

District Court Judge

Benjamin A. Seekins, Fourth Judicial District



SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:
Tanana Valley Bar Association - President 2014

SPECIAL INTERESTS:
Hunting, fishing, exercising, lawn care.

MAILING ADDRESS: 101 Lacey Street
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

AGE: 52

PLACE OF BIRTH: Fairbanks

SPOUSE'S NAME: Jana Seekins

CHILDREN'S NAMES: Larissa Seekins, Caleb
Seekins, Christian
Seekins, Ashlyn Mendoza,
Alexandria Mendoza

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 52 Years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Fairbanks - 1974-present.

EDUCATION:
Lathrop High School 1992;
University of Alaska Fairbanks, B.B.A. Accounting 1996;
University of Alaska Fairbanks, M.B.A. 1997;
Gonzaga School of Law, J.D. 2002.

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Assistant District Attorney 2003-2012
District Court Judge 2012- present.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Certified Public Accountant (inactive)
Newer Judge Training Committee
Magistrate Training Judge

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Alaska Judicial Council Evaluation

Judge Benjamin A. Seekins, Fairbanks District Court

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

Judge Benjamin A. Seekins was appointed to the Fairbanks District Court on 1/13/2012. Judge Seekins is a trial court judge handling criminal and civil cases. This is his fourth judicial retention election.

Performance Summary

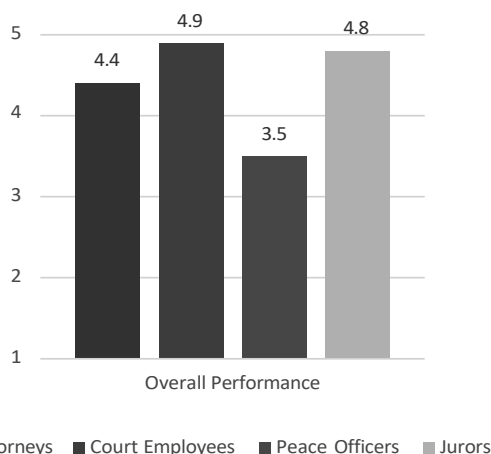
Judge Benjamin A. Seekins met or exceeded performance standards related to legal ability, integrity, impartiality, fairness, temperament, diligence and administrative skills. He complied with public disclosure requirements, followed standards of ethical conduct for judges, and met or exceeded educational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

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

The Council reviewed other performance measures, including Judge Seekins'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 Seekins serves on the Newer Judge Conference Committee, a group that plans and teaches an annual conference for judges during their first three years on the bench, and is a Training Judge for magistrate judges in his area. He has developed training materials on a variety of topics for use by newer judges.

Ratings from Justice System Professionals and Jurors for "Overall" Job Performance for Judge Benjamin A. Seekins



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