

Superior Court Judge

Amy Welch, Fourth Judicial District



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AGE: 38

PLACE OF BIRTH: Boston, Massachusetts

SPOUSE’S NAME: Daniel Welch

CHILDREN’S NAMES: 1 child

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 13 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Fairbanks - August 2013 - present

EDUCATION:
University of Arizona, B.A. (2010)
University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, J.D.
(2013)

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Superior Court Judge, appointed 2023

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Associate Attorney - Law Offices of William R.
Satterberg, Jr. - 2014-2021; Attorney, Owner, Law
Office of Amy K. Welch, LLC - 2022-2023; Criminal
Pattern Jury Instructions Committee 2022-present

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:
Alaska Bar Association
Utah Bar Association

SPECIAL INTERESTS:
Spending time with my family, reading, being outdoors

OTHER:
My family relocated to Alaska when my husband was
stationed at Fort Wainwright in 2013. We fell in love
with Fairbanks and have been grateful to call it home.

STATEMENT:
It has been an honor and privilege to serve the Fourth
Judicial District as a Superior Court Judge. In this
position, it is my job to offer an impartial forum for
all manner of disputes, including contract disputes,
injury lawsuits, domestic relations matters, felony
offenses, and child-in-need-of-aid cases. The Alaska
Court System’s mission is “to provide a fair and
impartial forum for the resolution of disputes according
to the rule of law. Fairness includes the opportunity
to be heard, the chance to have the court process
explained, and the right to be treated with respect.” I
strive daily to meet this standard. The past three years
have provided me daily lessons in balancing the law,
courtroom management, patience, and understanding.
I look forward to continue learning and growing in
this role. If retained, I will continue to place the Court
System’s mission at the forefront and will continue to
work towards ensuring that each Alaskan who comes
before the court has a fair and impartial forum in which
to be heard.

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Alaska Judicial Council Evaluation

Judge Amy Welch, Fairbanks Superior Court

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

Judge Amy Welch was appointed to the Fairbanks Superior Court on 6/27/2023. Judge Welch is a trial court judge handling civil and criminal cases. This is her first judicial retention election.

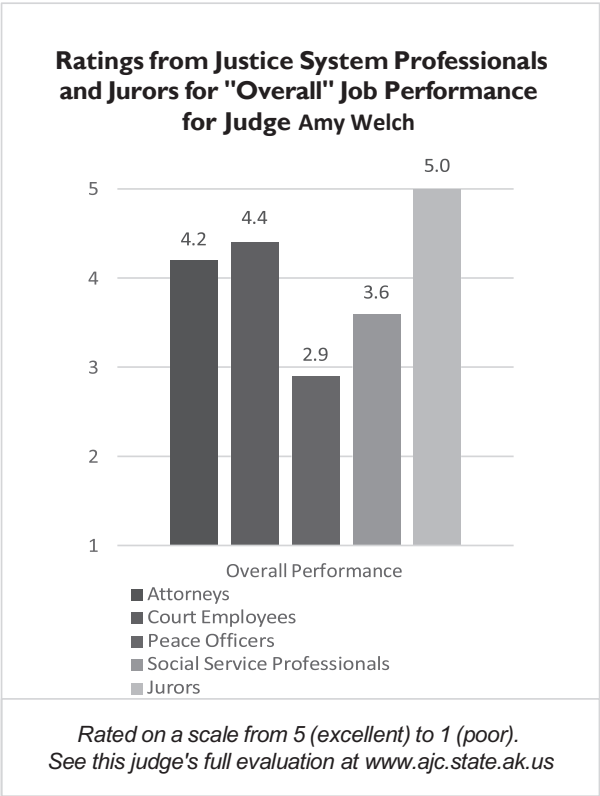
Performance Summary

Judge Amy Welch met and 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’s surveyed attorneys, court employees, peace officers, social service professionals, and jurors. Survey ratings on Judge Welch’s overall performance were in the excellent range (4.0) when averaged across all groups.

The Council reviewed other performance measures, including Judge Welch’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 Welch is a member of the court system’s Criminal Pattern Jury Instruction Committee, a group that updates criminal case jury instructions as needed. She also participated in a working group to update policies for registering protective orders issued by Tribes and other states. She has participated in youth outreach to foster public understanding of the legal system.



Find this judge’s full performance evaluation at www.ajc.state.ak.us