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## *Executive Summary*

This report presents findings from a selection survey conducted among Alaska Bar Association members for one judicial vacancy on the Kenai Superior Court created by the retirement of Judge Jennifer K. Wells. By the application deadline, the Alaska Judicial Council received a total of 11 applications from the following individuals (presented in alphabetical order): Lacey Jane Brewster, Amanda L. Browning, Katherine Ann Elsner, Kelly J. Lawson, Elizabeth Leduc, William T. Montgomery, Gustaf W. Olson, Curtis Patteson, Alicia Porter, William W. Taylor, and Nicholas Torres. Alicia Porter and William W. Taylor withdrew their applications; therefore, their survey results are not included in this report.

The Alaska Judicial Council asked bar members to evaluate applicants on six characteristics: *Professional Competence, Integrity, Fairness, Judicial Temperament, Suitability of this Applicant's Experience for this Vacancy, and Overall*. The rating scale ranged from *Poor* (1) to *Excellent* (5).

Table 1 shows the mean ratings for each applicant by respondents with direct professional experience.

**Table 1**  
**Mean Ratings of Applicants**

	<i>n</i>	Professional Competence <i>M</i>	Integrity <i>M</i>	Fairness <i>M</i>	Judicial Temperament <i>M</i>	Suitability of Experience <i>M</i>	Overall <i>M</i>
<b>Lacey Jane Brewster</b>	85	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.5	3.3	3.4
<b>Amanda L. Browning</b>	103	3.8	4.1	3.9	4.1	3.8	3.8
<b>Katherine Ann Elsner</b>	62	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.6
<b>Kelly J. Lawson</b>	89	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.0
<b>Elizabeth Leduc</b>	76	4.0	4.2	4.1	4.2	3.8	3.8
<b>William T. Montgomery</b>	86	4.2	4.5	4.3	4.1	4.2	4.2
<b>Gustaf W. Olson</b>	126	3.8	4.0	3.3	3.4	3.6	3.5
<b>Curtis Patteson</b>	28	3.4	4.0	4.0	3.7	3.5	3.6
<b>Nicholas Torres</b>	74	3.8	4.0	3.9	4.0	3.7	3.7

Note: Ratings from only those respondents with direct professional experience with the applicants.

# 2023 Judicial Selection Survey, Kenai Superior Court

## *Introduction*

The State of Alaska Constitution and laws mandate that the Alaska Judicial Council (Council) evaluate all applicants for a judicial vacancy. The Council nominates the two or more most qualified applicants to the governor who must appoint from the Council's list. As part of the information used to fulfill its mandate, the Council distributed surveys to Alaska Bar Association members and asked them to rate applicants on six characteristics: *Professional Competence*, *Integrity*, *Fairness*, *Judicial Temperament*, *Suitability of this Applicant's Experience for this Vacancy*, and *Overall*. Each survey also contained demographic questions about the respondents, including type of practice, length of Alaska practice, types of cases handled, primary location of practice, and gender.

To maintain objectivity, the Council contracted with the Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER), a research institute at the University of Alaska Anchorage. ISER was responsible for all aspects of distribution and data collection related to the online version of the survey. Parallel paper surveys were printed and mailed by the Council but returned directly to ISER for processing, data entry, and analysis. ISER prepared this report summarizing survey procedures and results.

A single selection survey was conducted for the following judicial vacancy: Kenai Superior Court. This report presents the findings of the survey for a vacancy on Kenai Superior Court, created by the retirement of Judge Jennifer K. Wells. By the application deadline, the Council received a total of 11 applications from the following individuals (presented in alphabetical order): Lacey Jane Brewster, Amanda L. Browning, Katherine Ann Elsner, Kelly J. Lawson, Elizabeth Leduc, William T. Montgomery, Gustaf W. Olson, Curtis Patteson, Alicia Porter, William W. Taylor, and Nicholas Torres. Alicia Porter and William W. Taylor withdrew their applications; therefore, their survey results are not included in this report.

## *Methodology*

All active in-state members of the Alaska Bar Association were invited to participate in this selection survey. Inactive and retired members and active out-of-state members were also invited to participate in the survey if the Council had email addresses for them. Of the 3,672 individuals invited to participate, most individuals (3,659) received only an email invitation to complete the survey online. No individuals received only a paper version of the survey and 13 individuals received both the paper and online versions of the survey.

Respondents initiated 709 online surveys. No surveys were excluded because the respondent answered "No" to the question certifying that they had complied with the ethical standards set out in Professional Rule 8.2; 6 surveys were excluded because the respondents did not progress far enough in the survey to reach the certification question; two surveys were excluded because the respondents did not answer any other questions but the certification question; no online survey was returned by an individual who also completed a paper survey. Therefore, 701 online surveys qualified for analysis.

Respondents also returned five paper surveys. Attorneys are required to sign the paper surveys to verify that they are the person completing the survey. No paper surveys were excluded because they were unsigned. No paper surveys were excluded because the respondent did not respond to the question certifying that they had complied with the ethical standards set out in Professional Rule 8.2. No paper surveys were returned by individuals who also completed the online survey. Therefore, five paper surveys qualified for analysis.

The final analysis included 701 online surveys and five paper surveys, for a total of 706 surveys and a survey return rate of 19.2%. Of the 706 returned surveys, 366 did not rate any of the 11 applicants; 340 respondents evaluated one or more applicants. Table 2 summarizes the demographic characteristics of the respondents.

**Table 2**  
**Respondent Characteristics**

	All respondents	All Respondents		Respondents who Rated ≥ 1 Applicant	
		n	%	n	%
	<b>706</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>100</b>	
<b>Type of Practice</b>					
	No response	1	0.1	-	-
	Private, solo	158	22.4	56	16.5
	Private, 2-5 attorneys	85	12.0	39	11.5
	Private, 6+ attorneys	73	10.3	29	8.5
	Private, corporate employee	15	2.1	2	0.6
	Judge or judicial officer	62	8.8	49	14.4
	Government	175	24.8	126	37.1
	Public service agency or organization	22	3.1	12	3.5
	Retired	101	14.3	21	6.2
	Other	14	2.0	6	1.8
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>					
	No response	37	5.2	10	2.9
	5 years or fewer	71	10.1	44	12.9
	6 to 10 years	68	9.6	44	12.9
	11 to 15 years	78	11.0	54	15.9
	16 to 20 years	71	10.1	50	14.7
	More than 20 years	381	54.0	138	40.6
<b>Cases Handled</b>					
	No response	2	0.3	-	-
	Prosecution	44	6.2	34	10.0
	Criminal	69	9.8	57	16.8
	Mixed criminal & civil	194	27.5	120	35.3
	Civil	354	50.1	117	34.4
	Other	43	6.1	12	3.5
<b>Location of Practice</b>					
	No response	2	0.3	-	-
	First District	75	10.6	20	5.9
	Second District	11	1.6	5	1.5
	Third District	524	74.2	279	82.1
	Fourth District	60	8.5	32	9.4
	Outside Alaska	34	4.8	4	1.2
<b>Gender</b>					
	No response	6	0.8	2	0.6
	Male	440	62.3	198	58.2
	Female	256	36.3	138	40.6
	Another identity	4	0.6	2	0.6

## *Instrumentation*

The survey contained the names of the applicants for the vacancy, questions about demographic information for each respondent, six evaluation items for each applicant, and space for respondents to provide additional comments regarding each applicant.

