



UAA Institute of Social
and Economic Research
UNIVERSITY *of* ALASKA ANCHORAGE

Alaska Judicial Council

Judicial Selection Survey

Anchorage District Court Applicants

Technical Report

Ashley Schroeder, MPH, Research Professional
Ashley Hannigan, MPH, MA, Research Professional

May 18, 2026

Funded by Alaska Judicial Council

www.iseralaska.org

Table of Contents

Executive Summary	1
Table 1: Mean Ratings of Applicants	2
Introduction.....	3
Methodology.....	3
Table 2: Respondent Characteristics.....	4
Instrumentation	5
Confidentiality and Data Safety.....	5
Assurance of Non-Duplicate Responding.....	6
Data Management	6
Results.....	6
Table 3: Level of Experience with Applicants	7
Table 4: Summary of Overall Ratings	8
Table 5: Distribution of Responses for Overall Rating	9
Table 6: Mean Overall Ratings by Type of Practice	10
Table 7: Mean Overall Ratings by Length of Alaska Practice	11
Table 8: Mean Overall Ratings by Type of Caseload Handled	12
Table 9: Mean Overall Ratings by Location of Practice	13
Table 10: Mean Overall Ratings by Gender	14
Table 11: Michael John Branson: Demographic Description of Respondents.....	15
Table 12: Michael John Branson: Detailed Responses.....	16
Table 13: Ronald Dupuis: Demographic Description of Respondents.....	17
Table 14: Ronald Dupuis: Detailed Responses.....	18
Table 15: Eva Khadjinova: Demographic Description of Respondents.....	19
Table 16: Eva Khadjinova: Detailed Responses.....	20
Table 17: Julia Metzger: Demographic Description of Respondents.....	21
Table 18: Julia Metzger: Detailed Responses.....	22
Table 19: Ben Muse: Demographic Description of Respondents.....	23
Table 20: Ben Muse: Detailed Responses	24
Table 21: Eric Salinger: Demographic Description of Respondents.....	25
Table 22: Eric Salinger: Detailed Responses.....	26
Table 23: Patrick Sherry: Demographic Description of Respondents.....	27
Table 24: Patrick Sherry: Detailed Responses.....	28
Table 25: Hannah Steketee: Demographic Description of Respondents.....	29
Table 26: Hannah Steketee: Detailed Responses.....	30
Table 27: Sam Vandergaw: Demographic Description of Respondents	31
Table 28: Sam Vandergaw: Detailed Responses	32
Table 29: Matt Widmer: Demographic Description of Respondents	33
Table 30: Matt Widmer: Detailed Responses	34

Executive Summary

This report presents findings from a selection survey conducted among Alaska Bar Association members for one judicial vacancy on the Anchorage District Court created by the forthcoming retirement of Judge David R. Wallace. By the application deadline, the Alaska Judicial Council received a total of 11 applications from the following individuals (presented in alphabetical order): Michael John Branson, Ronald Dupuis, Lindsay Ingaldson (*withdrew*), Eva Khadjinova, Julia Metzger, Ben Muse, Eric Salinger, Patrick Sherry, Hannah Steketee, Sam Vandergaw, and Matt Widmer. Ms. Lindsay Ingaldson withdrew her application, therefore, her individual survey results will not be 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>
Michael John Branson	39	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.5	3.5	3.4
Ronald Dupuis	70	4.0	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.0
Eva Khadjinova	18	3.7	4.1	3.9	3.6	3.6	3.6
Julia Metzger	96	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.5	4.4
Ben Muse	84	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.8
Eric Salinger	45	4.0	4.1	4.1	3.9	4.0	4.0
Patrick Sherry	37	3.9	4.3	4.1	4.1	3.9	3.8
Hannah Steketee	43	3.3	3.7	3.6	3.4	3.1	3.3
Sam Vandergaw	65	3.8	4.0	4.1	3.8	4.0	3.8
Matt Widmer	94	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.4

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

2026 Judicial Selection Survey, Anchorage District 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. ISER prepared this report summarizing survey procedures and results.

A single selection survey was conducted for the following judicial vacancies: Alaska Court of Appeals, Kotzebue Superior Court, Anchorage Superior Court, and Anchorage District Court. This report presents the findings of the survey for a vacancy on Anchorage District Court, created by the forthcoming retirement of Judge David R. Wallace. By the application deadline, the Council received a total of 11 applications from the following individuals (presented in alphabetical order): Michael John Branson, Ronald Dupuis, Lindsay Ingaldson (*withdrew*), Eva Khadjinova, Julia Metzger, Ben Muse, Eric Salinger, Patrick Sherry, Hannah Steketee, Sam Vandergaw, and Matt Widmer. Ms. Lindsay Ingaldson withdrew her application, therefore, her individual survey results will not be included in this report. Ms. Ingaldson withdrew her application during the active survey period, therefore, survey population and demographics reflect respondent data that were entered in the process of rating Ms. Ingaldson, regardless of the withdrawal.

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. An email invitation to complete the survey online was sent to 3,817 individuals.

Respondents initiated 793 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; eleven surveys were excluded because the respondents did not progress far enough in the survey to reach the certification question; six surveys were excluded because the respondents did not answer any other questions but the certification question. No duplicate survey responses were submitted. Therefore, 776 online surveys qualified for analysis.

The final analysis revealed a survey return rate of 20.3%. Of the 776 returned surveys, 375 (48.3%) did not rate any of the twenty applicants (four Alaska Court of Appeals applicants, two Kotzebue Superior Court applicants, three Anchorage Superior Court applicants, and 11 Anchorage District Court applicants); 401 respondents evaluated one or more applicants. Table 2 summarizes the demographic characteristics of the respondents.

