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Alaska Judicial Council

Retention Questionnaire

2026 Candidates for Judicial Retention

Full Name: Daniel Doty

Court: Ketchikan Superior Court

1a. Please estimate your workload during your present term:

- **Case work:** 85%
- **Administrative work, outreach, continuing education, etc:** 15%

1b. Superior Court Judges:

- **Criminal:** 25%
- **Delinquency:** 5%
- **Domestic Relations:** 35%
- **Child in Need of Aid:** 15%
- **Probate:** 10%
- **General Civil (Including Appeals):** 10%

1c. Number of jury trials/year: 6

1d. Number of non-jury trials/year: 18

1e. Any additional information you would like to provide about your workload?

My administrative portion reflects my participation in a number of committees and other projects described elsewhere in this survey.

The percentages provided above are based on an estimate of time spent by case type. The Court System, to my knowledge, only tracks case assignments by type, but case type numbers do not accurately reflect the work spent in that area.

Jury trials and non-jury trials are based on my calculation of averages since I was appointed in 2022. My non-jury trial average does not include hearings on motions to modify in domestic relations cases.

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

Criminal Rules Committee
Judicial Conference Planning Committee
Special Working Group on Time Standards and Case Flow Management
Commissioner in the Alaska Delegation to the National Commission on Uniform State Laws
Member of the State Indian Child Welfare Act Drafting Committee

3. Please describe any judicial or legal education you have undertaken or provided during your current term in office.

I have attended the judicial conference each year since I was appointed in 2022. I attended the newer judge conference for each of the first three years following my appointment. I attended the National Judicial College's General Jurisdiction course in 2023. I attended the Supreme Court: Off the Record CLE in 2024.

4. Please describe any public outreach activities.

I joined Supreme Court Justice Jude Pate on a trip to schools in Hydaburg and Craig in 2023, and I attended a meeting of the Ketchikan Rotary Club in 2025 as a guest speaker on judicial selection and independence. I have also submitted an op-ed to our local newspaper for publication on the judge's role and the separation of powers in bail and sentencing; as of the date of this questionnaire that op-ed has not yet been printed.

5. Please assess, in one or two paragraphs, your judicial performance during your present term. Appropriate areas of comment could include: satisfaction with your judicial role, specific contributions to the judiciary or the field of law, increases in legal knowledge and judicial skills, or other measures of judicial abilities that you believe to be important.

I have found this position to be enormously rewarding. A judge's work touches every corner of the community, and during my interview with the judicial council, I said the diversity of the work

was one of the things that drew me to this position. I have found that to be even more true than I realized at the time, and I am so grateful that I have had the chance to help people resolve some of the most challenging disputes in their lives.

I have also enjoyed the administrative aspects of this role. I currently serve on the Criminal Rules Committee, the Time Standards and Caseflow Management Working Group, and the Judicial Conference Planning Committee. The Chief Justice has also appointed me to serve as a commissioner on the Alaska Delegation to the Uniform Law Commission, which develops uniform and model laws and court rules for state legislatures to consider., and I was appointed through that organization to participate in a committee to review a proposed uniform state-level Indian Child Welfare Act.

I hope during my next term to refine my efforts to communicate my decisions to the attorneys and parties. I believe I have done so effectively over the last three and a half years, but I have identified a few things I can do to better acknowledge arguments that were legitimate if unpersuasive. I also hope to engage in more community outreach.

5a. This question pertains to Superior Court judges only.

State Law requires the Council to conduct an evaluation of judges standing for retention, and to provide information to the public about the judges. Under a provision added in 2013, the information the Council provides to the public "shall include the judge's consideration of victims when imposing sentence on persons convicted of felony offenses where the offenses involve victims" (see AS 22.10.150).

Please submit a short statement about how you consider victims when imposing sentences in felony offenses.

As the law requires, I consult with the prosecutor to confirm whether the alleged victim has been notified prior to any change of plea hearing or sentencing about the hearing and the proposed agreement.

I have in written decisions factored statements from alleged victims or victim representatives into decisions whether to continue serious felony matters. I have also required the prosecution to consult further with an alleged victim before accepting a plea agreement where the alleged victim expressed confusion or opposition to the agreement.

6. During your most recent term as a judge, have you:

a) had a tax lien filed or other collection procedure instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities?

No

b) been involved in a non-judicial capacity in any legal proceeding whether as a party or otherwise?

No

c) engaged in the practice of law (other than as a judge)?

No

d) held office in any political party?

No

e) held any other local, state or federal office?

No

f) had any complaints, charges or grievances filed against you with the Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct, the Alaska Bar Association, or with the Alaska Court System that resulted in public proceedings or sanctions?

