

District Court Judge

Shawn D. Traini, Third Judicial District



MAILING ADDRESS: Palmer Courthouse
435 S. Denali St.
Palmer, AK 99645

AGE: 55

PLACE OF BIRTH: Grissom Air Force Base,
Indiana

SPOUSE'S NAME: Kelley A. Traini

CHILDREN'S NAMES: Alex, Madison, & Brandon

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 44 Years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Anchorage/Eagle River 1971-1994
Palmer/Wasilla 2007 - Present.

EDUCATION:
Bartlett High School
University of Alaska Anchorage
Utah State University
University of Utah, College of Law

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
District Court Judge 2020 - Present
Assistant District Attorney 2007 - 2019; Assistant Municipal
Attorney 2007; Deputy Prosecutor 2001 - 2007; Deputy
Public Defender 1999-2001

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Palmer Wellness Court Judge
Magistrate Training Judge
Magistrate Judge Conference Planning Committee

SPECIAL INTERESTS:
Spending time with grandchildren, reading, fishing and
baking cheesecakes.

STATEMENT:
As a judge, I have presided over a wide range of cases,
including criminal matters, civil disputes, landlord-tenant
issues, and small claims. This experience has prepared
me to manage a high volume and diverse caseload while
ensuring each case receives careful, individualized
attention.

I am committed to applying the Constitution and laws of
Alaska fairly, impartially, and consistently. In every case,
I listen carefully to all parties, evaluate the evidence
thoughtfully, and issue well-reasoned decisions. I
recognize that each person who appears in court is
facing an important moment in their life, and I treat all
individuals with dignity, respect, and courtesy.

In criminal cases, I strive to balance accountability,
public safety, and opportunities for rehabilitation. In
civil matters, I focus on decisions that are just, clear,
and grounded in the law. I also work to ensure that
court procedures and decisions are understandable
and accessible to all, including those without legal
representation.

In addition to my regular duties, I have served in
therapeutic and community focused roles, including
the Palmer Wellness Court, which has helped many
individuals overcome addiction and rebuild their lives. I
have also participated in legal education and community
outreach through local youth programs.

It has been a privilege to serve the people of Alaska
as a judge. I remain dedicated to administering justice
fairly, impartially, and with integrity. I would be honored
to continue serving the State of Alaska.

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Alaska Judicial Council Evaluation

Judge Shawn D. Traini, Palmer District Court

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

Judge Shawn D. Traini was appointed to the Palmer District Court on 12/6/2019. Judge Traini is a trial court judge handling criminal and civil cases. This is his second judicial retention election.

Performance Summary

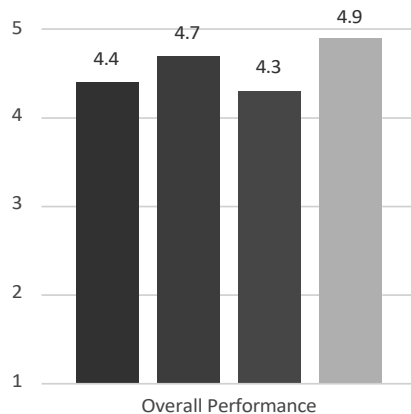
Judge Shawn D. Traini met or exceeded performance standards related to legal ability, integrity, impartiality, fairness, temperament, diligence and administrative skills. He complied with public disclosure requirements, followed standards of ethical conduct for judges, and met or exceeded educational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

Performance Findings: The Judicial Council surveyed attorneys, court employees, peace officers, and jurors. Survey ratings on Judge Traini's overall performance were in the excellent range (4.6) when averaged across all groups.

The Council reviewed other performance measures, including Judge Traini'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 Traini serves as a Training Judge for magistrate judges in his area. He is a member of a workgroup formed to increase Palmer court efficiency. In addition, he serves on the Palmer Wellness Court, a therapeutic court offering intensive substance abuse treatment and community supervision to support abstinence and recovery for individuals who want to overcome a serious addiction.

Ratings from Justice System Professionals and Jurors for "Overall" Job Performance for Judge Shawn D. Traini



■ Attorneys ■ Court Employees ■ Peace Officers ■ Jurors

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