Table 2
Respondent Characteristics

	All Respondents		Respondents who Rated ≥ 1 Applicant	
	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%
All respondents	776	100	401	51.7
Type of Practice				
No response	2	0.3	2	0.5
Private, solo	131	16.9	46	11.5
Private, 2-5 attorneys	76	9.8	31	7.7
Private, 6+ attorneys	97	12.5	49	12.2
Private, corporate employee	21	2.7	4	1.0
Judge or judicial officer	72	9.3	60	15.0
Government	218	28.1	155	38.7
Public service agency or organization	35	4.5	18	4.5
Retired	115	14.8	32	8.0
Other	9	1.2	4	1.0
Length of Alaska Practice				
No response	64	8.2	24	6.0
5 years or fewer	118	15.2	63	15.7
6 to 10 years	67	8.6	46	11.5
11 to 15 years	101	13.0	72	18.0
16 to 20 years	80	10.3	55	13.7
More than 20 years	346	44.6	141	35.2
Cases Handled				
No response	4	0.5	2	0.5
Prosecution	47	6.1	33	8.2
Criminal	88	11.3	68	17.0
Mixed criminal & civil	187	24.1	109	27.2
Civil	401	51.7	175	43.6
Other	49	6.3	14	3.5
Location of Practice				
No response	4	0.5	2	0.5
First District	89	11.5	30	7.5
Second District	20	2.6	14	3.5
Third District	556	71.6	297	74.1
Fourth District	79	10.2	50	12.5
Outside Alaska	28	3.6	8	2.0
Gender				
No response	5	0.6	3	0.7
Male	423	54.5	193	48.1
Female	342	44.1	204	50.9
Another identity	6	0.8	+	+

+Too few respondents to report.

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.

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>
<i>Professional Competence</i>	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
<i>Integrity</i>	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
<i>Fairness</i>	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
<i>Judicial Temperament</i>	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
<i>Suitability of Experience</i>	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
<i>Overall Rating</i>	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. 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 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. Based on these instructions, ISER implemented procedures to ensure that only one survey was counted for each respondent. Each individual's unique identifier was entered with the data, providing the ability to check for duplication with the completed online surveys.

Each potential respondent was provided with a unique URL that could only be used once. 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 procedures to ensure the accuracy of data entry. Online data were downloaded from the survey website and imported into SPSS for analysis.

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 11-30 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
Michael John Branson	47	6.1	85.1	8.5	6.4
Ronald Dupuis	78	10.1	89.7	7.7	2.6
Eva Khadjinova	25	3.2	72.0	8.0	20.0
Julia Metzger	121	15.6	79.3	15.7	5.0
Ben Muse	118	15.2	71.2	22.0	6.8
Eric Salinger	59	7.6	78.0	15.3	6.8
Patrick Sherry	41	5.3	90.2	4.9	4.9
Hannah Steketee	47	6.1	93.6	6.4	-
Sam Vandergaw	81	10.4	80.2	18.5	1.2
Matt Widmer	119	15.3	79.8	12.6	7.6

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>
Michael John Branson	45	3.4	4.0	1.4	39	3.4	4.0	1.3
Ronald Dupuis	78	4.0	4.0	1.0	70	4.0	4.0	1.0
Eva Khadjinova	25	3.7	4.0	1.5	18	3.6	4.0	1.5
Julia Metzger	119	4.4	5.0	1.0	96	4.4	5.0	0.6
Ben Muse	118	4.7	5.0	0.7	84	4.8	5.0	0.6
Eric Salinger	58	4.0	4.0	1.1	45	4.0	5.0	1.2
Patrick Sherry	41	3.9	4.0	1.1	37	3.8	4.0	1.1
Hannah Stekete	46	3.2	3.0	1.4	43	3.3	3.0	1.4
Sam Vandergaw	81	3.7	4.0	1.4	65	3.8	4.0	1.4
Matt Widmer	117	4.3	5.0	1.1	94	4.4	5.0	0.9

Table 5
Distribution of Responses for Overall Rating

	<i>n</i>	Poor		Deficient		Acceptable		Good		Excellent	
		<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%
Michael John Branson	39	5	12.8	5	12.8	9	23.1	11	28.2	9	23.1
Ronald Dupuis	70	-	-	7	10.0	12	17.1	22	31.4	29	41.4
Eva Khadjinova	18	3	16.7	2	11.1	1	5.6	5	27.8	7	38.9
Julia Metzger	96	4	4.2	5	5.2	5	5.2	16	16.7	66	68.8
Ben Muse	84	1	1.2	-	-	3	3.6	10	11.9	70	83.3
Eric Salinger	45	2	4.4	5	11.1	6	13.3	9	20.0	23	51.1
Patrick Sherry	37	-	-	6	16.2	8	21.6	10	27.0	13	35.1
Hannah Steketee	43	4	9.3	11	25.6	7	16.3	10	23.3	11	25.6
Sam Vandergaw	65	6	9.2	9	13.8	8	12.3	10	15.4	32	49.2
Matt Widmer	94	3	3.2	3	3.2	3	3.2	27	28.7	58	61.7

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>	
Michael John Branson	5	3.8	3	4.0	2	3.5	-	-	7	3.9	20	2.9	1	4.0	1	5.0	-	-	3.4
Ronald Dupuis	3	3.7	5	4.0	8	3.5	-	-	11	3.9	38	4.3	3	2.7	2	4.0	-	-	4.0
Eva Khadjinova	3	3.7	-	-	1	1.0	-	-	3	2.0	2	2.5	8	4.6	-	-	1	5.0	3.6
Julia Metzger	5	4.0	3	5.0	9	4.8	-	-	16	4.6	56	4.2	3	5.0	4	5.0	-	-	4.4
Ben Muse	8	5.0	6	5.0	11	4.9	1	5.0	13	4.8	37	4.6	5	5.0	3	4.3	-	-	4.8
Eric Salinger	1	5.0	2	4.0	5	3.8	-	-	6	4.0	21	3.7	7	4.4	3	5.0	1	5.0	4.0
Patrick Sherry	2	4.5	-	-	6	3.2	1	2.0	4	4.0	22	4.0	1	2.0	1	5.0	-	-	3.8
Hannah Steketee	5	4.4	5	2.6	3	1.7	-	-	14	4.1	13	2.5	4	4.0	-	-	-	-	3.3
Sam Vandergaw	5	4.4	2	2.5	5	4.6	-	-	11	4.7	39	3.5	2	2.0	1	5.0	-	-	3.8
Matt Widmer	13	4.5	7	4.4	19	4.7	-	-	16	4.5	30	4.1	5	4.4	5	5.0	-	-	4.4

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>	
Michael John Branson	8	3.1	3	2.7	7	3.4	6	2.8	13	4.0	3.4
Ronald Dupuis	13	4.3	10	4.2	16	3.8	9	4.0	20	3.9	4.0
Eva Khadjinova	1	1.0	4	4.8	4	3.8	2	3.0	6	3.2	3.6
Julia Metzger	11	4.3	18	4.3	24	4.3	16	4.5	24	4.7	4.4
Ben Muse	4	5.0	16	4.8	25	4.6	10	5.0	26	4.8	4.8
Eric Salinger	3	2.7	6	3.8	15	3.9	10	4.2	12	4.5	4.0
Patrick Sherry	3	3.7	3	3.3	16	3.9	8	3.6	6	4.0	3.8
Hannah Steketee	10	3.2	6	3.2	8	2.1	6	3.7	12	4.1	3.3
Sam Vandergaw	9	4.0	15	3.2	16	3.4	8	3.6	16	4.7	3.8
Matt Widmer	1	5.0	9	4.3	20	4.7	21	4.6	42	4.3	4.4