Both versions of the survey required a certification by the respondent that they had rated the applicants as required by the bar’s Professional Rule 8.2. Specific instructions regarding the certification were provided:

*“Please refer to Professional Conduct Rule 8.2 concerning your obligation to provide truthful and candid opinions on the qualifications or integrity of these applicants.”*

Respondents evaluated applicants in six 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 of the performance areas. The scale and instructions for respondents were:

*“Please rate the applicant on each of the following qualities by selecting the number that best represents your evaluation. Applicants should be evaluated on each quality separately. Use the ends of the scales as well as the middle. The tendency to rate an applicant “excellent” or “poor” on every trait should be avoided since each person has strengths and weaknesses. If you cannot rate the applicant on any one quality, leave that one blank.”*

	(1) <i>Poor</i>	(2) <i>Deficient</i>	(3) <i>Acceptable</i>	(4) <i>Good</i>	(5) <i>Excellent</i>
<b><i>Professional Competence</i></b>	Lacking in knowledge and/or effectiveness	Below-average performance occasionally	Possesses sufficient knowledge and required skills	Usually knowledgeable and effective	Meets the highest standards for knowledge and effectiveness
<b><i>Integrity</i></b>	Unconcerned with propriety and/or appearance, or acts in violation of codes of professional conduct	Appears lacking in knowledge of professional codes of conduct and/or unconcerned with propriety or appearance at times	Follows codes of professional conduct, respects propriety and appearance of propriety at all times	Above-average awareness of ethics, holds self to higher standard than most	Outstanding integrity and highest standards of conduct
<b><i>Fairness</i></b>	Often shows strong bias for or against some person or groups	Displays, verbally or otherwise, some bias for or against groups or persons	Free of substantial bias or prejudice against groups or persons	Above-average ability to treat all persons and groups impartially	Unusually fair and impartial to all groups
<b><i>Judicial Temperament</i></b>	Often lacks compassion, humility, or courtesy	Sometimes lacks compassion, humility, or courtesy	Possesses appropriate compassion, humility, and courtesy	Above-average compassion, humility, and courtesy	Outstanding compassion, humility, and courtesy
<b><i>Suitability of Experience</i></b>	Has little or no suitable experience	Has less than suitable experience	Has suitable experience	Has highly suitable experience	Has the most suitable experience for this position
<b><i>Overall Rating</i></b>	Has few qualifications for this position	Has insufficient qualifications for this position	Has suitable qualifications for this position	Has highly suitable qualifications for this position	Has exceptionally high qualifications for this position

## *Confidentiality and Data Safety*

The survey introduction included a statement that reassured respondents of the confidentiality of their responses. Confidentiality is also a paramount concern at ISER and translated into specific procedures related to data security. Because data such as those collected through the judicial selection survey are of a sensitive nature, ISER has rigorous procedures to protect data. Specifically, paper surveys are kept in a lockable file cabinet located in a locked office. Data are kept locked at all times except when being used for data entry or related purposes. Organizational policies and procedures highlight the requirement for confidentiality and ensure that only staff involved with the project have access to the data. Online data and data that have been entered from paper surveys are maintained on a secure server.

## ***Assurance of Non-Duplicate Responding***

To ensure that as few duplicates or invalid surveys as possible were received, clear instructions were provided to potential paper survey respondents regarding how to handle the survey booklets:

*“A postage-paid business reply envelope is enclosed for the return of your completed evaluations. Place the completed survey inside the envelope marked “Confidential,” and seal the envelope. Then use the business reply envelope, being sure to sign in the space provided. The return envelope MUST BE SIGNED in order for your survey to be counted.”*

Based on these instructions, ISER implemented procedures to ensure that only one survey was counted for each respondent. For the surveys returned without a name on the outside envelope, the envelope was opened to ascertain whether the individual signed the comment section. No paper surveys were returned without a name on the outside of the envelope. Signed names on the envelopes were compared to the mailing list, ensuring the individual was an eligible participant. Each individual’s unique identifier was entered with the data, providing the ability to check for duplication with the completed online surveys. No surveys were signed by individuals who were not on the mailing list.

For the online data collection, each potential respondent was provided with a unique URL that could only be used once. After merging online and entered paper data, ISER analyzed frequencies of the unique identifier variable to identify any duplicate responses. No duplicate surveys were identified. Had any duplicates been identified, the most complete survey data would have been retained and the duplicate removed, ensuring that only one survey per respondent was used in the data analysis.

## ***Data Management***

With the goal of virtually error-free data handling, ISER implemented rigorous data entry procedures to ensure the accuracy of data entry. Paper data was entered using an electronic system similar to the online survey that prevents out-of-range responses. After the paper surveys were entered, a second staff member verified all entries and corrected any mistakes, using paper data as verification. Online data were downloaded from the survey website and imported into SPSS for analysis. The paper survey responses were merged with the online responses in SPSS to create one data file of all responses.

## ***Results***

Two sets of results are presented in this section of the report. First, respondents’ level of experience with each applicant rated is shown. Then, a summary table presents the ratings and comparisons of the applicants. Many of the cross tabulations yield results based on small numbers of respondents. Results based on small numbers of respondents should be regarded with caution and more weight given to the overall results.

### ***Respondents’ Level of Experience with Each Applicant***

All respondents were asked to describe the basis of their evaluation for each applicant they rated, with options of direct professional experience, professional reputation, and other personal contacts.

Table 3 shows the type of experience of respondents for each applicant.



## *Ratings of Applicants*

In the tables that follow, responses to the rating questions are shown in a variety of ways. Most tables show the number of respondents (*n*) and the average rating (*M*). Tables 4-10 present details on the *Overall* item. Table 4 compares all applicants to those with direct professional experience and includes the median rating (*Mdn*) and the standard deviation (*SD*) in addition to number of respondents and average. Tables 5-10 present data only from those respondents who indicated direct professional experience. Table 5 provides the distribution of responses. Table 6 provides applicants' mean ratings broken down by respondents' type of practice. Table 7 provides applicants' mean ratings broken down by respondents' length of Alaska practice. Table 8 provides applicants' mean ratings broken down by respondents' type of caseload handled. Table 9 provides applicants' mean ratings broken down by respondents' location of practice. Table 10 provides applicants' mean ratings broken down by respondents' gender.

For each individual applicant, Tables 11-32 provide a demographics summary of respondents and detailed information on ratings provided by respondent characteristic.

**Table 3**  
**Level of Experience with the Applicants**

	<i>n</i>	% of all respondents who rated applicant	Percent of Respondents Basing Ratings on...		
			Direct Professional Experience	Professional Reputation	Other Personal Contacts
<b>Lacey Jane Brewster</b>	98	13.9	86.7	9.2	4.1
<b>Amanda L. Browning</b>	115	16.3	89.6	8.7	1.7
<b>Katherine Ann Elsner</b>	75	10.6	82.7	13.3	4.0
<b>Kelly J. Lawson</b>	101	14.3	88.1	7.9	4.0
<b>Elizabeth Leduc</b>	93	13.2	81.7	14.0	4.3
<b>William T. Montgomery</b>	94	13.3	91.5	8.5	-
<b>Gustaf W. Olson</b>	149	21.1	84.6	13.4	2.0
<b>Curtis Patteson</b>	36	5.1	77.8	19.4	2.8
<b>Nicholas Torres</b>	84	11.9	88.1	7.1	4.8

**Table 4**  
**Summary of Overall Ratings**

	All Respondents				Respondents with Direct Professional Experience			
	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Mdn</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Mdn</i>	<i>SD</i>
<b>Lacey Jane Brewster</b>	94	3.4	4.0	1.2	83	3.4	4.0	1.3
<b>Amanda L. Browning</b>	115	3.8	4.0	1.0	103	3.8	4.0	1.0
<b>Katherine Ann Elsner</b>	75	3.6	4.0	1.2	62	3.6	4.0	1.1
<b>Kelly J. Lawson</b>	100	4.0	4.0	1.1	89	4.0	4.0	1.0
<b>Elizabeth Leduc</b>	92	3.9	4.0	1.1	76	3.8	4.0	1.1
<b>William T. Montgomery</b>	94	4.2	5.0	1.1	86	4.2	5.0	1.1
<b>Gustaf W. Olson</b>	147	3.4	4.0	1.4	125	3.5	4.0	1.4
<b>Curtis Patteson</b>	35	3.3	3.0	1.3	27	3.6	3.0	1.1
<b>Nicholas Torres</b>	83	3.7	4.0	0.9	73	3.7	4.0	0.9

