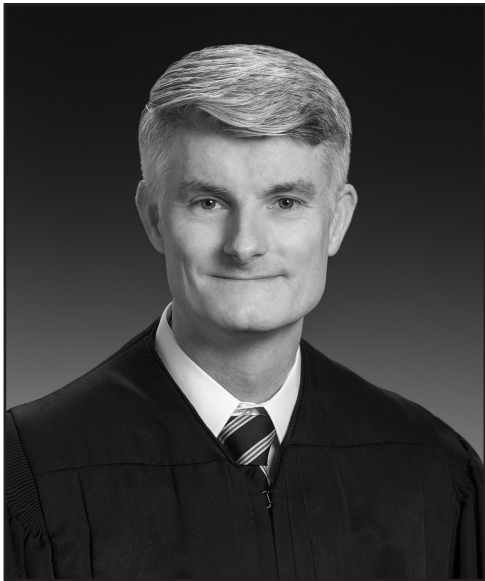


# Superior Court Judge

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## Jack R. McKenna, Third Judicial District



**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**  
Biking, Skiing, Hunting, Fishing, and Reading.

**OTHER:**  
Criminal Pattern Jury Instruction Committee, Chairperson

**STATEMENT:**  
Serving on the Superior Court is a tremendous and humbling responsibility. Being a judge requires that each day I do my best to fairly and accurately apply the law. Beyond that, it brings daily interaction with the public—often under circumstances that are very stressful for the people in court. I do my best to treat each litigant with courtesy and respect. I try to make sure that they understand what is happening and that their voices are heard.

I care deeply about the rule of law, the separation of powers between our branches of government, and that people have faith in our legal system. I would very much like to continue to serve the people of our community as a Superior Court Judge. If retained, I will do my best to continue to honor the responsibility of this position and to improve in my role.

**MAILING ADDRESS:** 825 W. 4th Ave  
Anchorage, AK 99501

**AGE:** 48

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** San Jose, CA

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 17 years

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**  
Anchorage - 2007 to 2008, 2009 to Present

**EDUCATION:**  
St. Robert Bellarmine College Preparatory, 1997  
UC Berkeley, 2001  
UC Davis, School of Law, 2007

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**  
Superior Court Judge (2022 to present); Criminal Division Director, State of Alaska Department of Law (2021); Chief Assistant Attorney General, Office of Special Prosecutions (2019-2020); Assistant District Attorney (2009-2016)

**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**  
Associate Attorney, Birch Horton Bittner & Cherot (2016-2019)  
Associate Attorney, Remy Moose & Manley (2008-2009)

**SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:**  
Mighty Bikes, Coach

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# Alaska Judicial Council Evaluation

## *Judge Jack R. McKenna, Anchorage Superior Court*

The Alaska Judicial Council finds Judge McKenna met or exceeded performance standards and recommends a “**YES**” vote for his retention in office. In consideration of retention of Judge McKenna, the Alaska Judicial Council voted 5 Retain and 1 Abstain.

Judge Jack R. McKenna was appointed to the Anchorage Superior Court on 12/23/2021. Judge McKenna is a trial court judge handling mostly criminal and some civil cases. This is his first judicial retention election.

### **Performance Summary**

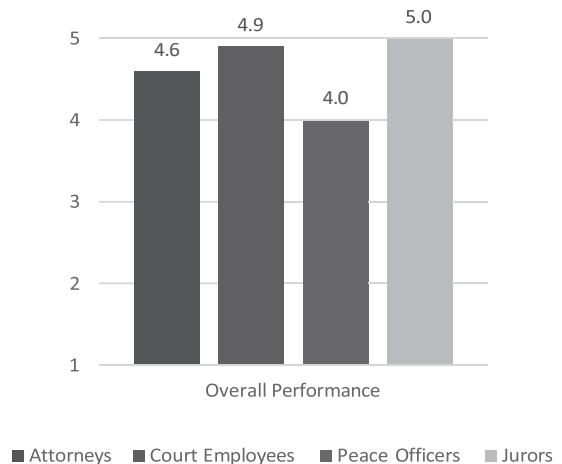
Judge Jack R. McKenna met or exceeded performance standards related to legal ability, integrity, impartiality, fairness, temperament, diligence and administrative skills. He complied with public disclosure requirements, followed standards of ethical conduct for judges, and met or exceeded educational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

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

The Council reviewed other performance measures, including Judge McKenna’s financial and conflict of interest statements, whether pay was withheld for untimely decisions, how often his 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 McKenna chairs the court system’s Criminal Pattern Jury Instruction Committee, a group that updates criminal case jury instructions. He participated in several community events to foster public understanding and dialogue between courts and the community.

**Ratings from Justice System Professionals and Jurors for “Overall” Job Performance for Judge Jack R. McKenna**



*Rated on a scale from 5 (excellent) to 1 (poor).  
See this judge's full evaluation at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us)*

Find this judge's full performance evaluation at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us)