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>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>	
Michael John Branson	11	2.6	9	3.6	9	3.7	9	3.8	1	5.0	3.4
Ronald Dupuis	21	4.6	13	4.0	24	3.6	10	4.1	2	3.5	4.0
Eva Khadjinova	-	-	-	-	3	2.0	15	3.9	-	-	3.6
Julia Metzger	13	3.2	32	4.8	25	4.6	23	4.3	3	4.7	4.4
Ben Muse	6	4.0	25	4.9	30	4.8	21	4.7	2	5.0	4.8
Eric Salinger	3	3.7	5	4.6	15	3.9	21	4.1	2	4.0	4.0
Patrick Sherry	4	3.8	6	3.8	8	3.6	16	3.9	3	4.0	3.8
Hannah Steketee	4	2.3	3	2.7	17	3.8	19	3.3	1	1.0	3.3
Sam Vandergaw	17	4.4	16	3.5	21	3.8	10	3.6	1	1.0	3.8
Matt Widmer	5	3.8	20	4.5	34	4.5	33	4.4	3	4.3	4.4

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>	
Michael John Branson	1	1.0	-	-	37	3.5	-	-	-	-	3.4
Ronald Dupuis	6	4.0	3	3.7	56	4.2	5	3.0	-	-	4.0
Eva Khadjinova	-	-	-	-	16	3.4	2	5.0	-	-	3.6
Julia Metzger	4	4.0	7	4.9	68	4.4	14	4.4	3	4.7	4.4
Ben Muse	5	4.8	3	5.0	69	4.8	7	4.7	-	-	4.8
Eric Salinger	4	3.5	3	4.0	32	4.2	6	3.7	-	-	4.0
Patrick Sherry	1	5.0	3	3.0	30	3.9	2	2.5	1	4.0	3.8
Hannah Steketee	1	3.0	-	-	41	3.3	-	-	1	2.0	3.3
Sam Vandergaw	6	4.0	4	3.3	48	3.8	7	3.9	-	-	3.8
Matt Widmer	1	5.0	4	4.3	81	4.4	6	4.7	2	5.0	4.4

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 M
	n	M	n	M	n	M	
Michael John Branson	27	3.6	11	3.0	-	-	3.4
Ronald Dupuis	38	4.3	32	3.8	-	-	4.0
Eva Khadjinova	6	2.5	11	4.2	+	+	3.6
Julia Metzger	44	4.3	52	4.5	-	-	4.4
Ben Muse	45	4.7	38	4.8	-	-	4.8
Eric Salinger	23	4.0	21	4.1	+	+	4.0
Patrick Sherry	23	4.0	14	3.5	-	-	3.8
Hannah Steketee	19	3.0	24	3.5	-	-	3.3
Sam Vandergaw	39	3.9	26	3.7	-	-	3.8
Matt Widmer	52	4.6	42	4.2	-	-	4.4

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

Table 11
Michael John Branson
Demographic Description of Respondents

	<i>n</i>	<i>%</i>
All respondents	47	100
Experience with Applicant		
Direct professional experience	40	85.1
Professional reputation	4	8.5
Other personal contacts	3	6.4
Detailed Experience*		
Recent experience (within last 5 years)	37	92.5
Substantial amount of experience	9	22.5
Moderate amount of experience	14	35.0
Limited amount of experience	17	42.5
Type of Practice		
No response	1	2.1
Private, solo	6	12.8
Private, 2-5 attorneys	6	12.8
Private, 6+ attorneys	4	8.5
Private, corporate employee	-	-
Judge or judicial officer	7	14.9
Government	21	44.7
Public service agency or organization	1	2.1
Retired	1	2.1
Other	-	-
Length of Alaska Practice		
No response	4	8.5
5 years or fewer	9	19.1
6 to 10 years	3	6.4
11 to 15 years	9	19.1
16 to 20 years	8	17.0
More than 20 years	14	29.8
Cases Handled		
No response	1	2.1
Prosecution	11	23.4
Criminal	10	21.3
Mixed criminal & civil	11	23.4
Civil	13	27.7
Other	1	2.1
Location of Practice		
No response	1	2.1
First District	1	2.1
Second District	-	-
Third District	45	95.7
Fourth District	-	-
Outside Alaska	-	-
Gender		
No response	1	2.1
Male	32	68.1
Female	14	29.8
Another identity	-	-

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

Table 12
Michael John Branson
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	47	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.5	3.6	3.4
Basis for Evaluation							
Direct professional experience	40	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.5	3.5	3.4
Experience within last 5 years	37	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.5	3.6	3.4
Experience not within last 5 years	3	3.0	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.0	2.7
Substantial amount of experience	9	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.6	3.3
Moderate amount of experience	14	3.7	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.9	3.7
Limited amount of experience	17	3.4	3.3	3.6	3.1	3.2	3.1
Professional reputation	4	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.8
Other personal contacts	3	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.7	5.0
Type of Practice*							
Private, solo	5	4.0	3.4	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.8
Private, 2-5 attorneys	3	4.3	4.3	4.0	4.3	4.0	4.0
Private, 6+ attorneys	2	3.5	3.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.5
Private, corporate employee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judge or judicial officer	7	3.9	4.4	4.0	3.9	4.0	3.9
Government	20	3.1	3.3	3.6	3.3	3.3	2.9
Public service agency or organization	1	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	4.0
Retired	1	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Length of Alaska Practice*							
5 years or fewer	8	3.5	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.1
6 to 10 years	3	2.7	3.0	2.7	2.3	2.7	2.7
11 to 15 years	7	3.4	3.6	4.1	3.7	3.9	3.4
16 to 20 years	6	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.0	3.2	2.8
More than 20 years	13	3.9	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.0	4.0
Cases Handled*							
Prosecution	11	2.8	3.0	3.4	2.9	3.0	2.6
Criminal	9	3.7	4.0	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.6
Mixed criminal & civil	9	3.7	3.6	3.9	3.6	3.8	3.7
Civil	9	3.9	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.0	3.8
Other	1	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Location of Practice*							
First District	1	2.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	1.0
Second District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Third District	38	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.5
Fourth District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Outside Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gender*							
Male	27	3.7	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.7	3.6
Female	12	3.1	3.0	3.5	3.0	3.3	3.0
Another identity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

