

Supreme Court Justice

Susan M. “Sue” Carney



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PLACE OF BIRTH: Worcester, MA

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CHILDREN'S NAMES: Rebecca, Sam

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 33 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:

Fairbanks, 1987-1988, 1988-present
Anchorage, 1988

EDUCATION:

Harvard-Radcliffe Colleges, AB 1983
Harvard Law School, JD 1987

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:

Justice, Alaska Supreme Court, 2016-present
Assistant Public Advocate, Office of Public Advocacy,
1998-2016
Assistant Public Defender, Alaska Public Defender
Agency, 1988-1998
Law Clerk, Alaska Supreme Court, 1987-1988

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Co-chair, Access to Justice Commission, 2018-present
Co-chair, Child in Need of Aid Rules Committee,
2016-present
Mentor, Color of Justice, 2017-present
Member, Criminal Pattern Jury Instructions Committee,
2005-2015
Member, National Association of Women Judges,
2016-present
Alaska Bar Association Board of Governors, 2015-2016

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:

"We the People" Civics Competition, Judge and Coach,
2013-present
PTA, 2001-2015
Fairbanks Women's Basketball Association, 1987-2019
Youth Soccer and Softball Coach, 1987-2006

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Educating youth about the legal system

OTHER:

Alaska travel, basketball, Boston professional sports,
gardening, history

STATEMENT:

I was honored and humbled when I was appointed to the supreme court after many years of advocating for children, families and individuals facing charges throughout Alaska. I would be further honored to continue to serve Alaska and continue to work to ensure that all Alaskans have access to a fair and impartial justice system.

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Alaska Judicial Council Evaluation

Justice Susan M. Carney, Alaska Supreme Court

The Alaska Judicial Council finds Justice Carney met or exceeded performance standards, and recommends a **“YES”** vote for another term in office

What is the Alaska Judicial Council?

- The Council is created by the Alaska Constitution;
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- The Council is authorized by law to recommend to voters whether a judge should be retained for another term in office.

What performance standards were used by the Council to evaluate Justice Carney?

Justice Carney was evaluated in the following performance areas: integrity, impartiality and fairness, temperament, legal ability, and diligence and administrative skills. Because the justice met or exceeded all standards, the Council recommends a “yes” vote.

How did the Council determine that Justice Carney met performance standards?

The Council collected and analyzed information from a variety of sources and viewpoints for a full picture of the justice's performance.

- **Justice System Professionals** – The Council surveyed thousands of Alaskans who work in the justice system about their experiences with Justice Carney. Survey ratings from these groups are listed in the chart below.
- **The Public** – The Council considered feedback from the public at a statewide telephonic hearing, and from written comments.
- **Other Information** – The Council analyzed whether Justice Carney's pay was withheld for late decisions, and whether the justice followed rules about financial disclosure and conflict of interest statements, among other things.

Survey Results for Justice Carney	Average Survey Ratings*	
	Attorneys	Court Employees
<i>Number of responses from people with direct experience</i>	180	29
Legal Ability <i>The justice is knowledgeable in law and procedure, and communicates clearly and accurately.</i>	4.5	-
Impartiality <i>The justice treats everyone fairly and equally.</i>	4.5	4.8
Integrity <i>The justice is free from impropriety or appearance of impropriety and makes decisions without regard to possible public criticism.</i>	4.7	4.8
Temperament <i>The justice treats everyone with courtesy, without arrogance, showing understanding and compassion.</i>	4.7	4.6
Diligence <i>The justice acts promptly and works conscientiously.</i>	4.6	4.6
Overall <i>The justice meets the standards of the position.</i>	4.6	4.6

*Rating Scale: 5 = Excellent, 4 = Good, 3 = Acceptable, 2 = Deficient, 1 = Poor
Judges are rated by different groups depending on caseloads

Find Justice Carney's full performance evaluation at www.ajc.state.ak.us

Court of Appeals Judge

Tracey Wollenberg



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AGE: 44

PLACE OF BIRTH: New York, NY

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 15 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Anchorage (2005-present)

EDUCATION:
Clarkstown High School North, New City, NY
Harvard University, A.B. (1998)
Columbia Law School, J.D. (2005)

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Alaska Court of Appeals Judge (2017-present)
Deputy Public Defender, Appellate Division, Alaska
Public Defender Agency (2011-2017)
Assistant Public Defender, Alaska Public Defender
Agency (2006-2011)
Law Clerk, Alaska Court of Appeals, Judge David
Mannheimer (2005-2006)

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Financial Analyst, Morgan Stanley, New York (1998-
2000) & Sydney, Australia (2000-2001)
Chair, Anti-Sexual Harassment Policy Working Group,
Alaska Court System (2018-present)
Member, Appellate Rules Committee (2011-present)

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:

Alaska Bar Association
National Association of Women Judges

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Spending time with family, walking my dog, running,
traveling, and motorsports

STATEMENT:

It is an honor and a privilege to serve the people of Alaska as a judge on the Court of Appeals. The Alaska Court of Appeals is a multi-judge appellate court that was created in 1980 and tasked with reviewing trial court decisions in criminal cases. Since my appointment in 2017, I have strived each day to meet the challenges and responsibilities that come with deciding criminal appeals statewide.

