

Superior Court Judge

Danya R. “Dani” Crosby, Third Judicial District



STATEMENT:

This is my first retention election. I have learned a great deal in my position as a superior court judge in Anchorage since being appointed in 2015, and I enjoy the job very much.

I strive to give every case the attention it deserves by being prepared and ensuring that each party has the opportunity to be fully heard. I do my best to judge each case fairly. I also do my utmost to treat litigants with respect: the experience of coming to court can be difficult enough, and I try to make parties comfortable while still maintaining the dignity of the courtroom.

If you vote to retain me, please know that I will continue to work hard for the people of the State of Alaska, and that I would be honored to continue to serve.

Thank you for reading my statement.

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AGE: 51

PLACE OF BIRTH: Idaho Falls, ID

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 35 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:

Sitka, 1980-1991
Anchorage, 1996-present

EDUCATION:

Sitka High School
Occidental College
Gonzaga University School of Law

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Dani Crosby Law Office, Inc. (owner)
Ashburn & Mason, P.C. (partner)
Preston Gates & Ellis, L.L.P. (associate)

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Traveling, reading, and running.

OTHER:

Member, Civil Rules Committee (currently serving as chair)
Member, Judicial Code Committee
Member, Trauma-Informed Court Committee

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Alaska Judicial Council Evaluation

Judge Dani Crosby, Anchorage Superior Court

The Alaska Judicial Council finds Judge Crosby met or exceeded performance standards, and recommends a **“YES”** vote for another term in office

What is the Alaska Judicial Council?

- The Council is created by the Alaska Constitution;
- The Council members are volunteers who live in different parts of the state, and who are appointed without regard to political affiliation;
- One of the Council’s duties is to evaluate the performance of judges and report back to voters;
- The Council is authorized by law to recommend to voters whether a judge should be retained for another term in office.

What performance standards were used by the Council to evaluate Judge Crosby?

Judge Crosby was evaluated in the following performance areas: integrity, impartiality and fairness, temperament, legal ability, and diligence and administrative skills. Because the judge met or exceeded all standards, the Council recommends a “yes” vote.

How did the Council determine that Judge Crosby met performance standards?

The Council collected and analyzed information from a variety of sources and viewpoints for a full picture of the judge’s performance.

- **Justice System Professionals** – The Council surveyed thousands of Alaskans who work in the justice system about their experiences with Judge Crosby. Survey ratings from these groups are listed in the chart below.
- **Jurors & the Public** – The Council considered feedback from the public at a statewide telephonic hearing, and from written comments. The Council also surveyed jurors who served in the judge’s court. Juror ratings are listed in the chart below.
- **Other Information** – The Council analyzed how often a higher court agreed with Judge Crosby’s decisions, how often the judge was disqualified from sitting on a case, whether the judge’s pay was withheld for late decisions, and whether the judge followed rules about financial disclosure and conflict of interest statements, among other things.

Survey Results for Judge Crosby	Average Survey Ratings*			
	Attorneys	Court Employees	Social Services	Jurors
<i>Number of responses from people with direct experience</i>	194	30	10	20
Legal Ability <i>The judge is knowledgeable in law and procedure, and communicates clearly and accurately.</i>	4.4	-	-	-
Impartiality <i>The judge treats everyone fairly and equally.</i>	4.5	4.6	4.0	5.0
Integrity <i>The judge is free from impropriety or appearance of impropriety and makes decisions without regard to possible public criticism.</i>	4.6	4.7	4.4	-
Temperament <i>The judge treats everyone with courtesy, without arrogance, showing understanding and compassion.</i>	4.6	4.7	4.3	5.0
Diligence <i>The judge acts promptly and works conscientiously.</i>	4.4	4.7	4.2	-
Overall <i>The judge meets the standards of the position.</i>	4.4	4.7	4.3	5.0

*Rating Scale: 5 = Excellent, 4 = Good, 3 = Acceptable, 2 = Deficient, 1 = Poor
Judges are rated by different groups depending on caseloads

Find Judge Crosby’s full performance evaluation at www.ajc.state.ak.us