

Superior Court Judge

Rachel L. Ahrens, Third Judicial District



SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:
National Association of Women Judges

SPECIAL INTERESTS:
Family, travel, boating, reading

STATEMENT:
It has been an honor serving the people in the Valdez, Cordova, Glennallen, and surrounding communities. I handle all types of cases: from traffic tickets to complex civil litigation; from divorce and custody matters to murder. In all matters, I strive to make sure all parties are treated fairly. I make every effort to ensure parties feel heard, while following all applicable statutes, rules, regulations, and the State and Federal Constitutions. It is my goal to treat all parties impartially, and with dignity and respect.

If retained, I will continue to serve the people of Alaska to the best of my ability.

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AGE: 47

PLACE OF BIRTH: Janesville, WI

SPOUSE'S NAME: Lewis

CHILDREN'S NAMES: Abbigail

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 17 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Kotzebue, Valdez

EDUCATION:
Edgerton High School -Edgerton, WI (1996)
University of Wisconsin Oshkosh-Oshosh,WI
(B.S. 2000)
Hamline University School of Law - St. Paul, MN
(J.D. 2003)

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Assistant Public Defender, Third Judicial District:
Owatonna, MN 2004-2007
Assistant District Attorney: Kotzebue, AK 2014-2020
Superior Court Judge: Valdez, AK 2020-present

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
General Counsel, Maniilaq Association: Kotzebue, AK
2009-2014
Statewide Judicial Mentoring Coordinator

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Alaska Judicial Council Evaluation

Judge Rachel Ahrens, Valdez Superior Court

The Alaska Judicial Council finds Judge Ahrens met or exceeded performance standards and recommends a “YES” vote for another term as judge.

Performance Summary

Judge Ahrens was appointed to the Valdez Superior Court in 2019. This is her first judicial retention election. Judge Ahrens is a trial court judge handling civil and criminal cases.

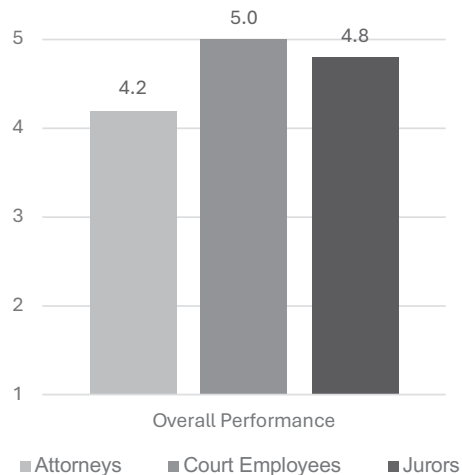
Judge Ahrens met or exceeded performance standards related to legal ability, integrity, impartiality, fairness, temperament, diligence and administrative skills, and overall performance. Judge Ahrens also met or exceeded educational requirements set by the Alaska Supreme Court.

Performance Findings: The Judicial Council’s evaluation of Judge Ahrens included reviews from attorneys, court employees, and jurors. Judge Ahrens received good ratings from individuals in these groups who had direct experience with her work.

The Council reviewed other performance measures, including Judge Ahrens’s financial and conflict of interest statements, whether pay was withheld for untimely decisions, appellate reversal rates, disqualifications from cases, and public ethics files. The Council found no matters of concern in these areas.

Professional Activities: Judge Ahrens is a member of the National Association of Women Judges. She participated in Success Inside and Out, a program that helps incarcerated women re-enter the community.

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



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

More survey ratings for this judge are available at www.ajc.state.ak.us

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