Table 13
Ronald Dupuis
Demographic Description of Respondents

	<i>n</i>	<i>%</i>
All respondents	78	100
Experience with Applicant		
Direct professional experience	70	89.7
Professional reputation	6	7.7
Other personal contacts	2	2.6
Detailed Experience*		
Recent experience (within last 5 years)	54	77.1
Substantial amount of experience	34	48.6
Moderate amount of experience	17	24.3
Limited amount of experience	19	27.1
Type of Practice		
No response	-	-
Private, solo	4	5.1
Private, 2-5 attorneys	7	9.0
Private, 6+ attorneys	10	12.8
Private, corporate employee	-	-
Judge or judicial officer	12	15.4
Government	39	50.0
Public service agency or organization	4	5.1
Retired	2	2.6
Other	-	-
Length of Alaska Practice		
No response	2	2.6
5 years or fewer	14	17.9
6 to 10 years	13	16.7
11 to 15 years	17	21.8
16 to 20 years	10	12.8
More than 20 years	22	28.2
Cases Handled		
No response	-	-
Prosecution	21	26.9
Criminal	16	20.5
Mixed criminal & civil	26	33.3
Civil	13	16.7
Other	2	2.6
Location of Practice		
No response	-	-
First District	6	7.7
Second District	3	3.8
Third District	64	82.1
Fourth District	5	6.4
Outside Alaska	-	-
Gender		
No response	-	-
Male	43	55.1
Female	35	44.9
Another identity	-	-

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

Table 14
Ronald Dupuis
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	78	4.0	4.3	4.2	4.0	4.0	4.0
Basis for Evaluation							
Direct professional experience	70	4.0	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.0
Experience within last 5 years	54	4.2	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.1
Experience not within last 5 years	16	3.4	4.1	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.7
Substantial amount of experience	34	4.1	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.1
Moderate amount of experience	17	3.8	4.4	4.3	4.0	4.2	3.9
Limited amount of experience	19	3.9	4.4	4.1	4.1	3.9	4.0
Professional reputation	6	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.3
Other personal contacts	2	5.0	4.5	4.5	4.5	5.0	5.0
Type of Practice*							
Private, solo	3	4.3	3.7	3.3	4.0	3.7	3.7
Private, 2-5 attorneys	5	4.0	4.4	3.6	3.8	4.2	4.0
Private, 6+ attorneys	8	3.4	4.0	4.3	4.0	3.9	3.5
Private, corporate employee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judge or judicial officer	11	3.6	4.2	3.9	4.0	3.9	3.9
Government	38	4.3	4.6	4.6	4.3	4.3	4.3
Public service agency or organization	3	2.7	3.7	3.7	3.3	3.0	2.7
Retired	2	4.0	4.0	4.0	2.5	4.0	4.0
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Length of Alaska Practice*							
5 years or fewer	13	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.2	4.3
6 to 10 years	10	4.1	4.6	4.5	4.0	4.2	4.2
11 to 15 years	16	3.6	4.4	4.4	4.1	3.9	3.8
16 to 20 years	9	3.8	4.3	4.1	4.2	3.9	4.0
More than 20 years	20	4.0	4.2	3.9	4.0	4.1	3.9
Cases Handled*							
Prosecution	21	4.5	4.7	4.6	4.2	4.5	4.6
Criminal	13	4.0	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.0
Mixed criminal & civil	24	3.8	4.2	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.6
Civil	10	3.7	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.1
Other	2	2.0	4.5	4.5	4.5	3.0	3.5
Location of Practice*							
First District	6	4.0	4.2	4.2	3.5	4.0	4.0
Second District	3	3.3	4.0	4.0	3.7	3.0	3.7
Third District	56	4.1	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.2
Fourth District	5	3.4	3.6	3.0	3.2	3.2	3.0
Outside Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gender*							
Male	38	4.2	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.3	4.3
Female	32	3.8	4.2	4.0	3.9	3.7	3.8
Another identity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

Table 15
Eva Khadjinova
Demographic Description of Respondents

	<i>n</i>	<i>%</i>
All respondents	25	100
Experience with Applicant		
Direct professional experience	18	72.0
Professional reputation	2	8.0
Other personal contacts	5	20.0
Detailed Experience*		
Recent experience (within last 5 years)	17	94.4
Substantial amount of experience	6	33.3
Moderate amount of experience	4	22.2
Limited amount of experience	8	44.4
Type of Practice		
No response	-	-
Private, solo	5	20.0
Private, 2-5 attorneys	-	-
Private, 6+ attorneys	2	8.0
Private, corporate employee	-	-
Judge or judicial officer	4	16.0
Government	4	16.0
Public service agency or organization	9	36.0
Retired	-	-
Other	1	4.0
Length of Alaska Practice		
No response	1	4.0
5 years or fewer	3	12.0
6 to 10 years	4	16.0
11 to 15 years	6	24.0
16 to 20 years	2	8.0
More than 20 years	9	36.0
Cases Handled		
No response	-	-
Prosecution	-	-
Criminal	1	4.0
Mixed criminal & civil	4	16.0
Civil	18	72.0
Other	2	8.0
Location of Practice		
No response	-	-
First District	-	-
Second District	-	-
Third District	22	88.0
Fourth District	3	12.0
Outside Alaska	-	-
Gender		
No response	-	-
Male	9	36.0
Female	15	60.0
Another identity	+	+

