

Superior Court Judge

Patricia L. Haines, Fourth Judicial District



MAILING ADDRESS: 101 Lacey Street
Fairbanks, AK 99701

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 13 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Fairbanks 2011-2016; 2020-present
Anchorage 2017-2020

EDUCATION:
Bellingham High School
University of Massachusetts Amherst
Temple University, Beasley School of Law

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Assistant District Attorney
Assistant Attorney General
Staff Attorney to the Alaska Court of Appeals

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Workplace Conduct Committee
Appellate Rules Committee
Criminal Pattern Jury Instructions Committee

SPECIAL INTERESTS:
Hiking, photography, travel

STATEMENT:

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the people of Alaska as a superior court judge. Although the caseload is substantial, I work hard to try to ensure that all parties who come before the court receive a fair and impartial hearing and have an opportunity to be heard, recognizing the importance of each case to the parties involved.

I enjoy the great variety of cases that come before the superior court, including civil, criminal, probate, child-in-need-of-aid, and delinquency matters, as well as administrative appeals. The breadth of cases and issues makes the work intellectually challenging and rewarding. Understanding that most people want and need their cases decided as quickly as possible, I try to balance efficiency with making sure that decisions are grounded in the facts and law applicable to each case and are readily understandable to those who appear in court.

It would be an honor to continue to serve my community in this position.

Alaska Judicial Council Evaluation

Judge Patricia L. Haines, Fairbanks Superior Court

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

Judge Haines was appointed to the Fairbanks Superior Court in 2021. This is her first retention election. She is a trial court judge handling civil and criminal cases.

Performance Summary

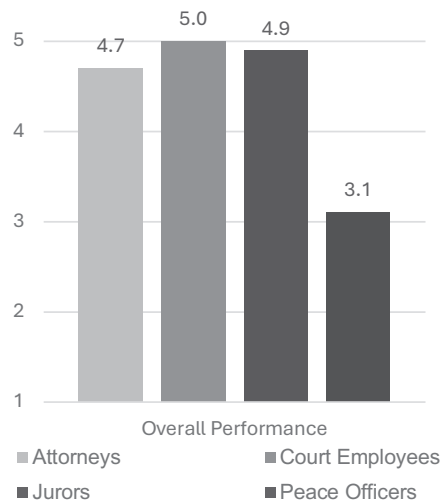
Judge Haines met or exceeded the performance standards of legal ability, integrity, impartiality, fairness, temperament, diligence and administrative skills, and overall performance. Judge Haines also met or exceeded educational requirements set by the Alaska Supreme Court.

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

The Council reviewed other performance measures, including Judge Haines’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 Haines served on court system committees that review appellate procedures, write criminal jury instructions, and address workplace civility and discrimination.

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



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