

# District Court Judge

## Kari McCrea, Third Judicial District



**MAILING ADDRESS:** 825 West 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Anchorage, AK 99501

**AGE:** 49

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Minneapolis, MN

**CHILDREN'S NAMES:** Kaci McCrea

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 18 years

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**

Bethel  
Anchorage

**EDUCATION:**

St. Paul Central High School  
University of Minnesota  
Mitchell-Hamline School of Law

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**

United States District Court Law Clerk  
Assistant Public Defender (Minnesota)  
Assistant Public Defender (Alaska)  
Magistrate Judge, Alaska Court System

**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**

Alaska Code of Judicial Conduct Committee  
Federal Magistrate Judge Selection Committee  
Statewide Magistrate Judge Evaluation Panel  
Newer Judges Training Committee

**SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:**

Alaska Bar Association  
National Association of Women Judges  
American Bar Association Access to Justice Commission  
Anchorage Association of Women Lawyers

**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**

Fishing, biking.

**OTHER:**

After completing my legal education, I clerked for the federal court before starting my career as a trial lawyer. In 2006, I moved to Bethel, AK, upon accepting a position with the Public Defender Agency. I lived in Bethel for 9 years, before moving to Anchorage to work as a Magistrate Judge with the Alaska Court System. I was appointed to the Anchorage District Court in 2017.

**STATEMENT:**

I am honored to serve as a trial court judge. While demanding, the work is also rewarding. I appreciate our state's diversity, and I strive to apply the law fairly while treating everyone with dignity and respect. Fairness in our courts includes the opportunity to be heard, to understand the court process, and to receive timely, well-reasoned decisions. As a judge, it is my job to listen and to explain the law and my decisions in a way that all participants can understand. Outside the courtroom, I have consistently worked to create greater efficiencies in our court process and improve access to the courts for all Alaskans. I have also served on various committees that address issues related to judicial education, training, and ethics. Serving as a judge is a privilege, and I welcome the opportunity to continue doing so.

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# Alaska Judicial Council Evaluation

## Judge Kari L. McCrea, Anchorage District Court

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

Judge McCrea was appointed to the Anchorage District Court in 2017. This is her second retention election. She is a trial court judge handling civil and criminal cases.

### Performance Summary

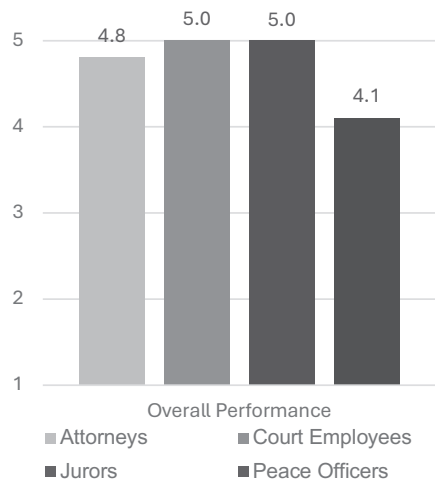
Judge McCrea met or exceeded the performance standards of legal ability, integrity, impartiality, fairness, temperament, diligence and administrative skills, and overall performance. Judge McCrea also met or exceeded educational requirements set by the Alaska Supreme Court.

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

The Council reviewed other performance measures, including Judge McCrea’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 McCrea served as an evaluator for magistrate judges, and as a training judge for magistrate judges. She served on court system committees to increase fairness and access to the courts, to plan training for judges, and to review the ethical rules that apply to judges. She participated in programs to help incarcerated women re-enter the community, and to encourage youth to consider legal careers.

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



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

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

**Find this judge’s full performance evaluation at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us)**