Superior Court Judge

Beverly Winslow Cutler, Third Judicial District

DATE OF BIRTH: September 10, 1949

PLACE OF BIRTH: Washington, D.C.

NAME OF SPOUSE: Mark Allen Troutman

CHILDREN:
Lucia Mary Halle, Andrew Thaddeus Weaver, Rebecca Howe Weaver, Colin William Weaver

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 30 years

Anchorage	1974-1982
Palmer	1982-present

EDUCATION:
Stanford University, 1967-71, B.A. History; Yale Law School, 1971-74.

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
District Court Judge, State of Alaska, Anchorage, 1977-1982; Superior Court Judge, State of Alaska, Palmer, 1982-present.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Alaska Judicial Council, Research Attorney, 1974-5; Alaska Public Defender Agency, Assistant Public Defender, 1975-7; Alaska Criminal Code Revision Commission, 1976-78; Alaska Sentencing Commission, 1990-92; National Association of Women Judges Board Member 1994-97, 2002-present; Alaska Supreme Court Committees: Code of Judicial Conduct Revision, Criminal Pattern Jury Instructions, Public Access to Court Information.

SPECIAL INTERESTS:
Sports, Farming.

OTHER:
Member, American Bar Association; Alaska Bar Association; Mat-Su Valley Bar Association; Anchorage Association of Women Lawyers; National Association of Women Judges.

STATEMENT:

It has been a privilege to serve the people of Alaska as a judge here for more than 25 years. I feel very committed to performing my duties as a judge to the best of my ability.

I strive to be fair and impartial, courteous and compassionate, yet firm and decisive. I understand the frustrations many citizens, victims and litigants sometimes experience with the court system. I try to make fair explanations to them and to be caring about the needs of everyone who comes to court, but still move things along in the court.

I recognize there is a tremendous responsibility given to those who are judges. I hope to continue to serve the people of Alaska to the best of my ability.

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Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

Judge Beverly Cutler, Superior Court, Palmer

I. Judicial Council Evaluation. The Alaska Judicial Council, a non-partisan citizens commission established by the Alaska Constitution, finds Judge Cutler to be ***Qualified*** and recommends unanimously that the public vote **"YES"** to retain her as a superior court judge.

II. Summary of Evaluation Information. A survey of 2,927 attorneys in Alaska rated Judge Cutler on sixteen categories that are summarized in the adjacent graph. Attorneys rated Judge Cutler 3.9 on a scale of 5 on overall judicial performance. She scored 3.8 or better in all sixteen categories.

	Attorney Survey	Peace Officer Survey	Juror Survey	Court Employee Survey	Alaska Judicial Observers
Legal	4.0	---	---	---	---
Impartiality	4.0	3.5	4.8	4.1	---
Integrity	4.2	3.5	---	4.1	---
Temperament	4.0	3.8	4.8	4.1	---
Diligence	3.9	3.5	---	3.9	---
Special Skills	4.0	3.4	---	---	---
Overall	3.9	3.4	4.8	4.0	3.5

Ratings are based on a one to five scale. Five is the best rating and three is "acceptable."

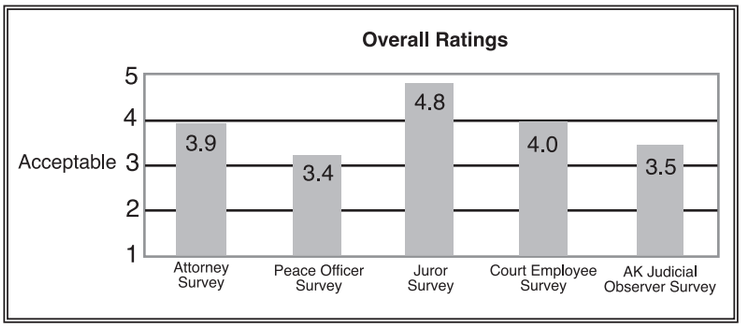
Rating Scale

5.0 = Excellent
4.0 = Good
3.0 = Acceptable
2.0 = Deficient
1.0 = Poor

A survey of 1,495 peace and probation officers in Alaska rated Judge Cutler on twelve categories that are summarized in the adjacent graph. Peace and probation officers rated Judge Cutler 3.4 on a scale of 5 on overall judicial performance. She scored 3.4 or better in all twelve categories.

A survey of jurors appearing before Judge Cutler in 2002 and 2003 rated her 4.8 on a scale of 5 on overall performance. A survey of all court employees rated her 4.0 on a scale of 5 on overall performance. The Alaska Judicial Observers, independent community-based volunteer court observers, gave Judge Cutler a 3.5 overall rating on a scale of 5.

The Council also completed a background investigation including a court records check, a disciplinary records check, a review of conflict of interest statements submitted to the court system and a review of financial disclosure statements submitted to the Alaska Public Offices Commission. Attorneys, peace officers, court employees and jurors were asked to submit written comments about the judge. The Council actively encouraged the public to comment, both in writing and in a statewide public hearing teleconference.



Recommendation: Vote "YES" to retain Judge Beverly Cutler

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