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

Table 16
Eva Khadjinova
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	25	3.7	4.0	4.0	3.7	3.6	3.7
Basis for Evaluation							
Direct professional experience	18	3.7	4.1	3.9	3.6	3.6	3.6
Experience within last 5 years	17	3.8	4.1	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.7
Experience not within last 5 years	1	2.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	2.0
Substantial amount of experience	6	3.7	4.2	4.0	3.4	3.5	3.7
Moderate amount of experience	4	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.0	3.5	3.0
Limited amount of experience	8	3.9	4.4	4.3	4.1	3.8	3.9
Professional reputation	2	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Other personal contacts	5	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.0	4.2
Type of Practice*							
Private, solo	3	4.0	4.3	4.3	4.3	3.3	3.7
Private, 2-5 attorneys	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Private, 6+ attorneys	1	1.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	1.0
Private, corporate employee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judge or judicial officer	3	2.3	2.7	2.7	2.0	2.7	2.0
Government	2	2.5	3.0	3.5	2.0	2.5	2.5
Public service agency or organization	8	4.5	4.8	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.6
Retired	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	1	5.0	5.0	-	-	4.0	5.0
Length of Alaska Practice*							
5 years or fewer	1	1.0	2.0	3.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
6 to 10 years	4	4.5	4.8	4.5	4.5	4.8	4.8
11 to 15 years	4	3.8	4.3	4.3	4.3	3.8	3.8
16 to 20 years	2	3.5	3.5	1.0	1.0	3.0	3.0
More than 20 years	6	3.3	3.8	3.8	3.3	3.2	3.2
Cases Handled*							
Prosecution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mixed criminal & civil	3	2.3	2.7	2.7	2.0	2.7	2.0
Civil	15	3.9	4.3	4.2	4.0	3.8	3.9
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Location of Practice*							
First District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Second District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Third District	16	3.6	3.9	3.9	3.5	3.4	3.4
Fourth District	2	4.5	5.0	4.5	5.0	5.0	5.0
Outside Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gender*							
Male	6	2.7	3.3	3.0	2.2	2.5	2.5
Female	11	4.2	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.2
Another identity	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

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

+Too few respondents to report.

Table 17
Julia Metzger
Demographic Description of Respondents

	<i>n</i>	<i>%</i>
All respondents	121	100
Experience with Applicant		
Direct professional experience	96	79.3
Professional reputation	19	15.7
Other personal contacts	6	5.0
Detailed Experience*		
Recent experience (within last 5 years)	81	84.4
Substantial amount of experience	40	41.7
Moderate amount of experience	37	38.5
Limited amount of experience	19	19.8
Type of Practice		
No response	-	-
Private, solo	6	5.0
Private, 2-5 attorneys	5	4.1
Private, 6+ attorneys	13	10.7
Private, corporate employee	-	-
Judge or judicial officer	19	15.7
Government	66	54.5
Public service agency or organization	4	3.3
Retired	8	6.6
Other	-	-
Length of Alaska Practice		
No response	5	4.1
5 years or fewer	15	12.4
6 to 10 years	20	16.5
11 to 15 years	31	25.6
16 to 20 years	18	14.9
More than 20 years	32	26.4
Cases Handled		
No response	-	-
Prosecution	13	10.7
Criminal	40	33.1
Mixed criminal & civil	30	24.8
Civil	35	28.9
Other	3	2.5
Location of Practice		
No response	-	-
First District	6	5.0
Second District	7	5.8
Third District	90	74.4
Fourth District	15	12.4
Outside Alaska	3	2.5
Gender		
No response	-	-
Male	49	40.5
Female	72	59.5
Another identity	-	-

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

Table 18
Julia Metzger
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	121	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.1	4.5	4.4
Basis for Evaluation							
Direct professional experience	96	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.5	4.4
Experience within last 5 years	81	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.4	4.4
Experience not within last 5 years	15	4.8	4.7	4.3	4.4	4.8	4.6
Substantial amount of experience	40	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.6	4.5
Moderate amount of experience	37	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.5	4.4
Limited amount of experience	19	4.5	4.2	4.1	3.8	4.3	4.3
Professional reputation	19	4.6	4.5	4.2	4.1	4.5	4.4
Other personal contacts	6	4.8	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.8	5.0
Type of Practice*							
Private, solo	5	4.6	4.2	4.2	4.0	3.8	4.0
Private, 2-5 attorneys	3	5.0	4.7	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Private, 6+ attorneys	9	4.8	4.8	4.4	4.1	4.8	4.8
Private, corporate employee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judge or judicial officer	16	4.7	4.7	4.5	4.1	4.7	4.6
Government	56	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.4	4.2
Public service agency or organization	3	4.7	5.0	5.0	4.7	5.0	5.0
Retired	4	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Length of Alaska Practice*							
5 years or fewer	11	4.4	4.1	4.4	4.1	4.2	4.3
6 to 10 years	18	4.6	4.3	4.2	4.0	4.3	4.3
11 to 15 years	24	4.6	4.5	4.2	4.0	4.5	4.3
16 to 20 years	16	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.0	4.7	4.5
More than 20 years	24	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.3	4.8	4.7
Cases Handled*							
Prosecution	13	3.9	3.5	3.2	3.2	3.8	3.2
Criminal	32	4.8	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.7	4.8
Mixed criminal & civil	25	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.2	4.8	4.6
Civil	23	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.0	4.2	4.3
Other	3	4.3	4.7	4.7	3.3	4.7	4.7
Location of Practice*							
First District	4	4.5	4.5	4.0	3.8	4.3	4.0
Second District	7	4.6	4.9	4.9	4.3	4.7	4.9
Third District	68	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.5	4.4
Fourth District	14	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.0	4.3	4.4
Outside Alaska	3	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7
Gender*							
Male	44	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.0	4.4	4.3
Female	52	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.6	4.5
Another identity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

Table 19
Ben Muse
Demographic Description of Respondents

	<i>n</i>	<i>%</i>
All respondents	118	100.0
Experience with Applicant		
Direct professional experience	84	71.2
Professional reputation	26	22.0
Other personal contacts	8	6.8
Detailed Experience*		
Recent experience (within last 5 years)	71	84.5
Substantial amount of experience	26	31.0
Moderate amount of experience	39	46.4
Limited amount of experience	19	22.6
Type of Practice		
No response	-	-
Private, solo	11	9.3
Private, 2-5 attorneys	10	8.5
Private, 6+ attorneys	18	15.3
Private, corporate employee	2	1.7
Judge or judicial officer	17	14.4
Government	49	41.5
Public service agency or organization	6	5.1
Retired	5	4.2
Other	-	-
Length of Alaska Practice		
No response	4	3.4
5 years or fewer	13	11.0
6 to 10 years	20	16.9
11 to 15 years	31	26.3
16 to 20 years	13	11.0
More than 20 years	37	31.4
Cases Handled		
No response	-	-
Prosecution	7	5.9
Criminal	38	32.2
Mixed criminal & civil	36	30.5
Civil	32	27.1
Other	5	4.2
Location of Practice		
No response	-	-
First District	9	7.6
Second District	5	4.2
Third District	96	81.4
Fourth District	7	5.9
Outside Alaska	1	0.8
Gender		
No response	1	0.8
Male	62	52.5
Female	55	46.6
Another identity	-	-

