Superior Court Judge

Mark Rindner, Third Judicial District

DATE OF BIRTH: July 1, 1949

PLACE OF BIRTH: New York City

NAME OF SPOUSE: Christine Schleuss

CHILDREN: Benjamin (24); Leah (21)

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 25 Years
Anchorage 1979-present

EDUCATION:
Westfield New Jersey High School, 1964-1967; University of Pennsylvania, 1967-1971, B.A. (History) and M.S. Ed. (Counseling); University of California at Berkeley Law School, 1975-1978, J.D.

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Assistant United States Attorney, 1981-1984.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Member, Alaska Supreme Court Committee on Civil Rules; Member, Alaska Court System Fairness & Access Implementation Committee; Member, Alaska Bar Association Pro Bono Committee; Member, Alaska Supreme Court Therapeutic Courts Committee.

SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:
Alaska Bar Association; Anchorage Bar Association; American Judicature Society.

SPECIAL INTERESTS:
Fishing, Music (Blues and Cajun), Cooking

STATEMENT:
I have been honored to serve as a judge for almost four years and I have found each year to be a rewarding experience. I am particularly interested in cases involving children and for that reason volunteered to serve as the judge for the Alaska Family CARE Court, a problem solving court for families. The Court's mission is to break the cycle of addiction, child abuse and neglect by providing intensive judicial support and case management as well as treatment for parents and their children that will help them lead healthy and productive lives.

I believe that the law is held in trust for all people, not just the rich and powerful, and that justice should be the primary focus of our court system. I believe that all persons should have access to our courts, not just those who can afford a lawyer. If retained I will continue to work hard toward these goals.

provided and paid for by the candidate

Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

Judge Mark Rindner, Superior Court, Anchorage

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

II. Summary of Evaluation Information. A survey of 2,927 attorneys in Alaska rated Judge Rindner on sixteen categories that are summarized in the adjacent graph. Attorneys rated Judge Rindner 4.2 on a scale of 5 on overall judicial performance. He scored 4.0 or better in all sixteen categories.

	Attorney Survey	Peace Officer Survey	Juror Survey	Court Employee Survey	Alaska Judicial Observers
Legal	4.3	---	---	---	---
Impartiality	4.2	4.5	4.9	4.4	---
Integrity	4.4	4.4	---	4.3	---
Temperament	4.1	4.5	4.9	4.0	---
Diligence	4.3	3.9	---	4.3	---
Special Skills	4.2	4.6	---	---	---
Overall	4.2	4.3	4.9	4.4	3.6

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

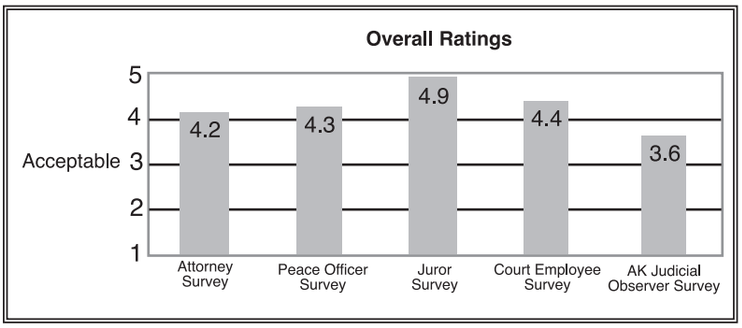
Rating Scale

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 Rindner on twelve categories that are summarized in the adjacent graph. Peace and probation officers rated Judge Rindner 4.3 on a scale of 5 on overall judicial performance. He scored 3.8 or better in all twelve categories.

A survey of jurors appearing before Judge Rindner in 2002 and 2003 rated him 4.9 on a scale of 5 on overall performance. A survey of all court employees rated him 4.4 on a scale of 5 on overall performance. The Alaska Judicial Observers, independent community-based volunteer court observers, gave Judge Rindner a 3.6 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 Mark Rindner

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