I review each case that comes before me carefully and diligently, and I work hard to ensure that I am fulfilling the duties with which I am entrusted — listening thoroughly to all views and deciding each case fairly, impartially, and in accordance with the Constitution and the laws of our state.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the public. I would be honored to continue to serve Alaskans in this position.

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Alaska Judicial Council Evaluation

Judge Tracey Wollenberg, Alaska Court of Appeals

The Alaska Judicial Council finds Judge Wollenberg met or exceeded performance standards, and recommends a **“YES”** vote for another term in office

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What performance standards were used by the Council to evaluate Judge Wollenberg?

Judge Wollenberg was evaluated in the following performance areas: integrity, impartiality and fairness, temperament, legal ability, and diligence and administrative skills. Because the judge met or exceeded all standards, the Council recommends a “yes” vote.

How did the Council determine that Judge Wollenberg met performance standards?

The Council collected and analyzed information from a variety of sources and viewpoints for a full picture of the judge's performance.

- **Justice System Professionals** – The Council surveyed thousands of Alaskans who work in the justice system about their experiences with Judge Wollenberg. Survey ratings from these groups are listed in the chart below.
- **The Public** – The Council considered feedback from the public at a statewide telephonic hearing, and from written comments.
- **Other Information** – The Council analyzed whether Judge Wollenberg's pay was withheld for late decisions, and whether the judge followed rules about financial disclosure and conflict of interest statements, among other things.

Survey Results for Judge Wollenberg	Average Survey Ratings*	
	Attorneys	Court Employees
<i>Number of responses from people with direct experience</i>	93	17
Legal Ability <i>The judge is knowledgeable in law and procedure, and communicates clearly and accurately.</i>	4.8	-
Impartiality <i>The judge treats everyone fairly and equally.</i>	4.7	4.9
Integrity <i>The judge is free from impropriety or appearance of impropriety and makes decisions without regard to possible public criticism.</i>	4.7	4.9
Temperament <i>The judge treats everyone with courtesy, without arrogance, showing understanding and compassion.</i>	4.7	4.9
Diligence <i>The judge acts promptly and works conscientiously.</i>	4.7	4.9
Overall <i>The judge meets the standards of the position.</i>	4.7	4.9

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Superior Court Judge

Danya R. “Dani” Crosby, Third Judicial District



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PLACE OF BIRTH: Idaho Falls, ID

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 35 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:

Sitka, 1980-1991
Anchorage, 1996-present

EDUCATION:

Sitka High School
Occidental College
Gonzaga University School of Law

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Dani Crosby Law Office, Inc. (owner)
Ashburn & Mason, P.C. (partner)
Preston Gates & Ellis, L.L.P. (associate)

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Traveling, reading, and running.

OTHER:

Member, Civil Rules Committee (currently serving
as chair)
Member, Judicial Code Committee
Member, Trauma-Informed Court Committee

STATEMENT:

This is my first retention election. I have learned a great deal in my position as a superior court judge in Anchorage since being appointed in 2015, and I enjoy the job very much.

I strive to give every case the attention it deserves by being prepared and ensuring that each party has the opportunity to be fully heard. I do my best to judge each case fairly. I also do my utmost to treat litigants with respect: the experience of coming to court can be difficult enough, and I try to make parties comfortable while still maintaining the dignity of the courtroom.

If you vote to retain me, please know that I will continue to work hard for the people of the State of Alaska, and that I would be honored to continue to serve.

Thank you for reading my statement.

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Alaska Judicial Council Evaluation

Judge Dani Crosby, Anchorage Superior Court

The Alaska Judicial Council finds Judge Crosby met or exceeded performance standards, and recommends a **“YES”** vote for another term in office

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What performance standards were used by the Council to evaluate Judge Crosby?

Judge Crosby was evaluated in the following performance areas: integrity, impartiality and fairness, temperament, legal ability, and diligence and administrative skills. Because the judge met or exceeded all standards, the Council recommends a “yes” vote.

How did the Council determine that Judge Crosby met performance standards?

The Council collected and analyzed information from a variety of sources and viewpoints for a full picture of the judge's performance.