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

Table 20
Ben Muse
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	118	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.7
Basis for Evaluation							
Direct professional experience	84	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.8
Experience within last 5 years	71	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.9
Experience not within last 5 years	13	4.3	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.2
Substantial amount of experience	26	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.7
Moderate amount of experience	39	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.8
Limited amount of experience	19	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.6
Professional reputation	26	4.5	4.7	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.6
Other personal contacts	8	4.9	4.9	4.9	5.0	4.9	4.9
Type of Practice*							
Private, solo	8	5.0	5.0	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.0
Private, 2-5 attorneys	6	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Private, 6+ attorneys	11	4.8	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.9
Private, corporate employee	1	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Judge or judicial officer	13	4.7	4.8	4.5	4.7	4.7	4.8
Government	37	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.6
Public service agency or organization	5	5.0	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.8	5.0
Retired	3	4.7	4.0	4.0	4.7	4.3	4.3
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Length of Alaska Practice*							
5 years or fewer	4	5.0	4.8	4.7	4.5	5.0	5.0
6 to 10 years	16	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.8
11 to 15 years	25	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.7	4.6	4.6
16 to 20 years	10	5.0	5.0	4.9	5.0	4.9	5.0
More than 20 years	26	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.8
Cases Handled*							
Prosecution	6	4.3	4.2	3.7	4.0	3.8	4.0
Criminal	25	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.9	4.9
Mixed criminal & civil	30	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.8
Civil	21	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.7
Other	2	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Location of Practice*							
First District	5	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.6	4.8
Second District	3	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Third District	69	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.8
Fourth District	7	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.7
Outside Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gender*							
Male	45	4.7	4.7	4.5	4.7	4.6	4.7
Female	38	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.8
Another identity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

Table 21
Eric Salinger
Demographic Description of Respondents

	<i>n</i>	<i>%</i>
All respondents	59	100
Experience with Applicant		
Direct professional experience	46	78.0
Professional reputation	9	15.3
Other personal contacts	4	6.8
Detailed Experience*		
Recent experience (within last 5 years)	30	65.2
Substantial amount of experience	20	43.5
Moderate amount of experience	14	30.4
Limited amount of experience	12	26.1
Type of Practice		
No response	-	-
Private, solo	3	5.1
Private, 2-5 attorneys	3	5.1
Private, 6+ attorneys	7	11.9
Private, corporate employee	-	-
Judge or judicial officer	7	11.9
Government	25	42.4
Public service agency or organization	9	15.3
Retired	4	6.8
Other	1	1.7
Length of Alaska Practice		
No response	-	-
5 years or fewer	5	8.5
6 to 10 years	9	15.3
11 to 15 years	17	28.8
16 to 20 years	11	18.6
More than 20 years	17	28.8
Cases Handled		
No response	-	-
Prosecution	3	5.1
Criminal	9	15.3
Mixed criminal & civil	16	27.1
Civil	28	47.5
Other	3	5.1
Location of Practice		
No response	-	-
First District	6	10.2
Second District	3	5.1
Third District	44	74.6
Fourth District	6	10.2
Outside Alaska	-	-
Gender		
No response	-	-
Male	28	47.5
Female	30	50.8
Another identity	+	+

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

Table 22
Eric Salinger
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	59	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.0	4.1	4.0
Basis for Evaluation							
Direct professional experience	46	4.0	4.1	4.1	3.9	4.0	4.0
Experience within last 5 years	30	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.1	4.2	4.2
Experience not within last 5 years	16	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.7
Substantial amount of experience	20	4.0	4.1	4.2	3.8	4.1	4.1
Moderate amount of experience	14	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.9	3.9
Limited amount of experience	12	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.0	4.2	4.1
Professional reputation	9	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.6	4.1
Other personal contacts	4	4.0	3.8	4.3	4.0	4.3	4.0
Type of Practice*							
Private, solo	1	-	-	5.0	5.0	4.0	5.0
Private, 2-5 attorneys	2	4.5	4.0	4.5	4.0	4.5	4.0
Private, 6+ attorneys	5	3.8	3.8	4.0	3.8	4.4	3.8
Private, corporate employee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judge or judicial officer	6	4.2	4.2	4.2	3.8	4.2	4.0
Government	21	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.7
Public service agency or organization	7	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.3	4.4	4.4
Retired	3	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.7	5.0	5.0
Other	1	5.0	5.0	-	-	4.0	5.0
Length of Alaska Practice*							
5 years or fewer	3	3.0	2.7	3.0	3.3	2.7	2.7
6 to 10 years	6	3.8	3.8	4.0	3.5	3.5	3.8
11 to 15 years	15	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.9	3.9
16 to 20 years	10	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.2
More than 20 years	12	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.3	4.6	4.5
Cases Handled*							
Prosecution	3	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.3	3.3	3.7
Criminal	5	3.8	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.6	4.6
Mixed criminal & civil	15	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.0	4.1	3.9
Civil	21	4.2	4.1	4.1	3.8	4.0	4.1
Other	2	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	4.0
Location of Practice*							
First District	4	4.0	3.8	3.3	3.8	3.3	3.5
Second District	3	4.0	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.0	4.0
Third District	33	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.1	4.2	4.2
Fourth District	6	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.2	3.8	3.7
Outside Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gender*							
Male	23	3.9	4.0	4.1	3.9	4.0	4.0
Female	22	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.1
Another identity	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

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

+Too few respondents to report.

Table 23
Patrick Sherry
Demographic Description of Respondents

	<i>n</i>	<i>%</i>
All respondents	41	100
Experience with Applicant		
Direct professional experience	37	90.2
Professional reputation	2	4.9
Other personal contacts	2	4.9
Detailed Experience*		
Recent experience (within last 5 years)	16	43.2
Substantial amount of experience	9	24.3
Moderate amount of experience	13	35.1
Limited amount of experience	15	40.5
Type of Practice		
No response	-	-
Private, solo	2	4.9
Private, 2-5 attorneys	-	-
Private, 6+ attorneys	7	17.1
Private, corporate employee	2	4.9
Judge or judicial officer	5	12.2
Government	22	53.7
Public service agency or organization	1	2.4
Retired	2	4.9
Other	-	-
Length of Alaska Practice		
No response	1	2.4
5 years or fewer	3	7.3
6 to 10 years	3	7.3
11 to 15 years	17	41.5
16 to 20 years	8	19.5
More than 20 years	9	22.0
Cases Handled		
No response	-	-
Prosecution	4	9.8
Criminal	6	14.6
Mixed criminal & civil	9	22.0
Civil	19	46.3
Other	3	7.3
Location of Practice		
No response	-	-
First District	1	2.4
Second District	3	7.3
Third District	34	82.9
Fourth District	2	4.9
Outside Alaska	1	2.4
Gender		
No response	-	-
Male	27	65.9
Female	14	34.1
Another identity	-	-

