	4.5	51	4.3	52
Experience not in last 5 yrs	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Professional Reputation	3.8	12	3.7	12	3.8	12	3.8	12	3.7	11	3.8	11
Other Personal Contacts	4.8	5	4.5	4	4.8	6	4.6	5	4.8	6	4.5	6
<b>Type of Practice</b>												
No Response		3		3		4		3		5		4
Private, Solo	4.7	7	4.8	8	4.6	8	4.8	8	4.8	9	4.8	8
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	4.8	10	4.8	10	4.9	10	5.0	10	4.6	10	4.7	10
Private, 6+ Attorneys	4.2	6	4.2	6	4.5	6	4.8	6	4.2	5	4.2	6
Private, Corporate Employee	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Judge or Judicial Officer	4.5	18	4.5	17	4.5	16	4.7	17	4.7	16	4.5	17
Government	3.7	12	3.3	12	3.8	12	4.6	12	4.1	11	3.6	11
Public Service Agency/Org	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Years of Practice in Alaska</b>												
No Response		3		3		4		3		5		3
5 Years or fewer	4.6	5	4.6	5	4.8	5	5.0	5	4.6	5	4.8	5
6 to 10 years	4.0	10	4.0	10	4.4	10	4.9	10	4.4	9	4.1	10
11 to 15 years	3.7	3	3.7	3	3.7	3	3.7	3	3.7	3	3.7	3
16 to 20 years	4.5	8	4.4	8	4.4	8	4.6	8	4.5	6	4.4	8
21 years or more	4.5	24	4.5	24	4.5	23	4.8	24	4.6	25	4.5	24
<b>Gender</b>												
No Response		3		3		4		3		5		4
Male	4.4	36	4.3	35	4.4	34	4.7	35	4.5	34	4.4	34
Female	4.2	15	4.4	16	4.5	16	4.8	16	4.5	15	4.4	16
<b>Cases Handled</b>												
No Response		3		3		4		3		5		4
Prosecution	3.2	5	2.6	5	3.0	5	4.4	5	3.5	4	2.8	5
Mainly Criminal	4.6	5	3.8	5	4.6	5	5.0	5	4.8	5	4.8	4
Mixed Criminal & Civil	4.7	27	4.7	26	4.7	25	4.8	26	4.7	26	4.7	26
Mainly Civil	4.1	15	4.3	16	4.4	16	4.6	16	4.3	15	4.2	16
Other	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
<b>Location of Practice</b>												
No Response		3		3		4		3		5		4
First District	5.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Second District	5.0	1	5.0	1	--	0	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1
Third District	4.2	15	4.2	14	4.3	14	4.4	14	4.2	14	4.1	14
Fourth District	4.4	36	4.3	37	4.5	37	4.8	37	4.6	35	4.4	36
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

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### B. Peace and Probation Officers

#### Demographic Description

	N	%
<b>Type of Work</b>		
No Response	1	3.6%
State Law Enforcement Officer	14	50.0%
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	9	32.1%
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	1	3.6%
Probation/Parole Officer	3	10.7%
Other	--	0.0%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>		
No Response	1	3.6%
5 Years or fewer	7	25.0%
6 to 10 years	4	14.3%
11 to 15 years	5	17.9%
16 to 20 years	8	28.6%
21 years or more	3	10.7%
<b>Gender</b>		
No Response	1	3.6%
Male	23	82.1%
Female	4	14.3%
<b>Location of Work</b>		
No Response	1	3.6%
First District	--	0.0%
Second District	--	0.0%
Third District	--	0.0%
Fourth District	27	96.4%
Outside of Alaska	--	0.0%
<b>Community Population</b>		
No Response	1	3.6%
Under 2,000	2	7.1%
Between 2,000 and 35,000	8	28.6%
Over 35,000	17	60.7%
<b>Experience with the judge</b>		
Direct professional experience	23	82.1%
Experience in last 5 years	23	82.1%
Experience not in last 5 years	--	0.0%