**Table 5**  
***Distribution of Responses for Overall Rating***

	<i>n</i>	<b>Poor</b>		<b>Deficient</b>		<b>Acceptable</b>		<b>Good</b>		<b>Excellent</b>	
		<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%
<b>Lacey Jane Brewster</b>	83	6	7.2	18	21.7	17	20.5	20	24.1	22	26.5
<b>Amanda L. Browning</b>	103	1	1.0	11	10.7	24	23.3	37	35.9	30	29.1
<b>Katherine Ann Elsner</b>	62	1	1.6	13	21.0	9	14.5	23	37.1	16	25.8
<b>Kelly J. Lawson</b>	89	2	2.2	5	5.6	19	21.3	29	32.6	34	38.2
<b>Elizabeth Leduc</b>	76	2	2.6	8	10.5	19	25.0	19	25.0	28	36.8
<b>William T. Montgomery</b>	86	2	2.3	8	9.3	8	9.3	20	23.3	48	55.8
<b>Gustaf W. Olson</b>	125	14	11.2	20	16.0	20	16.0	35	28.0	36	28.8
<b>Curtis Patteson</b>	27	-	-	4	14.8	10	37.0	5	18.5	8	29.6
<b>Nicholas Torres</b>	73	1	1.4	6	8.2	21	28.8	32	43.8	13	17.8

Note: Ratings from only those respondents with direct professional experience with the applicants.

**Table 6**  
**Mean Overall Ratings by Type of Practice**

	Private, solo		Private, 2-5 attorneys		Private, 6+ attorneys		Private, corporate employee		Judge or judicial officer		Government		Public service agency/org		Retired		Other		Overall <i>M</i>
	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	
<b>Lacey Jane Brewster</b>	7	3.9	11	3.4	5	3.6	-	-	10	2.6	42	3.4	5	4.6	1	2.0	2	3.0	3.4
<b>Amanda L. Browning</b>	13	4.0	15	3.9	7	3.9	-	-	19	4.2	39	3.4	2	4.0	5	4.2	3	4.7	3.8
<b>Katherine Ann Elsner</b>	10	3.3	14	3.4	10	3.8	-	-	9	3.9	13	3.6	3	4.7	1	4.0	2	3.5	3.6
<b>Kelly J. Lawson</b>	9	4.0	12	3.3	6	3.7	-	-	14	4.1	37	4.2	4	3.8	4	4.3	3	4.0	4.0
<b>Elizabeth Leduc</b>	9	3.9	16	3.5	4	4.8	-	-	8	3.8	30	3.7	4	4.5	3	4.0	2	5.0	3.8
<b>William T. Montgomery</b>	7	4.6	6	3.7	4	4.0	-	-	28	4.7	30	4.0	5	3.8	5	3.6	1	5.0	4.2
<b>Gustaf W. Olson</b>	12	3.1	6	2.2	14	3.4	1	5.0	20	3.9	57	3.5	6	2.0	8	4.5	1	4.0	3.5
<b>Curtis Patteson</b>	9	3.9	7	3.3	3	4.0	-	-	5	3.6	1	5.0	1	3.0	1	2.0	-	-	3.6
<b>Nicholas Torres</b>	10	3.9	12	3.5	4	3.0	-	-	10	3.6	27	3.7	2	4.5	5	3.8	3	4.0	3.7

Note: Ratings from only those respondents with direct professional experience with the applicants.

**Table 7**  
**Mean Overall Ratings by Length of Alaska Practice**

	5 years or fewer		6 to 10 years		11 to 15 years		16 to 20 years		21 years or more		Overall <i>M</i>
	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	
<b>Lacey Jane Brewster</b>	16	3.6	13	3.3	17	3.9	12	2.8	25	3.3	3.4
<b>Amanda L. Browning</b>	15	3.5	14	3.8	20	3.9	17	4.1	36	3.8	3.8
<b>Katherine Ann Elsner</b>	7	3.7	9	4.4	14	4.1	9	3.1	22	3.3	3.6
<b>Kelly J. Lawson</b>	13	3.5	11	4.3	20	3.9	14	4.6	30	3.9	4.0
<b>Elizabeth Leduc</b>	11	3.7	13	3.7	15	3.5	13	3.8	23	4.2	3.8
<b>William T. Montgomery</b>	7	4.3	14	3.9	15	3.9	15	4.4	32	4.3	4.2
<b>Gustaf W. Olson</b>	11	4.0	17	2.8	28	3.5	26	3.8	41	3.4	3.5
<b>Curtis Patteson</b>	1	2.0	2	4.5	2	4.5	3	3.7	18	3.4	3.6
<b>Nicholas Torres</b>	13	3.5	13	3.7	15	3.5	7	3.9	25	3.8	3.7

Note: Ratings from only those respondents with direct professional experience with the applicants.

**Table 8**  
**Mean Overall Ratings by Type of Caseload Handled**

	Prosecution		Criminal		Mixed criminal/civil		Civil		Other		Overall
	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>
<b>Lacey Jane Brewster</b>	7	2.7	24	4.0	40	3.4	11	2.6	1	2.0	3.4
<b>Amanda L. Browning</b>	10	3.5	20	3.4	54	4.1	16	3.7	3	3.7	3.8
<b>Katherine Ann Elsner</b>	5	4.0	5	4.2	17	3.6	33	3.5	2	3.0	3.6
<b>Kelly J. Lawson</b>	12	4.5	17	3.9	40	3.8	15	4.2	5	4.2	4.0
<b>Elizabeth Leduc</b>	5	3.8	14	3.6	31	3.9	23	3.9	3	3.7	3.8
<b>William T. Montgomery</b>	5	4.2	13	4.0	51	4.4	14	3.6	3	4.7	4.2
<b>Gustaf W. Olson</b>	23	4.3	30	2.9	47	3.3	21	3.8	4	3.3	3.5
<b>Curtis Patteson</b>	-	-	1	5.0	7	3.3	19	3.7	-	-	3.6
<b>Nicholas Torres</b>	8	4.0	12	3.7	33	3.6	16	3.9	4	3.3	3.7

Note: Ratings from only those respondents with direct professional experience with the applicants.

**Table 9**  
**Mean Overall Ratings by Location of Practice**

	First District		Second District		Third District		Fourth District		Outside Alaska		Overall <i>M</i>
	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	
<b>Lacey Jane Brewster</b>	1	3.0	2	4.0	74	3.3	6	4.2	-	-	3.4
<b>Amanda L. Browning</b>	10	4.6	1	5.0	86	3.7	6	4.0	-	-	3.8
<b>Katherine Ann Elsner</b>	1	4.0	-	-	61	3.6	-	-	-	-	3.6
<b>Kelly J. Lawson</b>	2	4.5	-	-	77	4.0	9	4.0	1	5.0	4.0
<b>Elizabeth Leduc</b>	2	3.5	2	4.0	69	3.8	2	4.5	1	5.0	3.8
<b>William T. Montgomery</b>	5	3.8	2	3.5	52	4.0	27	4.7	-	-	4.2
<b>Gustaf W. Olson</b>	7	3.0	1	1.0	110	3.5	7	3.9	-	-	3.5
<b>Curtis Patteson</b>	-	-	-	-	27	3.6	-	-	-	-	3.6
<b>Nicholas Torres</b>	1	2.0	-	-	67	3.7	5	3.8	-	-	3.7

Note: Ratings from only those respondents with direct professional experience with the applicants.