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

Table 24
Patrick Sherry
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	41	3.9	4.3	4.1	4.1	3.9	3.9
Basis for Evaluation							
Direct professional experience	37	3.9	4.3	4.1	4.1	3.9	3.8
Experience within last 5 years	16	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.2
Experience not within last 5 years	21	3.6	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.5
Substantial amount of experience	9	4.3	4.6	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.3
Moderate amount of experience	13	3.5	4.0	3.8	3.5	3.5	3.5
Limited amount of experience	15	3.9	4.3	4.2	4.4	4.0	3.8
Professional reputation	2	4.0	4.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Other personal contacts	2	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	3.5	4.5
Type of Practice*							
Private, solo	2	5.0	5.0	4.5	4.5	4.0	4.5
Private, 2-5 attorneys	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Private, 6+ attorneys	6	3.2	4.0	3.8	3.7	3.2	3.2
Private, corporate employee	1	2.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Judge or judicial officer	4	4.0	4.5	4.0	4.5	4.0	4.0
Government	22	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.0
Public service agency or organization	1	2.0	2.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Retired	1	4.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Length of Alaska Practice*							
5 years or fewer	3	3.7	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.5	3.7
6 to 10 years	3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
11 to 15 years	16	3.9	4.2	4.2	4.1	3.9	3.9
16 to 20 years	8	3.9	4.1	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.6
More than 20 years	6	4.3	4.7	4.2	4.3	4.0	4.0
Cases Handled*							
Prosecution	4	3.8	4.0	4.3	4.0	4.0	3.8
Criminal	6	4.2	4.5	4.0	4.2	4.0	3.8
Mixed criminal & civil	8	3.5	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.6
Civil	16	3.9	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.0	3.9
Other	3	4.7	4.3	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.0
Location of Practice*							
First District	1	4.0	5.0	4.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Second District	3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.0	3.7	3.0
Third District	30	4.0	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.0	3.9
Fourth District	2	2.5	2.5	3.0	2.5	2.5	2.5
Outside Alaska	1	5.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Gender*							
Male	23	3.9	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.0
Female	14	3.9	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.5
Another identity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

Table 25
Hannah Steketee
Demographic Description of Respondents

	<i>n</i>	<i>%</i>
All respondents	47	100
Experience with Applicant		
Direct professional experience	44	93.6
Professional reputation	3	6.4
Other personal contacts	-	-
Detailed Experience*		
Recent experience (within last 5 years)	44	100
Substantial amount of experience	19	43.2
Moderate amount of experience	15	34.1
Limited amount of experience	10	22.7
Type of Practice		
No response	-	-
Private, solo	5	10.6
Private, 2-5 attorneys	5	10.6
Private, 6+ attorneys	4	8.5
Private, corporate employee	-	-
Judge or judicial officer	14	29.8
Government	15	31.9
Public service agency or organization	4	8.5
Retired	-	-
Other	-	-
Length of Alaska Practice		
No response	2	4.3
5 years or fewer	11	23.4
6 to 10 years	6	12.8
11 to 15 years	9	19.1
16 to 20 years	7	14.9
More than 20 years	12	25.5
Cases Handled		
No response	-	-
Prosecution	4	8.5
Criminal	3	6.4
Mixed criminal & civil	17	36.2
Civil	22	46.8
Other	1	2.1
Location of Practice		
No response	-	-
First District	2	4.3
Second District	-	-
Third District	44	93.6
Fourth District	-	-
Outside Alaska	1	2.1
Gender		
No response	-	-
Male	22	46.8
Female	25	53.2
Another identity	-	-

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

Table 26
Hannah Stekete
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	47	3.3	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.1	3.2
Basis for Evaluation							
Direct professional experience	44	3.3	3.7	3.6	3.4	3.1	3.3
Experience within last 5 years	44	3.3	3.7	3.6	3.4	3.1	3.3
Experience not within last 5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Substantial amount of experience	19	3.3	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.1	3.4
Moderate amount of experience	15	3.6	3.9	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.5
Limited amount of experience	10	2.9	3.4	3.2	3.0	2.7	2.9
Professional reputation	3	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.5	2.0
Other personal contacts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Type of Practice*							
Private, solo	5	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.4
Private, 2-5 attorneys	5	2.4	3.4	3.2	3.2	2.4	2.6
Private, 6+ attorneys	3	1.7	2.0	1.7	2.3	1.7	1.7
Private, corporate employee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judge or judicial officer	14	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.1	3.9	4.1
Government	13	2.4	3.1	2.8	2.6	2.2	2.5
Public service agency or organization	4	4.7	4.7	4.0	3.8	4.0	4.0
Retired	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Length of Alaska Practice*							
5 years or fewer	10	3.4	3.9	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.2
6 to 10 years	6	3.3	3.5	3.5	3.0	2.7	3.2
11 to 15 years	8	2.1	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.0	2.1
16 to 20 years	6	3.8	4.0	4.0	3.3	3.5	3.7
More than 20 years	12	3.8	4.5	4.3	4.4	3.9	4.1
Cases Handled*							
Prosecution	4	2.0	3.0	2.3	2.0	2.0	2.3
Criminal	3	3.7	3.7	3.0	3.3	2.7	2.7
Mixed criminal & civil	17	3.8	4.2	4.1	3.9	3.6	3.8
Civil	19	3.2	3.7	3.6	3.4	3.1	3.3
Other	1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Location of Practice*							
First District	1	3.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	3.0	3.0
Second District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Third District	42	3.3	3.8	3.6	3.4	3.1	3.3
Fourth District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Outside Alaska	1	4.0	4.0	2.0	3.0	2.0	2.0
Gender*							
Male	20	3.3	3.6	3.3	3.2	2.9	3.0
Female	24	3.3	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.3	3.5
Another identity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

