

ALASKA JUDICIAL COUNCIL
VOTING STATISTICS – APPLICATIONS FOR JUDICIAL POSITIONS

Six Council Members: three appointed by Bar Association Board of Governors after election, three appointed by the Governor. Chief Justice is ex officio and votes only when the members do not have a four-person consensus.

1984 – 2014: past 30 years [all years for which data is available]

Total votes taken on judicial applicants:	1,149
• Number that were unanimous:	710/1,149 (62%)
• Number that were unanimous or “unanimous except for 1” votes:	932/1,149 (81%)
• Number in which the Chief Justice voted, usually because of a 3-3 tie:	69/1,149 (6%)
▪ Number of those in which CJ voted to send the name to the Governor for consideration:	51/69 (74%)
• Number in which the vote was tied, with the attorneys and non-attorneys split:	16/1,149 (1.4%)
▪ Number of those 16 splits in which the CJ voted with the attorneys, not with the public members:	11/16 (69% of splits)
Total number of times CJ had to vote, and voted with attorneys:	11/1,149 (.9%; < 1%)
▪ Number of those 16 splits in which the CJ voted with the public members, not with the attorneys:	5/16 (31%)
• Number in which the vote was tied, with attorneys and non-attorneys split, and the CJ’s vote was with the attorneys not to send the name to the Governor for consideration:	9/1,149 (.8% of total)

2010 – 2014: past five years [subset of above 30-year stats]

Total votes taken on judicial applicants:	212
• Number that were unanimous:	116/212 (55%)
• Number that were unanimous or “unanimous except for 1” votes:	160/212 (75%)
• Number in which the Chief Justice voted, usually because of a 3-3 tie:	10/212 (4.7%)
• Number in which the vote was tied, with the attorneys and non-attorneys split:	8/212 (3.8%)
▪ Number of those splits in which the CJ voted with the attorneys, not with the public members:	7/8 (87% of splits)
Total number of times CJ had to vote, and voted with attorneys:	7/212 (3% of total)
▪ Number of those splits in which the CJ voted with the public members, not with the attorneys:	1/8 (13%)
• Number in which the vote was tied, with attorneys and non-attorneys split, and the CJ’s vote was with the attorneys not to send the name to the Governor :	6/212 (2.8% of total)