

# Superior Court Judge

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## Marianna C. Carpeneti, First Judicial District



Officer, Native Law Students Association, UW

**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**  
Italian cooking, knitting, hiking

**OTHER:**  
I was born and raised in Juneau. Like many Alaskans, I feel a deep connection to this place. I began my law practice in Dillingham, where I prosecuted crimes ranging from misdemeanors to serious felonies and developed courtroom experience through numerous criminal trials. I later practiced as an Assistant Attorney General and in private practice before my appointment to the superior court. It has been a privilege to serve Southeast Alaska in this role.

**STATEMENT:**  
  
Most Alaskans come into the courtroom only a few times in their lives, often for jury service. Being a litigant or a witness can be overwhelming and intimidating: court procedures are formal and often technical and bear little resemblance to daily life.

My goal, as a judge, is to ensure that everyone who comes into the courtroom understands why they are in the courtroom and how the hearing will unfold, feels as comfortable as possible, and leaves feeling like I have listened to and understood their concerns. In addition, I strive to ensure litigants understand why and how I arrived at my decision. When people understand the reasons for a decision and believe that the judge has truly heard them and taken their concerns into consideration, they are more confident in the judicial process and more comfortable accepting the decision, whether or not it is in their favor. It is also imperative the judge be aware not only of the circumstances of a particular case, but also of the stress people face when they participate in a courtroom proceeding.

The cases that I hear are serious, with the chance that people’s lives will be greatly affected by the outcome. I do everything I can to reach the right decision in every case I hear. It is a privilege to do this work, and I am grateful to the communities of Southeast Alaska for trusting me with these important decisions.

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**AGE:** 44

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Juneau, Alaska

**SPOUSE’S NAME:** Michael Winfree

**CHILDREN’S NAMES:** Vivianna, Annetta

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 41 years

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**  
Juneau: 1982-2009, 2015-2020, 2022-present  
Dillingham: 2012-2014  
Homer: 2020-2022

**EDUCATION:**  
Juneau-Douglas High School  
Davidson College, BA  
University of Washington, JD

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**  
Legislative Staff; Assistant District Attorney, Assistant Attorney General, Assistant Public Advocate

**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**  
Carpenter; Hoffman & Blasco; Carpeneti Law Office

**SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:**  
Alaska Board of Governors, New Lawyer Liaison Officer, Juneau Bar Association

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# Alaska Judicial Council Evaluation

## Judge Marianna Carpeneti, Juneau Superior Court

The Alaska Judicial Council makes no findings or recommendation on the retention of Judge Marianna Carpeneti. In consideration of retention of Judge Carpeneti, the Alaska Judicial Council voted 3 Do Not Retain, 2 Retain, and 2 Abstain.

Judge Marianna Carpeneti was appointed to the Juneau Superior Court on 12/23/21. Judge Carpeneti is a trial court judge handling civil and criminal cases. This is her first judicial retention election.

### Performance Summary

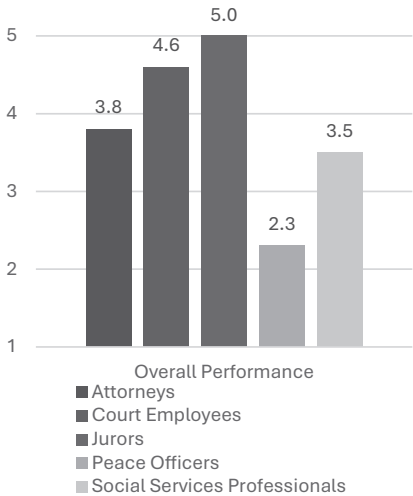
Judge Marianna Carpeneti was evaluated on legal ability, integrity, impartiality, fairness, temperament, and diligence and administrative skills. Judge Carpeneti complied with public disclosure requirements, followed standards of ethical conduct for judges, and met or exceeded educational requirements set by the Alaska Supreme Court.

**Performance Findings:** The Judicial Council surveyed attorneys, court employees, peace officers, social service professionals, and jurors. Survey ratings on Judge Carpeneti’s overall performance were in the good range (3.8) when averaged across all groups.

The Council reviewed other performance measures, including Judge Carpeneti’s financial and conflict of interest statements, whether her pay was withheld for untimely decisions, how often her decisions were affirmed by a higher court, disqualifications from cases, and public ethics files. The Council found no matters of concern in these areas.

**Commitment to administration of justice and community:** Judge Carpeneti serves on court system committees to improve jury duty and the Juneau courthouse.

Ratings from Justice System Professionals and Jurors for "Overall" Job Performance for Judge Marianna Carpeneti



Rated on a scale from 5 (excellent) to 1 (poor).  
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