

Superior Court Judge

Christina Rankin, Third Judicial District



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AGE: 48

PLACE OF BIRTH: Beacon, NY

SPOUSE’S NAME: Scott Rankin

CHILDREN’S NAMES: Elena

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 24 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Bethel: August 2002-August 2003
Anchorage: September 2003 - present

EDUCATION:
University of Rochester, B.A. (1999)
Syracuse University College of Law, J.D. (2002)

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Superior Court Judge: Anchorage (2023-present)
Superior Court Law Clerk: Bethel (2002-2003)

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Guess & Rudd, P.C. (2003-2023)

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:
Alaska Bar Association Civil Rules Committee; National
Association of Women Judges: PEO International

SPECIAL INTERESTS:
Camping, kayaking, knitting, reading, traveling

STATEMENT:
It has been an honor to serve on the Anchorage Superior Court since I was appointed in 2023. Prior to that, I practiced civil litigation in Anchorage for nearly 20 years, but it was a law clerk position in Bethel which first brought me to Alaska.

A civil superior court judge’s caseload is very diverse, but frequently involves helping people through some of the worst days of their lives. It is a privilege to facilitate access to justice for Alaskans as they navigate the difficulties of divorces, custody disagreements, domestic violence, child protective matters, contract disputes, and other situations where they seek assistance from the court system. Before each hearing, I work hard to prepare by reviewing all pleadings provided by all the parties and researching relevant areas of the law. At each hearing, I listen carefully and respectfully to all parties, making sure all sides are equally heard, and seeking clarification when necessary. At the conclusion of a hearing, I strive to balance taking the time needed to make a thorough, impartial, and lawful decision with the swift resolution of the issues desired by the litigants.

Serving as a trial judge is an honor that I do not take lightly, and I humbly welcome the opportunity to continue this challenging and rewarding work. I promise to continue to faithfully serve the people of Alaska to the best of my abilities.

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Alaska Judicial Council Evaluation

Judge Christina Rankin, Anchorage Superior Court

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

Judge Christina Rankin was appointed to the Anchorage Superior Court on 1/6/2023. Judge Rankin is a trial court judge handling mostly civil and some criminal cases. This is her first judicial retention election.

Performance Summary

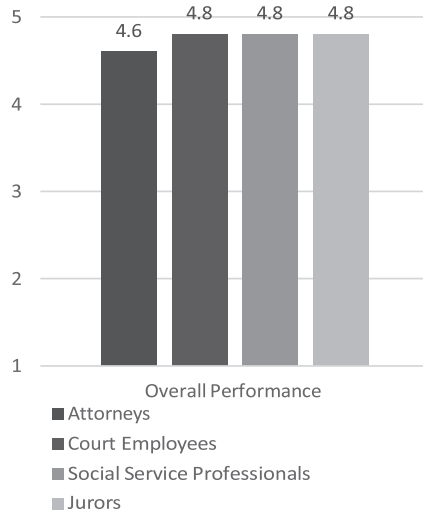
Judge Christina Rankin met or exceeded performance standards related to legal ability, integrity, impartiality, fairness, temperament, diligence and administrative skills. She complied with public disclosure requirements, followed standards of ethical conduct for judges, and met or exceeded educational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

Performance Findings: The Judicial Council surveyed attorneys, court employees, social service professionals, and jurors. Survey ratings on Judge Rankin's overall performance were in the excellent range (4.7) when averaged across all groups.

The Council reviewed other performance measures, including Judge Rankin'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 Rankin serves on a court system committee that recommends improvements in civil case procedures, and on a group that developed a statewide policy for use of artificial intelligence (AI) and Generative AI use by staff and judicial officers. She has participated in a variety of community events and trainings to foster public understanding and dialogue between courts and the community.

Ratings from Justice System Professionals and Jurors for "Overall" Job Performance for Judge Christina Rankin



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