Superior Court Judge

Stephanie E. Joannides, Third Judicial District

DATE OF BIRTH: July 6, 1954

PLACE OF BIRTH: U.S. Airbase, Tripoli, Libya

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 20 years
Juneau 1983-1992
Anchorage 1992-present

EDUCATION:
University of Santa Clara, Santa Clara, California 1971-75 B.S. Psychology; George Mason University School of Law, Arlington, VA 1977-78; Gonzaga School of Law, Spokane, Washington, 1978-81 J.D.

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Prosecutor, Assistant District Attorney, Juneau, 1984-87,1988-90; Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Legislative Liaison for Departments of Law and Public Safety, Juneau, 1987-88; Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, Special Litigation Section, 1990-92 in Juneau, 1992-94 in Anchorage; District Court Judge 1994-2000; Superior Court Judge 2000-present.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Member of the Alaska Bar Association; Member of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP); Member of NADCP Board's Sub-Committee on DUI/Drug Courts and DUI/National Highway Traffic Administration Subcommittee; Chair of the Color of Justice Program; Chair of the Alaska Court System's Drug Court and Felony DUI Therapeutic Court Steering Committees; Past Chair of the Supreme Court Committee on Criminal Pattern Jury Instructions.

STATEMENT:
It has been an honor to serve the people of the State of Alaska as a judge for the last ten years. I am committed to performing my duties as a Superior Court Judge to the best of my abilities, and I am constantly working toward making our present legal system a better one. To that end, I have been actively involved in the Color of Justice Program. In addition, I preside over courts that promote a more effective resolution of cases that involve alcohol and drug addicted offenders. These courts promote public safety and reduce recidivism.

I strive to be fair and impartial in my decisions and to follow the law. I believe that it is important to treat all who appear before me with courtesy and respect. This commitment applies not only to attorneys but also to all of the people of Alaska who come into the courthouse.

As a judge, I recognize that I have a tremendous responsibility and role in ensuring that there is a fair and prompt resolution to legal disputes. 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 Stephanie E. Joannides, Superior Court, Anchorage

I. Judicial Council Evaluation. The Alaska Judicial Council, a non-partisan citizens commission established by the Alaska Constitution, finds Judge Joannides 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 Joannides on sixteen categories that are summarized in the adjacent graph. Attorneys rated Judge Joannides 3.9 on a scale of 5 on overall judicial performance. She scored 3.7 or better in all sixteen categories.

	Attorney Survey	Peace Officer Survey	Juror Survey	Court Employee Survey	Alaska Judicial Observers
Legal	3.8	---	---	---	---
Impartiality	4.1	3.8	4.9	4.3	---
Integrity	4.1	4.0	---	4.3	---
Temperament	4.2	4.2	4.9	4.3	---
Diligence	3.8	3.9	---	4.0	---
Special Skills	3.9	3.9	---	---	---
Overall	3.9	3.9	4.8	4.1	3.8

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

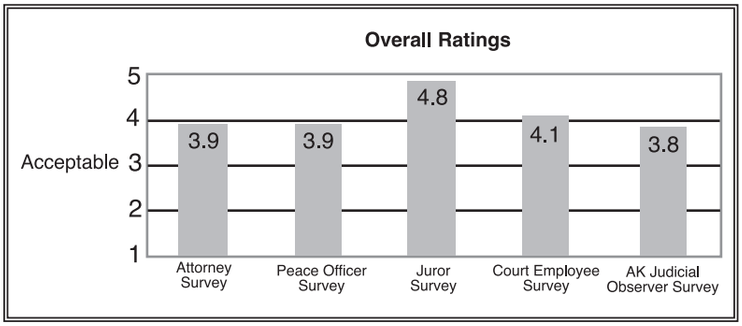
Rating Scale

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 Joannides on twelve categories that are summarized in the adjacent graph. Peace and probation officers rated Judge Joannides 3.9 on a scale of 5 on overall judicial performance. She scored 3.7 or better in all twelve categories.

A survey of jurors appearing before Judge Joannides in 2002 and 2003 rated her 4.8 on a scale of 5 on overall performance. A survey of all court employees rated her 4.1 on a scale of 5 on overall performance. The Alaska Judicial Observers, independent community-based volunteer court observers, gave Judge Joannides 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 Stephanie E. Joannides

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