- **Justice System Professionals** – The Council surveyed thousands of Alaskans who work in the justice system about their experiences with Judge Crosby. Survey ratings from these groups are listed in the chart below.
- **Jurors & the Public** – The Council considered feedback from the public at a statewide telephonic hearing, and from written comments. The Council also surveyed jurors who served in the judge's court. Juror ratings are listed in the chart below.
- **Other Information** – The Council analyzed how often a higher court agreed with Judge Crosby's decisions, how often the judge was disqualified from sitting on a case, whether the judge's pay was withheld for late decisions, and whether the judge followed rules about financial disclosure and conflict of interest statements, among other things.

Survey Results for Judge Crosby	Average Survey Ratings*			
	Attorneys	Court Employees	Social Services	Jurors
<i>Number of responses from people with direct experience</i>	194	30	10	20
Legal Ability <i>The judge is knowledgeable in law and procedure, and communicates clearly and accurately.</i>	4.4	-	-	-
Impartiality <i>The judge treats everyone fairly and equally.</i>	4.5	4.6	4.0	5.0
Integrity <i>The judge is free from impropriety or appearance of impropriety and makes decisions without regard to possible public criticism.</i>	4.6	4.7	4.4	-
Temperament <i>The judge treats everyone with courtesy, without arrogance, showing understanding and compassion.</i>	4.6	4.7	4.3	5.0
Diligence <i>The judge acts promptly and works conscientiously.</i>	4.4	4.7	4.2	-
Overall <i>The judge meets the standards of the position.</i>	4.4	4.7	4.3	5.0

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District Court Judge

Leslie Dickson, Third Judicial District



OTHER:

I was born at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. My father's military service meant that we moved four times before I graduated high school, inspiring the explorer in me. I chose Alaska as my permanent home in 1995 after falling in love with the state, the independence of the people here, and the abundant wilderness. I am an avid outdoorswoman and spend every minute I can enjoying the beauty of Alaska.

STATEMENT:

I've been a judge for more than seven years. I listen carefully, approach all cases with an open mind, and treat all litigants, victims and jurors with respect. I work to issue decisions quickly and base them on both the confines of the law and the Constitution.

Many people appear in district court without a lawyer. I strive to ensure everyone has equal access to justice and the right to be heard. The problems that bring people to court are never pleasant. It's a stressful experience and the issues are important and significant to the parties who need court intervention to resolve problems. Every case is unique and I listen to understand.

I promise to faithfully follow the Constitution and ensure that every Alaskan has access to justice. It's been an honor to serve. I have been grateful for the confidence voters have shown me and hope to continue this critical work.

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Alaska Judicial Council Evaluation

Judge Leslie Dickson, Anchorage District Court

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What performance standards were used by the Council to evaluate Judge Dickson?

Judge Dickson was evaluated in the following performance areas: integrity, impartiality and fairness, temperament, legal ability, and diligence and administrative skills. Because the judge met or exceeded all standards, the Council recommends a “yes” vote.

How did the Council determine that Judge Dickson met performance standards?

The Council collected and analyzed information from a variety of sources and viewpoints for a full picture of the judge's performance.

- **Justice System Professionals** – The Council surveyed thousands of Alaskans who work in the justice system about their experiences with Judge Dickson. Survey ratings from these groups are listed in the chart below.
- **Jurors & the Public** – The Council considered feedback from the public at a statewide telephonic hearing, and from written comments. The Council also surveyed jurors who served in the judge's court. Juror ratings are listed in the chart below.
- **Other Information** – The Council analyzed how often a higher court agreed with Judge Dickson's decisions, how often the judge was disqualified from sitting on a case, whether the judge's pay was withheld for late decisions, and whether the judge followed rules about financial disclosure and conflict of interest statements, among other things.

Survey Results for Judge Dickson	Average Survey Ratings*			
	Attorneys	Police & Probation Officers	Court Employees	Jurors
<i>Number of responses from people with direct experience</i>	141	28	18	80
Legal Ability <i>The judge is knowledgeable in law and procedure, and communicates clearly and accurately.</i>	4.3	-	-	-
Impartiality <i>The judge treats everyone fairly and equally.</i>	4.5	4.3	4.6	4.8
Integrity <i>The judge is free from impropriety or appearance of impropriety and makes decisions without regard to possible public criticism.</i>	4.6	4.5	4.6	-
Temperament <i>The judge treats everyone with courtesy, without arrogance, showing understanding and compassion.</i>	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.9
Diligence <i>The judge acts promptly and works conscientiously.</i>	4.4	4.4	4.3	-
Overall <i>The judge meets the standards of the position.</i>	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.8

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