

Superior Court Judge

Gregory A. Miller, Third Judicial District



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PLACE OF BIRTH: Long Beach, CA

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LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 33 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Anchorage, 1987-present

EDUCATION:
Sonora High School (1967-71, high school diploma);
Fullerton College (1971-74, AA in Police Science);
Portland State University (1980);
Reed College (1981-84, BA in Political Science);
Northeastern University School of Law (1984-87, JD).

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Superior Court Judge, 2011-present.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Partner in private law firm (Birch, Horton, Bittner and Cherot) until becoming a judge in 2011; chair of the Newer Judge Training Committee; head of the court's statewide newer judge mentoring program; Alaska

Bar Association (member of the Attorney Disciplinary, Fee Arbitration and Mediation Committees, prior to becoming a judge).

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:
Prior board member of the Women's Gold Nugget Triathlon (chair); Aquarian Charter School (president); Frontier Charter School; Anchorage chapter of the American Cancer Society.

SPECIAL INTERESTS:
Flying (flight instructor, including instrument and multi-engine instructor); fishing; sports.

STATEMENT:
I have been honored to serve the Anchorage community as a superior court judge since February 2011. I am committed to conducting all hearings and trials fairly and impartially, and I'm especially committed to neutrally applying to each case the laws as passed by the legislature and enacted by the governor. I make sure I listen to each person's position and try to treat every person who comes to the courtroom with dignity and respect. I always want the parties and everyone else in the courtroom -- victims, family members, and the general public -- to understand what is being said and what's likely to happen next. I also take pride in giving my decisions as quickly and with as much explanation as possible, because I know that waiting for a ruling can be stressful and difficult for parties.

I have traveled to other court locations for hearings and trials; I am pleased to do this because I enjoy getting to know the people and communities outside Anchorage. I will continue to volunteer for those cases so that the important issues and conflicts affecting Alaskans outside the urban centers are resolved carefully, promptly, and justly.

I very much appreciate and enjoy the privilege of serving as a judge and look forward to continuing to provide impartial and timely decisions in every case that comes before me.

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Alaska Judicial Council Evaluation

Judge Gregory Miller, Anchorage Superior Court

The Alaska Judicial Council finds Judge Miller 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 Miller?

Judge Miller 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 Miller 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 Miller. 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, and solicited feedback from jurors who served in the judge’s court.
- **Other Information** – The Council analyzed how often a higher court agreed with Judge Miller’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 Miller	Average Survey Ratings*			
	Attorneys	Police & Probation Officers	Court Employees	Social Services
<i>Number of responses from people with direct experience</i>	206	10	26	17
Legal Ability <i>The judge is knowledgeable in law and procedure, and communicates clearly and accurately.</i>	4.1	-	-	-
Impartiality <i>The judge treats everyone fairly and equally.</i>	4.0	4.0	4.5	3.9
Integrity <i>The judge is free from impropriety or appearance of impropriety and makes decisions without regard to possible public criticism.</i>	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.2
Temperament <i>The judge treats everyone with courtesy, without arrogance, showing understanding and compassion.</i>	4.0	4.3	4.2	4.1
Diligence <i>The judge acts promptly and works conscientiously.</i>	4.2	4.0	4.5	4.1
Overall <i>The judge meets the standards of the position.</i>	4.0	4.2	4.5	4.0

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

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