No

8. Please provide any other information which you believe would assist the Council in conducting its evaluations and in preparing its recommendations for the 2020 retention elections.

N/A

Trial Judges: Questions 9a-9d please do not list any cases that have pending issues in your court.

9a. Please list your three most recent jury trials including case names and numbers. Please list the names, current addresses, including zip codes and suite numbers where applicable, of each attorney involved in these trials. (If there are additional pages, please email these to sdipietro@ajc.state.ak.us)

Jury Trial Cases

Case 1: State of Alaska v. Andrew Hanson

(Case No: 1KE-24-00020CR)

Total Attorneys: 3

Atty 1: Jackson Willard 415 Main Street #304 Ketchikan, Alaska 99901	Atty 2: Michael Rhodes PO Box 90230 Anchorage, Alaska 99509	Atty 3: Andrew Miller Not Provided Juneau, Alaska NP
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Case 2: State of Alaska v. Christopher Johnson

(Case No: 1KE-23-00374CR)

Total Attorneys: 2

Atty 1: Jackson Willard 415 Main Street #304 Ketchikan, Alaska 99901	Atty 2: Samuel Tureff 415 Main Street #204 Ketchikan, Alaska 99901
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Case 3: State of Alaska v. Samuel Benson

(Case No: 1PW-23-00107CR)

Total Attorneys: 2

Atty 1: Alex Kramarczak 415 Main Street #304 Ketchikan, Alaska 99901	Atty 2: John Phillips 2110 Second Avenue Ketchikan, Alaska 99901
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Trial Judges: Questions 9a-9d please do not list any cases that have pending issues in your court.

9b. Please list your three most recent non-jury trials including case names and numbers. Please list the names, current addresses, including zip codes and suite numbers where applicable, of each attorney involved in these trials. (If there are additional pages, please email these to sdipietro@ajc.state.ak.us)

Non-Jury Trial Cases

Case 1: ITMO L.W. v.

(Case No: 1KE-24-00035CN)

Total Attorneys: 3

Atty 1: Alyssa Lambert PO Box 110300 Juneau, Alaska 99801	Atty 2: Katrina Larsen PO Box 110227 Juneau, Alaska 99811	Atty 3: Gordon Williams 2417 Tongass Ave Ste 213A Ketchikan, Alaska 99901
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Case 2: Gabriella Blair (f/k/a Daniels) v. Kelley Daniels

(Case No: 1KE-21-00274CI)

Total Attorneys: 2

Atty 1: Blake Chupka 306 Main Street #326 Ketchikan, Alaska 99901	Atty 2: Alicia Porter PO Box 6191 Sikta, Alaska 99835
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Case 3: Jeff and Lydia Stumpf v. Martin and Darlene Svenson

(Case No: 1KE-24-00352CI)

Total Attorneys: 2

Atty 1: Keith Stump 100 Main Street Suite 204 Ketchikan, Alaska 99901	Atty 2: Leif Thompson 935 Forest Avenue Ketchikan, Alaska 99901
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Trial Judges: Questions 9a-9d please do not list any cases that have pending issues in your court.

9c. Please list your three most recent cases, including case names and numbers, which did not go to trial, but on which you did significant work (such as settlement conference, hearings, motion work, etc.). Please list the names, current addresses, including zip codes and suite numbers where applicable, of each attorney involved in these cases. (If there are additional pages, please email these to sdipietro@ajc.state.ak.us)

Cases that Did Not Go to Trial

Case 1: State of Alaska v. Isaac Henderson

(Case No: 1KE-23-00803CR)

Total Attorneys: 3

Atty 1: Alex Kramarczak 415 Main Street Suite 304 Ketchikan, Alaska 99901	Atty 2: John Phillips 2110 Second Avenue Ketchikan, Alaska 99901	Atty 3: Julia Graves 329 Harbor Drive Room 203 Sitka, Alaska 99835
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Case 2: State of Alaska v. Moses Blanchard

(Case No: 1PW-23-00049CR)

Total Attorneys: 2

Atty 1: Jennifer Chaudhary 123 Fourth Street, Suite 364 Juneau, Alaska 99801	Atty 2: Jay Hochberg 92-123 Leipapa Way Kapolei, Hawaii 96707
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Case 3: Mariha Marl v. Kenneth Marl

(Case No: 1KE-24-00248CI)

Total Attorneys: 2

Atty 1: Katrina Larsen PO Box 110227 Juneau, Alaska 99811	Atty 2: Nathaniel Curral 306 Main St. Suite 326 Ketchikan, Alaska 99901
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