

Supreme Court Justice

Jude Pate, Supreme Court



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AGE: 61

PLACE OF BIRTH: Nuremberg, Germany

SPOUSE’S NAME: Christine McLeod Pate

CHILDREN’S NAMES: William Skye Pate,
Joseph McLeod Pate

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 33 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Sitka (1993-present)
Juneau (2023-present)

EDUCATION:
AFCENT High School, Netherlands (1980-1983)
University of Kansas, B.S. Journalism (1983-1989)
Lewis & Clark Northwestern School of Law, J.D.
(1990-1993)

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Justice, Alaska Supreme Court (2023-present)
Judge, Sitka Superior Court (2018-2023)
Assistant Public Defender, Sitka (2006-2018)
Private Law Practice (1999-2006)
Counsel for Sitka Tribe of Alaska (1994-1999)

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Chair, Newer Judge Conference Planning Committee
Chair, Healthy Workplace Committee
Co-chair, Judicial Education Committee

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:
Sitka Bar Association
Juneau Bar Association
Coach, Sitka High School mock trial

SPECIAL INTERESTS:
Fishing, hunting, subsistence gathering, and playing music with family and friends.

STATEMENT:
My father’s military service instilled in me a deep sense of civic duty from an early age. My mother always encouraged me to be fearless, kind, and patient when facing hard choices. My first professional mentor, Chief Judge Bill Brady of the Sitka Tribal Court, taught me how the fundamentals of due process must guide the decisions we make for others.

It is my belief that public service, and in particular participation in the judicial system, is a sacred obligation. The time that I have served on the Alaska Supreme Court has been the most challenging and rewarding period in my professional career. It would be a great honor and a tremendous responsibility to continue serving the citizens of Alaska as a justice.

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Alaska Judicial Council Evaluation

Justice Jude Pate, Alaska Supreme Court

The Alaska Judicial Council finds Justice Jude Pate met or exceeded performance standards and recommends a **“YES”** vote for his retention in office. In consideration of Justice Pate’s retention, the Alaska Judicial Council voted 6 Retain.

Justice Jude Pate was appointed to the Alaska Supreme Court on 1/20/23. Justice Pate is an appellate judge handling civil and criminal appeals. This is his first judicial retention election in this position.

Performance Summary

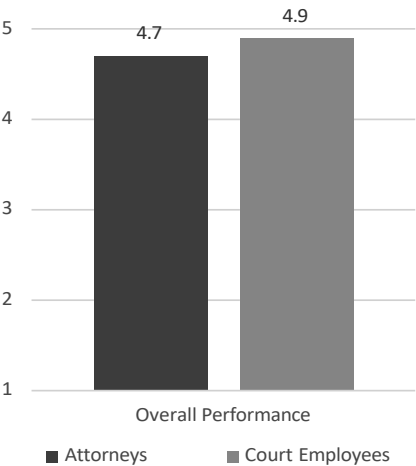
Justice Jude Pate met or exceeded performance standards related to legal ability, integrity, impartiality, fairness, temperament, and diligence and administrative skills. Justice Pate complied with public disclosure requirements, followed standards of ethical conduct for judges, and met or exceeded educational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

Performance Findings: The Judicial Council surveyed attorneys and court employees. Survey ratings on Justice Pate’s overall performance were in the excellent range (4.8) when averaged across both groups.

The Council reviewed other performance measures, including Justice Pate’s financial and conflict of interest statements, whether pay was withheld for untimely decisions, and public ethics files. The Council found no concerns in these areas.

Commitment to administration of justice and community: Justice Pate chairs the Newer Judge Conference Committee and co-chairs the Judicial Education Committee, groups which plan and teach at conferences for judges. He chairs the Healthy Workplace Committee. He is a member of the Alaska Supreme Court’s Fairness, Diversity, and Equality Committee. He has participated in numerous community events to foster public understanding and dialogue between the court and the community, especially in rural communities. He established a biannual tribal-state judges dinner in Southeast Alaska, and he created an annual summer externship program for Alaskan college students interested in attending law school.

Ratings from Justice System Professionals
for "Overall" Job Performance
for Justice Jude Pate



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