**Table 10**  
**Mean Overall Ratings by Gender**

	Male		Female		Another identity		Overall <i>M</i>
	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	
<b>Lacey Jane Brewster</b>	48	3.5	33	3.3	+	+	3.4
<b>Amanda L. Browning</b>	61	3.8	40	3.9	+	+	3.8
<b>Katherine Ann Elsner</b>	37	3.9	24	3.4	-	-	3.6
<b>Kelly J. Lawson</b>	48	3.9	40	4.1	+	+	4.0
<b>Elizabeth Leduc</b>	38	3.9	36	3.7	+	+	3.8
<b>William T. Montgomery</b>	53	4.3	33	4.1	-	-	4.2
<b>Gustaf W. Olson</b>	78	3.5	47	3.4	-	-	3.5
<b>Curtis Patteson</b>	16	3.7	10	3.4	+	+	3.6
<b>Nicholas Torres</b>	33	3.6	39	3.7	+	+	3.7

Note: Ratings from only those respondents with direct professional experience with the applicants.  
 +Too few respondents to report.

**Table 11**  
**Lacey Jane Brewster**  
**Demographic Description of Respondents**

	<i>n</i>	<i>%</i>
<b>All respondents</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Experience with Applicant</b>		
Direct professional experience	85	86.7
Professional reputation	9	9.2
Other personal contacts	4	4.1
<b>Detailed Experience*</b>		
Recent experience (within last 5 years)	83	97.6
Substantial amount of experience	43	50.6
Moderate amount of experience	22	25.9
Limited amount of experience	20	23.5
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No response	-	-
Private, solo	11	11.2
Private, 2-5 attorneys	13	13.3
Private, 6+ attorneys	6	6.1
Private, corporate employee	-	-
Judge or judicial officer	10	10.2
Government	49	50.0
Public service agency or organization	5	5.1
Retired	2	2.0
Other	2	2.0
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No response	-	-
5 years or fewer	22	22.4
6 to 10 years	14	14.3
11 to 15 years	19	19.4
16 to 20 years	13	13.3
More than 20 years	30	30.6
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No response	-	-
Prosecution	10	10.2
Criminal	30	30.6
Mixed criminal & civil	43	43.9
Civil	14	14.3
Other	1	1.0
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No response	-	-
First District	1	1.0
Second District	2	2.0
Third District	87	88.8
Fourth District	7	7.1
Outside Alaska	1	1.0
<b>Gender</b>		
No response	1	1.0
Male	56	57.1
Female	40	40.8
Another identity	+	+

\*Only among those respondents reporting direct professional experience with the applicant.  
+ Too few respondents to report

**Table 12**  
**Lacey Jane Brewster**  
**Detailed Responses**

	<i>n</i>	Professional Competence <i>M</i>	Integrity <i>M</i>	Fairness <i>M</i>	Judicial Temperament <i>M</i>	Suitability of Experience <i>M</i>	Overall <i>M</i>
All respondents	98	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.5	3.3	3.4
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>							
<b>Direct professional experience</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.4</b>
Experience within last 5 years	83	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.5	3.3	3.5
Experience not within last 5 years	2	2.5	2.5	1.5	2.0	2.5	1.5
Substantial amount of experience	43	4.1	4.0	3.8	3.5	3.4	3.5
Moderate amount of experience	22	3.9	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.2	3.4
Limited amount of experience	20	3.7	3.9	3.8	3.4	3.1	3.3
Professional reputation	9	4.1	4.3	4.1	4.0	3.6	3.8
Other personal contacts	4	2.7	3.3	2.7	3.0	2.7	2.7
<b>Type of Practice*</b>							
Private, solo	8	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.0	3.6	3.9
Private, 2-5 attorneys	11	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.3	3.3	3.4
Private, 6+ attorneys	5	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.6
Private, corporate employee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judge or judicial officer	10	3.3	3.2	3.0	2.7	2.4	2.6
Government	43	4.0	4.0	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.4
Public service agency or organization	5	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.4	4.6
Retired	1	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	2.0
Other	2	4.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	3.0
<b>Length of Alaska Practice*</b>							
5 years or fewer	17	4.2	4.2	3.9	3.4	3.5	3.6
6 to 10 years	13	4.2	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.3	3.3
11 to 15 years	18	4.5	4.5	4.3	3.8	3.6	3.9
16 to 20 years	12	3.1	3.3	3.2	2.8	2.8	2.8
More than 20 years	25	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.2	3.3
<b>Cases Handled*</b>							
Prosecution	8	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.1	2.4	2.7
Criminal	25	4.4	4.3	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.0
Mixed criminal & civil	40	3.9	4.0	3.8	3.5	3.3	3.4
Civil	11	3.3	3.3	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.6
Other	1	4.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	2.0
<b>Location of Practice*</b>							
First District	1	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	3.0
Second District	2	4.0	4.0	4.5	4.0	3.5	4.0
Third District	75	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.4	3.2	3.3
Fourth District	6	4.3	4.7	4.3	4.5	4.0	4.2
Outside Alaska	1	5.0	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Gender*</b>							
Male	49	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.3	3.5
Female	34	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.4	3.3	3.3
Another identity	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

\*Ratings from only those respondents reporting direct professional experience with the applicant.

+Too few respondents to report.

**Table 13**  
**Amanda L. Browning**  
**Demographic Description of Respondents**

	<i>n</i>	<i>%</i>
<b>All respondents</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Experience with Applicant</b>		
Direct professional experience	103	89.6
Professional reputation	10	8.7
Other personal contacts	2	1.7
<b>Detailed Experience*</b>		
Recent experience (within last 5 years)	94	91.3
Substantial amount of experience	36	35.0
Moderate amount of experience	38	36.9
Limited amount of experience	29	28.2
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No response	-	-
Private, solo	15	13.0
Private, 2-5 attorneys	15	13.0
Private, 6+ attorneys	7	6.1
Private, corporate employee	-	-
Judge or judicial officer	22	19.1
Government	45	39.1
Public service agency or organization	3	2.6
Retired	5	4.3
Other	3	2.6
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No response	2	1.7
5 years or fewer	17	14.8
6 to 10 years	16	13.9
11 to 15 years	21	18.3
16 to 20 years	19	16.5
More than 20 years	40	34.8
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No response	-	-
Prosecution	10	8.7
Criminal	24	20.9
Mixed criminal & civil	60	52.2
Civil	17	14.8
Other	4	3.5
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No response	-	-
First District	11	9.6
Second District	1	0.9
Third District	97	84.3
Fourth District	6	5.2
Outside Alaska	-	-
<b>Gender</b>		
No response	1	0.9
Male	66	57.4
Female	47	40.9
Another identity	+	+

\*Only among those respondents reporting direct professional experience with the applicant.  
 +Too few respondents to report.

