

Superior Court Judge

Nathaniel Peters, Fourth Judicial District



MAILING ADDRESS: Bethel Courthouse
P.O. Box 130
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AGE: 51

PLACE OF BIRTH: Danbury, CT

SPOUSE'S NAME: Addy

CHILDREN'S NAMES: Rory, Ned, Sally

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 21 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Bethel 2003 -2006 & 2014-present
Palmer 2002 -2003 & 2008-2014
Anchorage (Summers) 2000, 2001, 2002

EDUCATION:
Benet Academy H.S. 1994
Truman State University 1999
Ohio Northern University 2002

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Bethel Superior Court
Bethel District Court
Assistant Public Defender
Law Clerk

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Co-Chair Child in Need of Aid Court Improvement Committee, Three-Judge Panel Administrative Head, Magistrate Judge Evaluation Panel Chair, Training Judge, Criminal Pattern Jury Instruction Committee Member, Access to Justice Committee Member

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:
Kuskokwim 300 Sled Dog Race Volunteer, Cama'i Dance Festival Volunteer

SPECIAL INTERESTS:
Spending time on the river with my family fishing during the summer and snowmachining during the winter; picking berries on the tundra in the fall; attending an array of community events with friends and family.

STATEMENT:
It has been a privilege, a pleasure, and an honor to serve as a judge in the Y-K Delta these past twelve years. I have strived to be fair, to be diligent, and to work hard for the communities I serve. My and my family's sense of belonging and community continues to grow here in Bethel. I look forward to continuing to live and to serve in this region for many years to come.

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Alaska Judicial Council Evaluation

Judge Nathaniel Peters, Bethel Superior Court

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

Judge Nathaniel Peters was appointed to the Bethel Superior Court on 2/9/2017. Judge Peters is a trial court judge handling criminal and civil cases. This is his second judicial retention election in this position.

Performance Summary

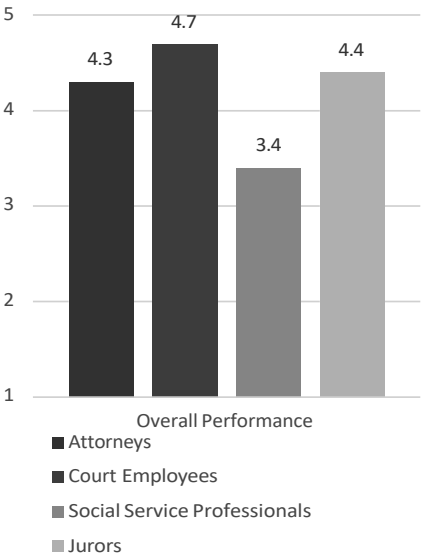
Judge Nathaniel Peters met or exceeded performance standards related to legal ability, integrity, impartiality, fairness, temperament, diligence and administrative skills. He complied with public disclosure requirements, followed standards of ethical conduct for judges, and met or exceeded educational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

Performance Findings: The Judicial Council surveyed attorneys, court employees, social service professionals and jurors. Survey ratings on Judge Peters’s overall performance were in the excellent range (4.2) when averaged across all groups.

The Council reviewed other performance measures, including Judge Peters’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 Peters co-chairs the court system’s Court Improvement Project, a group focused on improving outcomes in child welfare cases. He serves as the Administrative Head of the Three-Judge Sentencing Panel, which reviews criminal sentences in certain cases. He serves as a Training Judge for magistrate judges, and chairs the Statewide Magistrate Judge Evaluation Panel reviewing the performance of magistrate judges. He serves on the Criminal Pattern Jury Instruction Committee, a group that updates criminal case jury instructions, and on the Access to Justice Committee to improve Alaskans’ access to civil justice. He attended community meetings about local courts in the YK Delta area.

Ratings from Justice System Professionals and Jurors for "Overall" Job Performance for Judge Nathaniel Peters



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