Table 27
Sam Vandergaw
Demographic Description of Respondents

	<i>n</i>	<i>%</i>
All respondents	81	100
Experience with Applicant		
Direct professional experience	65	80.2
Professional reputation	15	18.5
Other personal contacts	1	1.2
Detailed Experience*		
Recent experience (within last 5 years)	60	92.3
Substantial amount of experience	31	47.7
Moderate amount of experience	23	35.4
Limited amount of experience	11	16.9
Type of Practice		
No response	-	-
Private, solo	7	8.6
Private, 2-5 attorneys	5	6.2
Private, 6+ attorneys	9	11.1
Private, corporate employee	-	-
Judge or judicial officer	12	14.8
Government	44	54.3
Public service agency or organization	3	3.7
Retired	1	1.2
Other	-	-
Length of Alaska Practice		
No response	1	1.2
5 years or fewer	10	12.3
6 to 10 years	19	23.5
11 to 15 years	21	25.9
16 to 20 years	9	11.1
More than 20 years	21	25.9
Cases Handled		
No response	-	-
Prosecution	18	22.2
Criminal	20	24.7
Mixed criminal & civil	24	29.6
Civil	18	22.2
Other	1	1.2
Location of Practice		
No response	-	-
First District	8	9.9
Second District	4	4.9
Third District	62	76.5
Fourth District	7	8.6
Outside Alaska	-	-
Gender		
No response	-	-
Male	44	54.3
Female	37	45.7
Another identity	-	-

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

Table 28
Sam Vandergaw
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	81	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.7
Basis for Evaluation							
Direct professional experience	65	3.8	4.0	4.1	3.8	4.0	3.8
Experience within last 5 years	60	3.8	4.0	4.1	3.8	4.1	3.8
Experience not within last 5 years	5	3.8	3.8	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.8
Substantial amount of experience	31	3.8	4.1	4.1	3.8	4.2	3.9
Moderate amount of experience	23	3.8	4.0	4.1	3.9	3.9	3.8
Limited amount of experience	11	3.7	3.8	4.0	3.7	3.9	3.6
Professional reputation	15	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.1
Other personal contacts	1	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Type of Practice*							
Private, solo	5	4.4	4.4	4.4	3.8	4.0	4.4
Private, 2-5 attorneys	2	2.5	3.0	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Private, 6+ attorneys	5	4.4	4.6	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.6
Private, corporate employee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judge or judicial officer	11	4.5	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.7
Government	39	3.5	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.9	3.5
Public service agency or organization	2	2.5	2.0	3.0	2.5	2.0	2.0
Retired	1	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Length of Alaska Practice*							
5 years or fewer	9	4.1	4.0	4.4	4.2	4.4	4.0
6 to 10 years	15	3.2	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.7	3.2
11 to 15 years	16	3.4	3.7	3.8	3.5	3.6	3.4
16 to 20 years	8	3.5	3.6	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.6
More than 20 years	16	4.5	4.8	4.8	4.5	4.7	4.7
Cases Handled*							
Prosecution	17	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.4
Criminal	16	3.5	3.6	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.5
Mixed criminal & civil	21	3.7	4.0	4.1	3.8	3.9	3.8
Civil	10	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.4	3.7	3.6
Other	1	1.0	3.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Location of Practice*							
First District	6	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.0	4.0	4.0
Second District	4	3.3	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.5	3.3
Third District	48	3.8	4.0	4.1	3.9	4.1	3.8
Fourth District	7	3.6	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.1	3.9
Outside Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gender*							
Male	39	3.9	4.1	4.2	3.9	4.1	3.9
Female	26	3.6	3.8	3.9	3.7	4.0	3.7
Another identity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

Table 29:
Matt Widmer
Demographic Description of Respondents

	<i>n</i>	<i>%</i>
All respondents	119	100
Experience with Applicant		
Direct professional experience	95	79.8
Professional reputation	15	12.6
Other personal contacts	9	7.6
Detailed Experience*		
Recent experience (within last 5 years)	77	81.1
Substantial amount of experience	30	31.6
Moderate amount of experience	44	46.3
Limited amount of experience	21	22.1
Type of Practice		
No response	-	-
Private, solo	16	13.4
Private, 2-5 attorneys	11	9.2
Private, 6+ attorneys	22	18.5
Private, corporate employee	-	-
Judge or judicial officer	18	15.1
Government	41	34.5
Public service agency or organization	5	4.2
Retired	6	5.0
Other	-	-
Length of Alaska Practice		
No response	4	3.4
5 years or fewer	5	4.2
6 to 10 years	16	13.4
11 to 15 years	21	17.6
16 to 20 years	24	20.2
More than 20 years	49	41.2
Cases Handled		
No response	-	-
Prosecution	8	6.7
Criminal	30	25.2
Mixed criminal & civil	37	31.1
Civil	41	34.5
Other	3	2.5
Location of Practice		
No response	-	-
First District	2	1.7
Second District	4	3.4
Third District	103	86.6
Fourth District	7	5.9
Outside Alaska	3	2.5
Gender		
No response	-	-
Male	66	55.5
Female	53	44.5
Another identity	-	-

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

Table 30:
Matt Widmer
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	119	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.3
Basis for Evaluation							
Direct professional experience	95	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.4
Experience within last 5 years	77	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.5
Experience not within last 5 years	18	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.4	4.3	4.2
Substantial amount of experience	30	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.3
Moderate amount of experience	44	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.4
Limited amount of experience	21	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.9	4.7	4.7
Professional reputation	15	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.8	3.6
Other personal contacts	9	4.0	3.7	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.4
Type of Practice*							
Private, solo	13	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
Private, 2-5 attorneys	7	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.3	4.4
Private, 6+ attorneys	19	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.7
Private, corporate employee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judge or judicial officer	16	4.4	4.7	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.5
Government	30	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1
Public service agency or organization	5	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.8	4.6	4.4
Retired	5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Length of Alaska Practice*							
5 years or fewer	1	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
6 to 10 years	9	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.1	4.4	4.3
11 to 15 years	20	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.7
16 to 20 years	21	4.6	4.8	4.7	4.5	4.6	4.6
More than 20 years	42	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.3
Cases Handled*							
Prosecution	5	4.2	4.6	4.2	4.2	3.8	3.8
Criminal	20	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.5
Mixed criminal & civil	34	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.5
Civil	33	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4
Other	3	4.0	4.3	4.3	3.7	4.3	4.3
Location of Practice*							
First District	1	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Second District	4	4.0	4.3	4.5	3.5	4.3	4.3
Third District	82	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.4
Fourth District	6	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.8	4.7
Outside Alaska	2	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Gender*							
Male	52	4.6	4.8	4.7	4.5	4.6	4.6
Female	43	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.2
Another identity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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