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	Impartiality/ Fairness		Integrity		Judicial Temperament		Diligence		Overall Evaluation	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>										
No Response		3		5		3		4		3
<b>Direct Professional</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>22</b>
Experience in last 5 yrs	4.3	21	4.2	19	4.6	21	4.3	21	4.4	21
Experience not in last 5 yrs	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Professional Reputation	4.7	3	5.0	3	4.7	3	4.5	2	4.7	3
Other Personal Contacts	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Type of Work</b>										
No Response		2		4		2		2		2
State Law Enforcement Officer	4.6	11	4.6	10	4.6	12	4.3	11	4.4	12
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Off.	4.3	8	3.9	7	4.7	7	4.5	8	4.6	7
Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1
Probation/Parole Officer	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.0	2
Other	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Length of Experience</b>										
No Response		2		4		2		2		2
5 Years or fewer	4.0	6	4.0	6	4.3	6	4.1	7	4.1	7
6 to 10 years	4.5	4	4.3	4	5.0	4	4.7	3	5.0	3
11 to 15 years	4.8	4	5.0	3	5.0	4	5.0	4	4.8	4
16 to 20 years	4.5	6	4.2	5	4.5	6	4.3	6	4.5	6
21 years or more	4.0	2	4.0	2	4.0	2	3.5	2	3.5	2
<b>Gender</b>										
No Response		2		4		2		2		2
Male	4.4	20	4.2	18	4.6	20	4.3	21	4.4	20
Female	4.5	2	5.0	2	5.0	2	5.0	1	4.5	2
<b>Location of Work</b>										
No Response		2		4		2		2		2
First District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Second District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Third District	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
Fourth District	4.4	22	4.3	20	4.6	22	4.4	22	4.4	22
Outside of Alaska	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0
<b>Community Population</b>										
No Response		2		4		2		2		2
Under 2,000	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2	4.5	2
Between 2,000 and 35,000	4.2	6	4.2	5	4.5	6	4.2	6	4.3	6
Over 35,000	4.4	14	4.2	13	4.6	14	4.4	14	4.4	14

Note: Ratings for only those respondents who reported direct professional experience with the judge.

# Appendix A - Additional Statistical Tables

**Table A1: Survey Return Rates**

<b>Return Rate for Alaska Bar Association Members</b>	
Total potential respondents	3057
Total responding	474
Response rate	15.5%
<b>Return Rate for Peace and Probation Officers</b>	
Total potential respondents	1652
Total responding	202
Response rate	12.2%
<b>Return Rate for Social Services Professionals</b>	
Total potential respondents	505
Total responding	53
Response rate	10.5%



**Table A2: Respondent Characteristics: Alaska Bar Association**

	N	%
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No Response	3	0.6%
Private, Solo	113	23.8%
Private, 2-5 Attorneys	69	14.6%
Private, 6+ Attorneys	57	12.0%
Private, Corporate Employee	12	2.5%
Judge or Judicial Officer	56	11.8%
Government	128	27.0%
Public Service Agency or Organization	16	3.4%
Other	20	4.2%
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No Response	20	4.2%
5 Years or fewer	50	10.5%
6 to 10 years	45	9.5%
11 to 15 years	41	8.6%
16 to 20 years	47	9.9%
21 years or more	271	57.2%
<b>Gender</b>		
No response	10	2.1%
Male	307	64.8%
Female	157	33.1%
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No Response	11	2.3%
Prosecution	27	5.7%
Mainly Criminal	40	8.4%
Mixed Criminal & Civil	108	22.8%
Mainly Civil	256	54.0%
Other	32	6.8%
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No Response	5	1.1%
First District	59	12.4%
Second District	9	1.9%
Third District	327	69.0%
Fourth District	60	12.7%
Outside of Alaska	14	3.0%

**Table A3: Respondent Characteristics: Peace and Probation Officers**

	N	%
<b>Type of Work</b>		
No Response	1	0.5%
State Law Enforcement Officer	84	41.6%
Municipal/Borough Law Enforcement Officer	85	42.1%
Village Public Safety Officer (VSPO)	1	0.5%
Probation/Parole Officer	30	14.9%
Other	1	0.5%
<b>Length of Alaska Experience</b>		
No Response	3	1.5%
5 Years or fewer	35	17.3%
6 to 10 years	41	20.3%
11 to 15 years	52	25.7%
16 to 20 years	48	23.8%
21 years or more	23	11.4%
<b>Gender</b>		
No response	2	1.0%
Male	173	85.6%
Female	27	13.4%
<b>Location of Work</b>		
No Response	2	1.0%
First District	40	19.8%
Second District	12	5.9%
Third District	112	55.4%
Fourth District	36	17.8%
<b>Community Population</b>		
No Response	2	1.0%
Under 2,000	13	6.4%
Between 2,000 and 35,000	100	49.5%
Over 35,000	87	43.1%

**Table A4: Alaska Bar Members' Level of Experience with Judges**

		No Response	Direct Professional Experience	Professional Reputation	Other Personal Contacts
	N	N	N	N	N
<i>Appellate</i>					
Craig F. Stowers	221	253	178	38	5
<i>First District</i>					
Louis James Menendez	106	368	80	20	6
Kevin G. Miller	62	412	51	9	2
<i>Second District</i>					
Paul A. Roetman	71	403	57	7	7
<i>Third District</i>					
Andrew Guidi	165	309	139	17	9
Gregory Miller	126	348	97	20	9
Jo-Ann M. Chung	87	387	74	9	4
Brian K. Clark	135	339	115	15	5
William L. Estelle	88	386	71	10	7
Sharon A. S. Illsley	57	417	42	14	1
Gregory Motyka	139	335	119	18	2
Stephanie Rhoades	175	299	154	19	2
John W. Wolfe	69	405	53	12	4
<i>Fourth District</i>					
Ben Seekins	77	397	57	13	7

