

Superior Court Judge

Katherine H. Lybrand, First Judicial District



STATEMENT:

I was appointed to the Ketchikan Superior Court in 2022, and this is my first retention election. I handle all types of cases in Ketchikan and Petersburg, including divorce and custody matters, misdemeanor and felony criminal cases, child welfare cases, and probate matters. I strive to give all cases and parties my focused attention, no matter the issue and regardless of whether the party has an attorney or not. I make every effort to ensure all parties leave the courtroom feeling heard and respected. I have spent my entire legal career in public service, but my current service as a judge has been the most challenging and humbling work. If retained, I will continue to work diligently to apply the law fairly, manage cases efficiently, and serve my community with professionalism and integrity.

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AGE: 37

PLACE OF BIRTH: Ketchikan

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 23 Years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:

Ketchikan: 1989-1999
Ketchikan: 2013-2014
Juneau: 2014-2022
Ketchikan: 2022 to present

EDUCATION:

Westbrook High School
Smith College, B.A.
University of Maine School of Law, J.D.

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:

Alaska Court System Law Clerk
Assistant Attorney General
Assistant District Attorney

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Camping, knitting, hiking with my dogs.

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Alaska Judicial Council Evaluation

Judge Katherine H. Lybrand, Ketchikan Superior Court

The Alaska Judicial Council finds Judge Lybrand met or exceeded performance standards and recommends a **"YES"** vote for her retention in office. In consideration of retention of Judge Lybrand, the Alaska Judicial Council voted 6 Retain.

Judge Katherine H. Lybrand was appointed to the Ketchikan Superior Court on 6/16/2022. Judge Lybrand is a trial court judge handling criminal and civil cases. This is her first judicial retention election.

Performance Summary

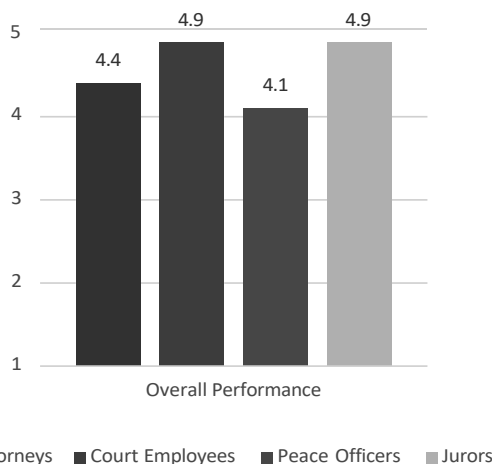
Judge Katherine H. Lybrand met or exceeded performance standards related to legal ability, integrity, impartiality, fairness, temperament, diligence and administrative skills. She complied with public disclosure requirements, followed standards of ethical conduct for judges, and met or exceeded educational requirements set by the Alaska Supreme Court.

Performance Findings: The Judicial Council surveyed attorneys, court employees, peace officers, and jurors. Survey ratings on Judge Lybrand's overall performance were in the excellent range (4.6) when averaged across all groups.

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

Commitment to administration of justice and community: Judge Lybrand is a member of the court system's Child Support Guidelines Review Committee, a group that advises the Alaska Supreme Court on the rules governing calculation of child support. She serves as a Training Judge for magistrate judges in her area, and she participated in meetings to develop a court specializing in Indian Child Welfare Act cases.

Ratings from Justice System Professionals and Jurors for "Overall" Job Performance for Judge Katherine H. Lybrand



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