District Court Judge

Nancy J. Nolan, Third Judicial District

DATE OF BIRTH: September 26, 1957

PLACE OF BIRTH: New York, New York

NAME OF SPOUSE: William G. Britt

CHILDREN: Brian (6)

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 20 years

Juneau	January-May, 1983
Anchorage	May-August, 1983
Anchorage	September, 1984-present

EDUCATION:
Del Valle High School, Walnut Creek, California, 1975, Diploma; Diablo Valley College, Pleasant Hill, California, 1975-1977; University of Colorado, Boulder, 1978-1980, B.A; University of California, Davis, King Hall School of Law, 1981-1984, J.D.

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct, 2003 to present; Committing Magistrate, 1999-2001; Acting District Court Judge, 1996-1997; Assistant Attorney General, 1989-1996; Law Clerk to Superior Court Judge Brian C. Shortell, 1984-1985.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Alaska Supreme Court Committee on the Rules of Criminal Procedure, 2002-present; private law practice with Rice, Volland & Taylor, 1997-1999; Assistant Public Defender, 1985-1989.

SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:
Alaska Bar Association

SPECIAL INTERESTS:
Family, Outdoor activities, Reading.

STATEMENT:

It has been an honor to serve the people of Alaska as a judge on the District Court. I have strived to do my duty to the best of my ability – to treat all people with respect, to give everyone a chance to be heard, to decide each case fairly, and to uphold the Constitution and the laws of our state.

provided and paid for by the candidate

Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

Judge Nancy Nolan, District Court, Anchorage

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

II. Summary of Evaluation Information. A survey of 2,927 attorneys in Alaska rated Judge Nolan on sixteen categories that are summarized in the adjacent graph. Attorneys rated Judge Nolan 4.4 on a scale of 5 on overall judicial performance. She scored 4.3 or better in all sixteen categories.

	Attorney Survey	Peace Officer Survey	Juror Survey	Court Employee Survey	Alaska Judicial Observers
Legal	4.3	---	---	---	---
Impartiality	4.5	4.4	4.9	4.6	---
Integrity	4.5	4.4	---	4.6	---
Temperament	4.5	4.5	4.9	4.6	---
Diligence	4.4	4.4	---	4.4	---
Special Skills	4.3	4.4	---	---	---
Overall	4.4	4.4	4.9	4.5	3.8

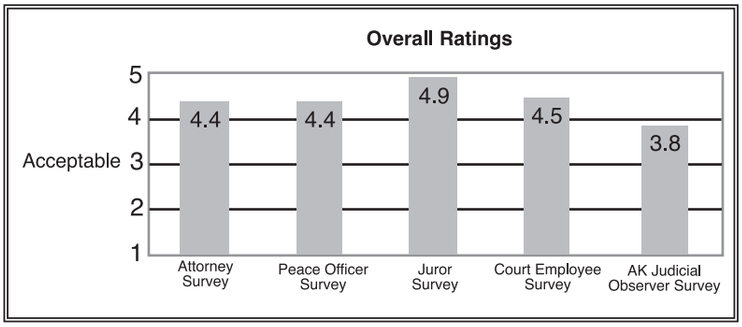
Ratings are based on a one to five scale. Five is the best rating and three is "acceptable."

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 Nolan on twelve categories that are summarized in the adjacent graph. Peace and probation officers rated Judge Nolan 4.4 on a scale of 5 on overall judicial performance. She scored 4.3 or better in all twelve categories.

A survey of jurors appearing before Judge Nolan in 2002 and 2003 rated her 4.9 on a scale of 5 on overall performance. A survey of all court employees rated her 4.5 on a scale of 5 on overall performance. The Alaska Judicial Observers, independent community-based volunteer court observers, gave Judge Nolan a 3.8 overall rating on a scale of 5.

The Council also completed a back-ground 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 Nancy Nolan

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