

Superior Court Judge

David L. Roghair, Second Judicial District



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AGE: 50

PLACE OF BIRTH: Cincinnati, Ohio

SPOUSE'S NAME: Adrienne

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 30 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Utqiagvik/Barrow: 1987-98, 2015-present; Bethel: 2006-08; Wasilla: 2008-10; Tok: 2010-15

EDUCATION:
Barrow High School (Diploma), Stanford University (Bachelor of Arts), University of Kansas (Master of Arts), Lewis & Clark Law School (Juris Doctor), Georgetown University Law Center (Master of Laws)

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Magistrate Judge, 2010-21; Superior Court Judge: 2021-Present

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Private practice (2006-10), Mental Health Commitment Rules Committee, Child in Need of Aid Rules Committee, Alaska Bar Association International Law Section Co-Chair

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:
Rotary Club of Barrow-Nuvuk, Past President; Palmer Moose Lodge, Friends of the Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Court

SPECIAL INTERESTS:
Distance running, hiking, volunteering, cooking, travel

STATEMENT:
I serve as Superior Court Judge in my hometown of Utqiagvik, after serving several years as its Magistrate Judge. In my current role, I have worked on site in the Unalakleet, Nome, and Kotzebue courts, including jury trials in each location. I have really enjoyed meeting people from the unique communities and regions that make up the Second Judicial District. I have worked hard with my colleagues and court staff to make sure that the work of the court system continues, even with judicial vacancies in some courts. My service includes various administrative roles in the Court System, including Presiding Judge of the Second District beginning in summer 2026. I was raised in this District, I love this work, and would be honored to continue in this role.

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Alaska Judicial Council Evaluation

Judge David L. Roghair, Utqiagvik Superior Court

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

Judge David L. Roghair was appointed to the Utqiagvik Superior Court on 12/23/2021. Judge Roghair is a trial court judge handling criminal and civil cases. This is his first judicial retention election.

Performance Summary

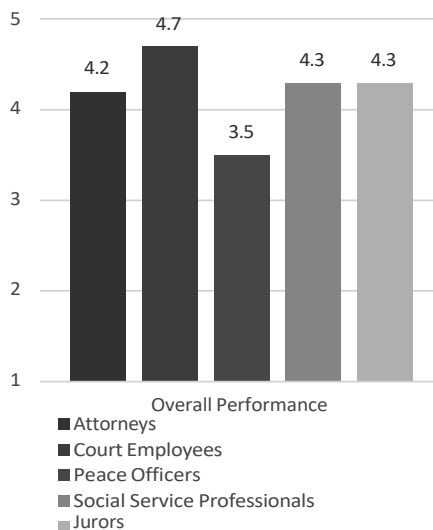
Judge David L. Roghair met or exceeded performance standards related to legal ability, integrity, impartiality, fairness, temperament, diligence and administrative skills. He complied with public disclosure requirements, followed standards of ethical conduct for judges, and met or exceeded educational 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 Roghair's overall performance were in the excellent range (4.2) when averaged across all groups.

The Council reviewed other performance measures, including Judge Roghair'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 Roghair serves on court system rules committees concerning Mental Commitment and Child in Need of Aid cases. These groups draft, review, and recommend improvements in mental commitment and child welfare case procedures to the Alaska Supreme Court. He serves on a court system workgroup to address timely case processing. He serves as a Training Judge for magistrate judges and helps plan the magistrate judge conference. He participated in events and trainings to foster public understanding and dialogue between courts and the community, including a ceremony to rename the Utqiagvik courthouse in honor of former Magistrate Judge Sadie Neakok.

Ratings from Justice System Professionals and Jurors for "Overall" Job Performance for Judge David L. Roghair



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