**Table 14**  
**Amanda L. Browning**  
**Detailed Responses**

	<i>n</i>	Professional Competence <i>M</i>	Integrity <i>M</i>	Fairness <i>M</i>	Judicial Temperament <i>M</i>	Suitability of Experience <i>M</i>	Overall <i>M</i>
All respondents	115	3.8	4.1	3.9	4.1	3.8	3.8
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>							
<b>Direct professional experience</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.8</b>
Experience within last 5 years	94	3.8	4.1	3.9	4.1	3.7	3.8
Experience not within last 5 years	9	3.9	4.2	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.0
Substantial amount of experience	36	3.8	4.2	3.9	4.1	3.8	3.8
Moderate amount of experience	38	3.7	4.1	3.9	4.1	3.8	3.8
Limited amount of experience	29	3.9	4.1	3.9	4.1	3.7	3.8
Professional reputation	10	3.4	4.0	3.8	4.1	3.7	3.8
Other personal contacts	2	4.0	4.0	3.5	3.5	3.5	4.0
<b>Type of Practice*</b>							
Private, solo	13	3.8	3.9	3.9	4.2	3.9	4.0
Private, 2-5 attorneys	15	3.8	4.1	3.8	4.1	3.9	3.9
Private, 6+ attorneys	7	3.9	4.1	4.1	4.1	3.7	3.9
Private, corporate employee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judge or judicial officer	19	4.2	4.6	4.3	4.4	4.1	4.2
Government	39	3.5	3.9	3.6	3.8	3.4	3.4
Public service agency or organization	2	4.0	4.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Retired	5	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.8	4.2	4.2
Other	3	4.3	4.7	4.3	4.3	4.7	4.7
<b>Length of Alaska Practice*</b>							
5 years or fewer	15	3.7	4.1	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.5
6 to 10 years	14	3.9	4.1	3.7	4.1	3.7	3.8
11 to 15 years	20	3.8	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.9
16 to 20 years	17	3.9	4.4	4.1	4.4	3.9	4.1
More than 20 years	36	3.8	4.1	4.0	4.1	3.8	3.8
<b>Cases Handled*</b>							
Prosecution	10	3.5	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.6	3.5
Criminal	20	3.5	3.8	3.6	4.0	3.5	3.4
Mixed criminal & civil	54	4.0	4.3	4.1	4.3	4.0	4.1
Civil	16	3.8	4.1	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.7
Other	3	4.0	3.7	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.7
<b>Location of Practice*</b>							
First District	10	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.5	4.6
Second District	1	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Third District	86	3.7	4.0	3.8	4.0	3.7	3.7
Fourth District	6	4.0	4.3	4.2	4.5	3.7	4.0
Outside Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Gender*</b>							
Male	61	3.7	4.1	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.8
Female	40	3.9	4.1	4.1	4.2	3.8	3.9
Another identity	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

\*Ratings from only those respondents reporting direct professional experience with the applicant.

+Too few respondents to report.

**Table 15**  
**Katherine Ann Elsner**  
**Demographic Description of Respondents**

	<i>n</i>	<i>%</i>
<b>All respondents</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Experience with Applicant</b>		
Direct professional experience	62	82.7
Professional reputation	10	13.3
Other personal contacts	3	4.0
<b>Detailed Experience*</b>		
Recent experience (within last 5 years)	60	98.4
Substantial amount of experience	18	29.0
Moderate amount of experience	28	45.2
Limited amount of experience	16	25.8
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No response	-	-
Private, solo	12	16.0
Private, 2-5 attorneys	16	21.3
Private, 6+ attorneys	12	16.0
Private, corporate employee	-	-
Judge or judicial officer	9	12.0
Government	18	24.0
Public service agency or organization	3	4.0
Retired	2	2.7
Other	3	4.0
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No response	2	2.7
5 years or fewer	10	13.3
6 to 10 years	11	14.7
11 to 15 years	15	20.0
16 to 20 years	9	12.0
More than 20 years	28	37.3
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No response	-	-
Prosecution	6	8.0
Criminal	9	12.0
Mixed criminal & civil	20	26.7
Civil	38	50.7
Other	2	2.7
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No response	-	-
First District	1	1.3
Second District	-	-
Third District	73	97.3
Fourth District	1	1.3
Outside Alaska	-	-
<b>Gender</b>		
No response	1	1.3
Male	43	57.3
Female	30	40.0
Another identity	+	+

\*Only among those respondents reporting direct professional experience with the applicant.  
 +Too few respondents to report.

**Table 16**  
**Katherine Ann Elsner**  
**Detailed Responses**

	<i>n</i>	Professional Competence <i>M</i>	Integrity <i>M</i>	Fairness <i>M</i>	Judicial Temperament <i>M</i>	Suitability of Experience <i>M</i>	Overall <i>M</i>
All respondents	75	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.6
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>							
<b>Direct professional experience</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.6</b>
Experience within last 5 years	60	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.7
Experience not within last 5 years	1	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Substantial amount of experience	18	4.4	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.1	3.9
Moderate amount of experience	28	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.8	3.5	3.5
Limited amount of experience	16	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.6
Professional reputation	10	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.8	3.7	3.7
Other personal contacts	3	3.3	3.7	3.3	3.7	3.3	3.3
<b>Type of Practice*</b>							
Private, solo	10	3.2	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.1	3.3
Private, 2-5 attorneys	14	3.8	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.4
Private, 6+ attorneys	10	4.0	4.1	3.9	4.1	4.0	3.8
Private, corporate employee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judge or judicial officer	9	4.3	4.0	3.9	3.9	4.1	3.9
Government	13	4.4	4.2	4.0	4.1	3.8	3.6
Public service agency or organization	3	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7
Retired	1	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Other	2	4.5	3.0	3.5	3.0	3.5	3.5
<b>Length of Alaska Practice*</b>							
5 years or fewer	7	4.3	4.1	3.9	4.1	3.7	3.7
6 to 10 years	9	4.7	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.3	4.4
11 to 15 years	14	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.1
16 to 20 years	9	4.0	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.1
More than 20 years	22	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.3
<b>Cases Handled*</b>							
Prosecution	5	4.2	4.4	4.0	4.2	4.0	4.0
Criminal	5	4.8	4.8	4.4	4.8	4.2	4.2
Mixed criminal & civil	17	4.0	3.8	3.7	4.0	3.6	3.6
Civil	33	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.5
Other	2	4.5	3.0	3.0	2.5	4.0	3.0
<b>Location of Practice*</b>							
First District	1	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Second District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Third District	61	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.6
Fourth District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Outside Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Gender*</b>							
Male	37	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.1	3.8	3.9
Female	24	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.7	3.6	3.4
Another identity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

\*Ratings from only those respondents reporting direct professional experience with the applicant.

**Table 17**  
**Kelly J. Lawson**  
**Demographic Description of Respondents**

	<i>n</i>	<i>%</i>
<b>All respondents</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Experience with Applicant</b>		
Direct professional experience	89	88.1
Professional reputation	8	7.9
Other personal contacts	4	4.0
<b>Detailed Experience*</b>		
Recent experience (within last 5 years)	71	81.6
Substantial amount of experience	38	42.7
Moderate amount of experience	29	32.6
Limited amount of experience	22	24.7
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No response	-	-
Private, solo	11	10.9
Private, 2-5 attorneys	16	15.8
Private, 6+ attorneys	6	5.9
Private, corporate employee	-	-
Judge or judicial officer	15	14.9
Government	41	40.6
Public service agency or organization	4	4.0
Retired	5	5.0
Other	3	3.0
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No response	2	2.0
5 years or fewer	13	12.9
6 to 10 years	16	15.8
11 to 15 years	20	19.8
16 to 20 years	15	14.9
More than 20 years	35	34.7
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No response	-	-
Prosecution	12	11.9
Criminal	19	18.8
Mixed criminal & civil	46	45.5
Civil	19	18.8
Other	5	5.0
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No response	-	-
First District	3	3.0
Second District	-	-
Third District	87	86.1
Fourth District	10	9.9
Outside Alaska	1	1.0
<b>Gender</b>		
No response	1	1.0
Male	55	54.5
Female	44	43.6
Another identity	+	+

\*Only among those respondents reporting direct professional experience with the applicant.  
 +Too few respondents to report.