**Table A5: Peace and Probation Officers' Level of Experience with Judges**

		No Response	Direct Professional Experience	Professional Reputation	Other Personal Contacts
	N	N	N	N	N
<i>First District</i>					
Louis James Menendez	24	178	20	4	0
Kevin G. Miller	17	185	15	2	0
<i>Second District</i>					
Paul A. Roetman	18	184	15	2	1
<i>Third District</i>					
Andrew Guidi	8	194	3	5	0
Gregory Miller	20	182	15	5	0
Jo-Ann M. Chung	22	180	18	3	1
Brian K. Clark	28	174	23	5	0
William L. Estelle	30	172	25	5	0
Sharon A. S. Illsley	24	178	17	7	0
Gregory Motyka	29	173	22	7	0
Stephanie Rhoades	37	165	32	5	0
John W. Wolfe	23	179	22	1	0
<i>Fourth District</i>					
Ben Seekins	28	174	25	3	0

**Table A6: Overall Rating - Distribution and Mean, Median and Std. Dev. by Alaska Bar Members**

		Poor	Deficient	Acceptable	Good	Excellent	Mean	Median	Std
	N	N	N	N	N	N			
<b><i>Appellate</i></b>									
Craig F. Stowers	174	5	7	17	43	102	4.3	5.0	1.00
<b><i>First District</i></b>									
Louis James Menendez	79	2	2	11	20	44	4.3	5.0	0.98
Kevin G. Miller	49	1	3	6	12	27	4.2	5.0	1.03
<b><i>Second District</i></b>									
Paul A. Roetman	56	1	4	6	24	21	4.1	4.0	0.97
<b><i>Third District</i></b>									
Andrew Guidi	136	1	6	8	31	90	4.5	5.0	0.85
Gregory Miller	96	5	16	7	27	41	3.9	4.0	1.28
Jo-Ann M. Chung	73	3	3	12	24	31	4.1	4.0	1.07
Brian K. Clark	113	1	1	9	30	72	4.5	5.0	0.76
William L. Estelle	71	4	9	25	18	15	3.4	3.0	1.13
Sharon A. S. Illsley	42	3	3	7	16	13	3.8	4.0	1.18
Gregory Motyka	119	0	7	19	37	56	4.2	4.0	0.91
Stephanie Rhoades	153	18	21	34	34	46	3.5	4.0	1.36
John W. Wolfe	53	1	3	9	17	23	4.1	4.0	1.01
<b><i>Fourth District</i></b>									
Ben Seekins	53	1	3	4	16	29	4.3	5.0	0.97

Note: Ratings for only those respondents with direct professional experience with the judge and who evaluated the judge on at least one quality.

**Table A7: Overall Rating - Distribution and Mean, Median and Std. Dev. by Peace and Probation Officers**

	<b>Poor</b>	<b>Deficient</b>	<b>Acceptable</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Excellent</b>				
	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Mean</b>	<b>Median</b>	<b>Std</b>
<b><i>First District</i></b>									
Louis James Menendez	19	0	2	6	6	5	3.7	4.0	0.99
Kevin G. Miller	14	0	0	0	2	12	4.9	5.0	0.36
<b><i>Second District</i></b>									
Paul A. Roetman	13	0	0	1	2	10	4.7	5.0	0.63
<b><i>Third District</i></b>									
Andrew Guidi	2	0	1	0	1	0	3.0	3.0	1.41
Gregory Miller	13	0	2	4	5	2	3.5	4.0	0.97
Jo-Ann M. Chung	16	0	1	2	7	6	4.1	4.0	0.89
Brian K. Clark	21	0	1	0	3	17	4.7	5.0	0.72
William L. Estelle	24	0	6	7	3	8	3.5	3.0	1.22
Sharon A. S. Illsley	15	0	3	4	4	4	3.6	4.0	1.12
Gregory Motyka	21	0	0	2	7	12	4.5	5.0	0.68
Stephanie Rhoades	30	1	2	4	9	14	4.1	4.0	1.10
John W. Wolfe	21	1	3	4	5	8	3.8	4.0	1.26
<b><i>Fourth District</i></b>									
Ben Seekins	22	0	0	2	9	11	4.4	4.5	0.67

Note: Ratings for only those respondents with direct professional experience with the judge and who evaluated the judge on at least one quality.

# **Appendix B - Sample Survey Pages**

*(from paper survey only)*