

Superior Court Judge

David A. Nesbett, Third Judicial District



SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:
Alaska Bar Association
U.S. Air Force Civilian Advisory Board Member
U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff Civic Leader Board Member

SPECIAL INTERESTS:
General Aviation Pilot
Coach, Alyeska Ski Club

STATEMENT:
As a third-generation Alaskan, I am dedicated to helping fellow Alaskans resolve their disputes and to upholding the high standards of our judiciary. I have lived my whole life in Alaska, including my professional career, before becoming a judge. I was a prosecutor for our city, state, and federal governments, an associate attorney for two law firms, and an owner of my own law office handling a wide range of civil and criminal matters. My personal and professional background has provided valuable experience and preparation for my current work.

As a Superior Court Judge in Anchorage, I preside over a variety of cases, including both civil and criminal matters, domestic relations, probate, civil commitment, and Child in Need of Aid cases. While we handle a high volume of cases in the Superior Court, I am dedicated to listening impartially to all parties, evaluating carefully the evidence presented, and applying the law objectively, consistently, and fairly. I am committed to ensuring that everyone has access to the court and understands the reasoning behind the court's decisions. Everyone appearing in court is there on a matter of utmost importance to them. Each is entitled to an opportunity to express themselves and be heard, and they each deserve our undivided attention and respect. I am grateful to the people of Alaska for allowing me to serve them in a job I love. It would be an honor to continue to serve my community in this way.

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AGE: 54

PLACE OF BIRTH: Anchorage, Alaska

SPOUSE'S NAME: Michelle Nesbett

CHILDREN'S NAMES: Charlotte Nesbett, Marion Nesbett

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 54 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Anchorage, 1972 - present

EDUCATION:
West Anchorage High School
Wesleyan University
University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Assistant Municipal Prosecutor, Assistant District Attorney, Special Assistant U.S. Attorney (2000-2006); Associate attorney, Dorsey & Whitney and Jermain Dunnagan & Owens (2006-2010); Shareholder, Nesbett & Nesbett, PC (2010-2019); Anchorage District Court Judge (2019-23); Alaska Superior Court Judge (2023-present).

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Alaska Judicial Council Evaluation

Judge David A. Nesbett, Anchorage Superior Court

The Alaska Judicial Council finds Judge Nesbett met or exceeded performance standards and recommends a “YES” vote for his retention in office. In consideration of retention of Judge Nesbett, the Alaska Judicial Council voted 6 Retain.

Judge David A. Nesbett was appointed to the Anchorage Superior Court on 9/19/2023. Judge Nesbett is a trial court judge handling mostly civil and some criminal cases. This is his first judicial retention election in his current position.

Performance Summary

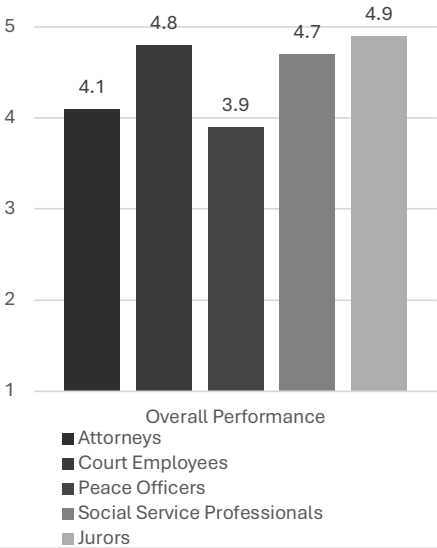
Judge David A. Nesbett met or exceeded performance standards related to legal ability, integrity, impartiality, fairness, temperament, diligence and administrative skills. He complied with public disclosure requirements, followed standards of ethical conduct for judges, and met or exceeded educational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

Performance Findings: The Judicial Council surveyed attorneys, court employees, peace officers, social service professionals, and jurors. Survey ratings on Judge Nesbett’s overall performance were in the excellent range (4.4) when averaged across all groups.

The Council reviewed other performance measures, including Judge Nesbett’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 Nesbett presides over the Anchorage Veterans Court, a therapeutic court that helps rehabilitate eligible military veterans charged with crimes. He serves on the Newer Judge Conference Committee, a group that plans and teaches conferences for judges during their first three years on the bench, and on a court system committee to enhance employee retention. He participated in many 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 David A. Nesbett



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