**Table 18**  
**Kelly J. Lawson**  
**Detailed Responses**

	<i>n</i>	Professional Competence <i>M</i>	Integrity <i>M</i>	Fairness <i>M</i>	Judicial Temperament <i>M</i>	Suitability of Experience <i>M</i>	Overall <i>M</i>
All respondents	101	4.1	4.2	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.0
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>							
<b>Direct professional experience</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>4.0</b>
Experience within last 5 years	71	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.1	3.9	4.0
Experience not within last 5 years	16	4.1	4.1	3.8	3.9	3.9	4.1
Substantial amount of experience	38	4.2	4.2	3.9	4.0	3.9	3.9
Moderate amount of experience	29	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.2
Limited amount of experience	22	4.0	4.0	3.7	3.9	3.7	3.8
Professional reputation	8	3.7	4.0	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.7
Other personal contacts	4	4.3	4.8	4.8	4.5	4.8	4.8
<b>Type of Practice*</b>							
Private, solo	9	4.2	4.4	4.0	4.2	4.0	4.0
Private, 2-5 attorneys	12	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.4	3.3
Private, 6+ attorneys	6	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.7
Private, corporate employee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judge or judicial officer	14	4.1	4.2	4.3	3.9	3.8	4.1
Government	37	4.3	4.4	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.2
Public service agency or organization	4	4.3	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.0	3.8
Retired	4	4.3	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.3
Other	3	4.3	3.7	3.3	3.7	4.0	4.0
<b>Length of Alaska Practice*</b>							
5 years or fewer	13	4.0	3.8	3.5	3.4	3.6	3.5
6 to 10 years	11	4.5	4.3	4.2	4.5	4.3	4.3
11 to 15 years	20	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.9
16 to 20 years	14	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.6
More than 20 years	30	4.0	4.2	3.9	4.0	3.7	3.9
<b>Cases Handled*</b>							
Prosecution	12	4.6	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.5	4.5
Criminal	17	4.2	4.2	3.8	4.2	3.8	3.9
Mixed criminal & civil	40	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.8
Civil	15	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.2
Other	5	4.2	4.4	4.0	3.8	4.0	4.2
<b>Location of Practice*</b>							
First District	2	4.5	5.0	4.0	4.5	4.0	4.5
Second District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Third District	77	4.2	4.1	3.9	4.0	3.9	4.0
Fourth District	9	3.8	4.2	4.1	3.9	3.7	4.0
Outside Alaska	1	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
<b>Gender*</b>							
Male	48	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.9
Female	40	4.2	4.3	4.0	4.1	4.0	4.1
Another identity	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

\*Ratings from only those respondents reporting direct professional experience with the applicant.

+Too few respondents to report.

**Table 19**  
**Elizabeth Leduc**  
**Demographic Description of Respondents**

	<i>n</i>	<i>%</i>
<b>All respondents</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Experience with Applicant</b>		
Direct professional experience	76	81.7
Professional reputation	13	14.0
Other personal contacts	4	4.3
<b>Detailed Experience*</b>		
Recent experience (within last 5 years)	66	88.0
Substantial amount of experience	33	43.4
Moderate amount of experience	30	39.5
Limited amount of experience	13	17.1
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No response	-	-
Private, solo	12	12.9
Private, 2-5 attorneys	16	17.2
Private, 6+ attorneys	10	10.8
Private, corporate employee	-	-
Judge or judicial officer	8	8.6
Government	36	38.7
Public service agency or organization	6	6.5
Retired	3	3.2
Other	2	2.2
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No response	1	1.1
5 years or fewer	13	14.0
6 to 10 years	14	15.1
11 to 15 years	18	19.4
16 to 20 years	16	17.2
More than 20 years	31	33.3
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No response	-	-
Prosecution	6	6.5
Criminal	17	18.3
Mixed criminal & civil	35	37.6
Civil	31	33.3
Other	4	4.3
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No response	-	-
First District	2	2.2
Second District	2	2.2
Third District	85	91.4
Fourth District	2	2.2
Outside Alaska	2	2.2
<b>Gender</b>		
No response	1	1.1
Male	49	52.7
Female	42	45.2
Another identity	+	+

\*Only among those respondents reporting direct professional experience with the applicant.  
 +Too few respondents to report.

**Table 20**  
**Elizabeth Leduc**  
**Detailed Responses**

	<i>n</i>	Professional Competence <i>M</i>	Integrity <i>M</i>	Fairness <i>M</i>	Judicial Temperament <i>M</i>	Suitability of Experience <i>M</i>	Overall <i>M</i>
All respondents	93	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.2	3.8	3.9
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>							
<b>Direct professional experience</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.8</b>
Experience within last 5 years	66	3.9	4.1	4.0	4.1	3.8	3.8
Experience not within last 5 years	9	4.2	4.6	4.6	4.3	3.7	3.9
Substantial amount of experience	33	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.3	3.8	3.8
Moderate amount of experience	30	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.0
Limited amount of experience	13	3.5	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.3	3.4
Professional reputation	13	4.4	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.0	4.2
Other personal contacts	4	4.0	3.3	4.0	4.0	3.7	3.7
<b>Type of Practice*</b>							
Private, solo	9	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.2	3.8	3.9
Private, 2-5 attorneys	16	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.4	3.5
Private, 6+ attorneys	4	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.8
Private, corporate employee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judge or judicial officer	8	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.0	3.8
Government	30	3.7	4.2	4.1	4.2	3.6	3.7
Public service agency or organization	4	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.5	4.5	4.5
Retired	3	4.7	4.3	4.7	4.5	4.0	4.0
Other	2	5.0	5.0	4.5	5.0	4.0	5.0
<b>Length of Alaska Practice*</b>							
5 years or fewer	11	3.7	4.4	4.1	4.1	3.6	3.7
6 to 10 years	13	3.8	4.2	4.1	3.9	3.7	3.7
11 to 15 years	15	3.5	3.7	3.7	4.0	3.3	3.5
16 to 20 years	13	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.2	3.7	3.8
More than 20 years	23	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.1	4.2
<b>Cases Handled*</b>							
Prosecution	5	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.4	3.8
Criminal	14	3.6	4.4	4.1	4.4	3.5	3.6
Mixed criminal & civil	31	4.0	4.1	4.0	4.1	3.9	3.9
Civil	23	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.2	3.7	3.9
Other	3	4.0	4.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.7
<b>Location of Practice*</b>							
First District	2	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
Second District	2	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.0	4.0
Third District	69	3.9	4.2	4.1	4.1	3.7	3.8
Fourth District	2	5.0	4.5	4.5	4.5	5.0	4.5
Outside Alaska	1	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
<b>Gender*</b>							
Male	38	4.0	4.3	4.3	4.3	3.9	3.9
Female	36	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.1	3.6	3.7
Another identity	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

\*Ratings from only those respondents reporting direct professional experience with the applicant.

+Too few respondents to report.

**Table 21**  
**William T. Montgomery**  
**Demographic Description of Respondents**

	<i>n</i>	<i>%</i>
<b>All respondents</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Experience with Applicant</b>		
Direct professional experience	86	91.5
Professional reputation	8	8.5
Other personal contacts	-	-
<b>Detailed Experience*</b>		
Recent experience (within last 5 years)	78	90.7
Substantial amount of experience	35	40.7
Moderate amount of experience	29	33.7
Limited amount of experience	22	25.6
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No response	-	-
Private, solo	8	8.5
Private, 2-5 attorneys	6	6.4
Private, 6+ attorneys	5	5.3
Private, corporate employee	-	-
Judge or judicial officer	31	33.0
Government	32	34.0
Public service agency or organization	6	6.4
Retired	5	5.3
Other	1	1.1
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No response	3	3.2
5 years or fewer	7	7.4
6 to 10 years	15	16.0
11 to 15 years	17	18.1
16 to 20 years	17	18.1
More than 20 years	35	37.2
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No response	-	-
Prosecution	5	5.3
Criminal	14	14.9
Mixed criminal & civil	56	59.6
Civil	16	17.0
Other	3	3.2
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No response	-	-
First District	6	6.4
Second District	2	2.1
Third District	59	62.8
Fourth District	27	28.7
Outside Alaska	-	-
<b>Gender</b>		
No response	-	-
Male	56	59.6
Female	38	40.4
Another identity	-	-

\*Only among those respondents reporting direct professional experience with the applicant.

