

# Supreme Court Justice

## Dario Borghesan, Supreme Court



**MAILING ADDRESS:** 303 K Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

**AGE:** 44

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Springfield, Massachusetts

**SPOUSE'S NAME:** Aesha Pallesen

**CHILDREN'S NAMES:** Luca, Gabriel

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 16 years

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**  
Fairbanks - August 2008 - August 2009  
Anchorage - August 2009 - present

**EDUCATION:**  
Amherst College, B.A. (2002)  
University of Michigan Law School, J.D. (2008)

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**  
Justice, Alaska Supreme Court (2020 - present)  
Assistant Attorney General, Alaska Department of Law  
(2009 - 2020)  
Law Clerk, Alaska Supreme Court (2008 - 2009)

**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**  
Access To Justice Committee, Co-Chair (2020 - present)  
Appellate Rules Committee, Chair (2020 - present)

**SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:**

Alaska Bar Association  
American Bar Association

**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**

Camping, fishing, skiing, and sharing Italian food with my family.

**STATEMENT:**

My father emigrated from Italy to the United States, seeking a better life. My mother grew up in New York City as the youngest child of a single mother. I have always been grateful to live in the United States of America, with its freedoms and its promise of equal justice. I also feel a responsibility to protect these freedoms and to make the promise of equal justice a reality. That is why I applied to serve as a justice of the Alaska Supreme Court.

It has been a great honor to work for the people of Alaska in this role. My job is to make sure that all Alaskans have access to justice, carefully listen to each person who comes before the court, and fairly apply the law to their case. Every day I strive to do those things the best that I can. I hope that Alaskans vote to retain me so I can continue this work.

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# Alaska Judicial Council Evaluation

## *Justice Dario Borghesan, Alaska Supreme Court*

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

### Performance Summary

Justice Borghesan was appointed to the Alaska Supreme Court in 2020. This is his first judicial retention election. Justices on the Alaska Supreme Court hear appeals from lower state courts and administer the state’s judicial system.

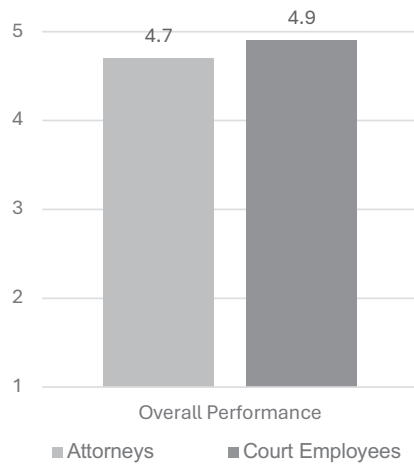
Justice Borghesan met or exceeded performance standards related to legal ability, integrity, impartiality, fairness, temperament, diligence and administrative skills, and overall performance. Justice Borghesan also met or exceeded educational requirements set by the Alaska Supreme Court.

**Performance Findings:** The Judicial Council’s evaluation of Justice Borghesan included reviews from attorneys and court employees. Justice Borghesan received good ratings from individuals who had direct experience with his work.

The Council reviewed other performance measures, including Justice Borghesan’s financial and conflict of interest statements, whether pay was withheld for untimely decisions, and public ethics files. The Council found no matters of concern in these areas.

**Professional Activities:** Justice Borghesan served on court system committees to increase access to justice, and to review the rules for appellate court cases. He participated in a program to encourage young people to consider legal careers and organized a job fair for law clerks to find legal employment in Alaska.

### **Ratings from Justice System Professionals for "Overall" Job Performance for Justice Borghesan**



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

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this judge are available at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us)*

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