**Table 22**  
**William T. Montgomery**  
**Detailed Responses**

	<i>n</i>	Professional Competence <i>M</i>	Integrity <i>M</i>	Fairness <i>M</i>	Judicial Temperament <i>M</i>	Suitability of Experience <i>M</i>	Overall <i>M</i>
All respondents	94	4.2	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.2	4.2
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>							
<b>Direct professional experience</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.2</b>
Experience within last 5 years	78	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.1	4.3	4.2
Experience not within last 5 years	8	3.8	4.1	3.6	3.9	3.6	3.9
Substantial amount of experience	35	4.3	4.4	4.1	3.9	4.2	4.2
Moderate amount of experience	29	4.2	4.6	4.4	4.2	4.4	4.3
Limited amount of experience	22	4.1	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.0	4.1
Professional reputation	8	3.9	3.8	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.9
Other personal contacts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Type of Practice*</b>							
Private, solo	7	4.4	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.6
Private, 2-5 attorneys	6	3.8	4.3	3.5	3.8	3.7	3.7
Private, 6+ attorneys	4	3.8	4.0	4.0	3.8	4.0	4.0
Private, corporate employee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judge or judicial officer	28	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.7
Government	30	4.0	4.4	4.0	3.7	4.0	4.0
Public service agency or organization	5	4.0	4.2	4.2	3.6	4.0	3.8
Retired	5	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.6
Other	1	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
<b>Length of Alaska Practice*</b>							
5 years or fewer	7	4.1	4.7	4.4	4.0	4.4	4.3
6 to 10 years	14	4.0	4.3	3.9	3.4	4.0	3.9
11 to 15 years	15	4.0	4.3	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.9
16 to 20 years	15	4.3	4.7	4.7	4.5	4.5	4.4
More than 20 years	32	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.3
<b>Cases Handled*</b>							
Prosecution	5	4.0	4.8	4.6	3.8	4.4	4.2
Criminal	13	4.0	4.2	3.8	3.5	4.1	4.0
Mixed criminal & civil	51	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.4
Civil	14	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.5	3.6
Other	3	4.7	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.3	4.7
<b>Location of Practice*</b>							
First District	5	3.6	4.0	3.6	3.4	3.8	3.8
Second District	2	3.5	4.5	4.5	3.5	5.0	3.5
Third District	52	4.1	4.3	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.0
Fourth District	27	4.7	4.8	4.6	4.4	4.7	4.7
Outside Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Gender*</b>							
Male	53	4.3	4.6	4.3	4.1	4.3	4.3
Female	33	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1
Another identity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

\*Ratings from only those respondents reporting direct professional experience with the applicant.

**Table 23**  
**Gustaf W. Olson**  
**Demographic Description of Respondents**

	<i>n</i>	<i>%</i>
<b>All respondents</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Experience with Applicant</b>		
Direct professional experience	126	84.6
Professional reputation	20	13.4
Other personal contacts	3	2.0
<b>Detailed Experience*</b>		
Recent experience (within last 5 years)	98	77.8
Substantial amount of experience	56	44.4
Moderate amount of experience	44	34.9
Limited amount of experience	26	20.6
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No response	-	-
Private, solo	12	8.1
Private, 2-5 attorneys	8	5.4
Private, 6+ attorneys	15	10.1
Private, corporate employee	2	1.3
Judge or judicial officer	25	16.8
Government	70	47.0
Public service agency or organization	6	4.0
Retired	10	6.7
Other	1	0.7
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No response	3	2.0
5 years or fewer	16	10.7
6 to 10 years	20	13.4
11 to 15 years	35	23.5
16 to 20 years	28	18.8
More than 20 years	47	31.5
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No response	-	-
Prosecution	25	16.8
Criminal	35	23.5
Mixed criminal & civil	61	40.9
Civil	24	16.1
Other	4	2.7
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No response		
First District	8	5.4
Second District	1	0.7
Third District	131	87.9
Fourth District	8	5.4
Outside Alaska	1	0.7
<b>Gender</b>		
No response	-	-
Male	91	61.1
Female	58	38.9
Another identity	-	-

\*Only among those respondents reporting direct professional experience with the applicant.

**Table 24**  
**Gustaf W. Olson**  
**Detailed Responses**

	<i>n</i>	Professional Competence <i>M</i>	Integrity <i>M</i>	Fairness <i>M</i>	Judicial Temperament <i>M</i>	Suitability of Experience <i>M</i>	Overall <i>M</i>
All respondents	149	3.7	3.9	3.3	3.3	3.5	3.4
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>							
<b>Direct professional experience</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.5</b>
Experience within last 5 years	98	3.8	4.0	3.4	3.4	3.7	3.5
Experience not within last 5 years	28	3.6	4.0	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Substantial amount of experience	56	3.7	3.9	3.2	3.2	3.6	3.4
Moderate amount of experience	44	3.8	4.0	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.4
Limited amount of experience	26	3.9	4.0	3.6	3.7	3.9	3.8
Professional reputation	20	3.1	2.9	2.5	2.6	2.9	2.7
Other personal contacts	3	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
<b>Type of Practice*</b>							
Private, solo	12	3.5	3.5	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.1
Private, 2-5 attorneys	6	2.7	2.8	2.0	2.3	2.5	2.2
Private, 6+ attorneys	14	3.8	4.1	3.2	3.4	3.2	3.4
Private, corporate employee	1	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Judge or judicial officer	20	4.2	4.4	3.8	3.7	3.9	3.9
Government	58	3.8	3.9	3.4	3.4	3.8	3.5
Public service agency or organization	6	2.7	3.0	2.0	2.2	2.5	2.0
Retired	8	4.4	4.8	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.5
Other	1	4.0	5.0	4.0	5.0	4.0	4.0
<b>Length of Alaska Practice*</b>							
5 years or fewer	12	4.3	4.2	3.8	3.7	4.0	4.0
6 to 10 years	17	3.2	3.5	2.8	2.9	3.1	2.8
11 to 15 years	28	3.7	4.0	3.3	3.2	3.7	3.5
16 to 20 years	26	4.0	4.3	3.5	3.6	3.8	3.8
More than 20 years	41	3.8	3.9	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.4
<b>Cases Handled*</b>							
Prosecution	24	4.4	4.8	4.2	4.1	4.5	4.3
Criminal	30	3.4	3.5	2.7	2.9	3.2	2.9
Mixed criminal & civil	47	3.5	3.7	3.1	3.2	3.5	3.3
Civil	21	4.0	4.5	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.8
Other	4	3.5	3.8	3.3	2.8	3.3	3.3
<b>Location of Practice*</b>							
First District	7	3.1	3.6	2.7	2.7	3.4	3.0
Second District	1	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	4.0	1.0
Third District	111	3.8	4.0	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.5
Fourth District	7	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.9
Outside Alaska	7	3.1	3.6	2.7	2.7	3.4	3.0
<b>Gender*</b>							
Male	78	3.8	4.0	3.4	3.4	3.7	3.5
Female	48	3.7	3.9	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.4
Another identity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

\*Ratings from only those respondents reporting direct professional experience with the applicant.

**Table 25**  
**Curtis Patteson**  
**Demographic Description of Respondents**

	<i>n</i>	<i>%</i>
<b>All respondents</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Experience with Applicant</b>		
Direct professional experience	28	77.8
Professional reputation	7	19.4
Other personal contacts	1	2.8
<b>Detailed Experience*</b>		
Recent experience (within last 5 years)	24	85.7
Substantial amount of experience	4	14.3
Moderate amount of experience	15	53.6
Limited amount of experience	9	32.1
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No response	-	-
Private, solo	10	27.8
Private, 2-5 attorneys	10	27.8
Private, 6+ attorneys	5	13.9
Private, corporate employee	-	-
Judge or judicial officer	6	16.7
Government	2	5.6
Public service agency or organization	1	2.8
Retired	2	5.6
Other	-	-
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No response	1	2.8
5 years or fewer	1	2.8
6 to 10 years	4	11.1
11 to 15 years	4	11.1
16 to 20 years	6	16.7
More than 20 years	20	55.6
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No response	-	-
Prosecution	1	2.8
Criminal	2	5.6
Mixed criminal & civil	12	33.3
Civil	21	58.3
Other	-	-
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No response	-	-
First District	-	-
Second District	-	-
Third District	36	100.0
Fourth District	-	-
Outside Alaska	-	-
<b>Gender</b>		
No response	-	-
Male	21	58.3
Female	14	38.9
Another identity	+	+

\*Only among those respondents reporting direct professional experience with the applicant.  
 +Too few respondents to report.



**Table 26**  
**Curtis Patteson**  
**Detailed Responses**

	<i>n</i>	Professional Competence <i>M</i>	Integrity <i>M</i>	Fairness <i>M</i>	Judicial Temperament <i>M</i>	Suitability of Experience <i>M</i>	Overall <i>M</i>
All respondents	36	3.2	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.2	3.3
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>							
<b>Direct professional experience</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.6</b>
Experience within last 5 years	24	3.4	4.0	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.6
Experience not within last 5 years	4	3.5	4.5	4.5	4.0	3.8	4.0
Substantial amount of experience	4	3.3	4.0	4.0	3.3	3.5	3.5
Moderate amount of experience	15	3.8	4.1	4.2	4.0	3.8	3.9
Limited amount of experience	9	2.9	4.0	3.7	3.3	2.9	3.1
Professional reputation	7	2.4	2.7	2.7	3.0	2.3	2.1
Other personal contacts	1	3.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
<b>Type of Practice*</b>							
Private, solo	9	3.8	4.6	4.6	4.3	3.7	3.9
Private, 2-5 attorneys	8	3.0	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.3
Private, 6+ attorneys	3	3.7	4.0	3.7	3.7	4.0	4.0
Private, corporate employee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judge or judicial officer	5	3.6	4.2	4.2	3.2	3.2	3.6
Government	1	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Public service agency or organization	1	3.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Retired	1	1.0	3.0	3.0	1.0	2.0	2.0
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Length of Alaska Practice*</b>							
5 years or fewer	1	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0
6 to 10 years	3	4.0	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.0	4.5
11 to 15 years	2	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.0	4.5	4.5
16 to 20 years	3	3.7	4.7	4.3	4.0	3.7	3.7
More than 20 years	18	3.2	3.9	3.9	3.6	3.3	3.4
<b>Cases Handled*</b>							
Prosecution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal	1	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Mixed criminal & civil	7	3.3	3.6	3.7	3.1	3.3	3.3
Civil	20	3.4	4.2	4.1	3.8	3.5	3.7
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Location of Practice*</b>							
First District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Second District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Third District	28	3.4	4.0	4.0	3.7	3.5	3.6
Fourth District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Outside Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Gender*</b>							
Male	17	3.4	4.1	4.2	3.8	3.6	3.7
Female	10	3.4	3.8	3.7	3.4	3.2	3.4
Another identity	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

\*Ratings from only those respondents reporting direct professional experience with the applicant.

+Too few respondents to report.

**Table 27**  
**Nicholas Torres**  
**Demographic Description of Respondents**

	<i>n</i>	<i>%</i>
<b>All respondents</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Experience with Applicant</b>		
Direct professional experience	74	88.1
Professional reputation	6	7.1
Other personal contacts	4	4.8
<b>Detailed Experience*</b>		
Recent experience (within last 5 years)	67	90.5
Substantial amount of experience	29	39.2
Moderate amount of experience	32	43.2
Limited amount of experience	13	17.6
<b>Type of Practice</b>		
No response	-	-
Private, solo	13	15.5
Private, 2-5 attorneys	13	15.5
Private, 6+ attorneys	4	4.8
Private, corporate employee	-	-
Judge or judicial officer	11	13.1
Government	33	39.3
Public service agency or organization	2	2.4
Retired	5	6.0
Other	3	3.6
<b>Length of Alaska Practice</b>		
No response	-	-
5 years or fewer	13	15.5
6 to 10 years	16	19.0
11 to 15 years	16	19.0
16 to 20 years	9	10.7
More than 20 years	30	35.7
<b>Cases Handled</b>		
No response	-	-
Prosecution	9	10.7
Criminal	13	15.5
Mixed criminal & civil	37	44.0
Civil	20	23.8
Other	5	6.0
<b>Location of Practice</b>		
No response	-	-
First District	3	3.6
Second District	-	-
Third District	76	90.5
Fourth District	5	6.0
Outside Alaska	-	-
<b>Gender</b>		
No response	1	1.2
Male	41	48.8
Female	41	48.8
Another identity	+	+

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**Table 28**  
**Nicholas Torres**  
**Detailed Responses**

	<b>Professional Competence</b>	<b>Integrity</b>	<b>Fairness</b>	<b>Judicial Temperament</b>	<b>Suitability of Experience</b>	<b>Overall</b>
	<i>n</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>
All respondents	84	3.8	4.0	3.9	4.0	3.7
<b>Basis for Evaluation</b>						
<b>Direct professional experience</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.7</b>
Experience within last 5 years	67	3.9	4.0	3.9	4.0	3.7
Experience not within last 5 years	7	3.4	4.1	4.0	3.8	3.7
Substantial amount of experience	29	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.6
Moderate amount of experience	32	3.8	4.2	4.0	4.1	3.8
Limited amount of experience	13	3.6	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.6
Professional reputation	6	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.8	3.7
Other personal contacts	4	3.5	4.0	4.0	4.3	3.5
<b>Type of Practice*</b>						
Private, solo	10	3.8	4.3	4.2	4.3	3.9
Private, 2-5 attorneys	12	3.5	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.5
Private, 6+ attorneys	4	3.3	3.3	3.0	3.3	3.0
Private, corporate employee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judge or judicial officer	10	3.8	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.6
Government	28	3.9	4.1	3.9	4.1	3.7
Public service agency or organization	2	5.0	5.0	4.0	5.0	4.5
Retired	5	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.8
Other	3	4.3	4.0	4.7	4.0	4.0
<b>Length of Alaska Practice*</b>						
5 years or fewer	13	3.7	3.8	3.8	4.0	3.5
6 to 10 years	13	3.9	4.2	3.8	3.8	3.7
11 to 15 years	15	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.5
16 to 20 years	8	4.0	4.3	4.4	4.2	3.9
More than 20 years	25	3.8	4.2	4.1	4.2	3.8
<b>Cases Handled*</b>						
Prosecution	9	4.1	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.0
Criminal	12	3.9	3.6	3.6	4.0	3.7
Mixed criminal & civil	33	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.8	3.6
Civil	16	3.9	4.4	4.5	4.2	3.9
Other	4	3.5	3.8	4.0	3.7	3.3
<b>Location of Practice*</b>						
First District	1	1.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	2.0
Second District	-	-	-	-	-	-
Third District	68	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.7
Fourth District	5	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.8
Outside Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Gender*</b>						
Male	34	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.6
Female	39	3.8	4.2	4.0	4.0	3.7
Another identity	+	+	+	+	+	+

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