

# **ALASKA JUDICIAL COUNCIL** **VOTING STATISTICS – APPLICATIONS FOR JUDICIAL POSITIONS**

Six Council Members: three appointed by Bar Association Board of Governors, three appointed by the Governor. Chief Justice is ex officio and votes only when the members do not have a four-person consensus. Alaska Const. art. IV sec. 8.

**1984 – 2013: past 29 years [all years for which data is available]**

Total votes taken on judicial applicants:	1,136
• Number that were unanimous :	704/1,136 (62%)
• Number that were unanimous or “unanimous except for 1” votes:	920/1,136 (81%)
• Number in which the Chief Justice voted, usually because of a 3-3 tie:	68/1,136 (6%)
▪ Number of those in which CJ voted to send the name to the Governor for consideration:	51/68 (75%)
• Number in which the vote was tied, with the attorneys and non-attorneys split:	15/1,136 (1.3%)
▪ Number of those splits in which CJ voted to send the name to the Governor for consideration:	7/15 (46%)
▪ Number of those splits in which the CJ voted with the attorneys, not with the public members:	10/15 (66% of splits); 10/1,136 (.8% of total)
▪ Number of those splits in which the CJ voted with the public members, not with the attorneys:	5/15 (25%)
▪ Number of those split votes in which the CJ voted with the attorneys, such that the name was sent to the Governor for consideration:	2/10 (20%)
• 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:	8/1,136 (.7% of total)

### **2010 – 2013: past four years [subset of above 29-year stats]**

Total votes taken on judicial applicants:	201
• Number that were unanimous:	110/201(55%)
• Number that were unanimous or “unanimous except for 1” votes:	151/201 (75%)
• Number in which the Chief Justice voted, usually because of a 3-3 tie:	9/201 (4.5%)
▪ Number of those in which CJ voted to send the name to the Governor for consideration:	4/9 (44%)
• Number in which the vote was tied, with the attorneys and non-attorneys split:	7/201 (3.5%)
▪ Number of those splits in which CJ voted to send the name to the Governor for consideration:	2/7 (28.5%)
▪ Number of those splits in which the CJ voted with the attorneys, not with the public members:	6/7 (86% of splits); 6/201 (3% of total)
▪ Number of those splits in which the CJ voted with the public members, not with the attorneys:	1/7 (14%)
▪ Number of those split votes in which the CJ voted with the attorneys, such that the name was sent to the Governor for consideration:	1/7 (14%)
• 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 :	5/201 (2.4% of total)

### **2006 – 2009: previous four years [subset of above 29-year stats]**

Total votes taken on judicial applicants:	225
• Number in which the Chief Justice voted, usually because of a 3-3 tie:	7/225 (3%)
▪ Number of those in which CJ voted to send the name to the Governor for consideration:	7/7 (100%)
• Number in which the vote was tied, with the attorneys and non-attorneys split:	2/201 (1%)
▪ Number of those splits in which CJ voted to send the name to the Governor for consideration:	1/2 (50%)
▪ Number of those splits in which the CJ voted with the attorneys, not with the public members:	1/2 (50% of splits); 1/201 (1% of total)
▪ Number of those splits in which the CJ voted with the public members, not with the attorneys:	1/2 (50%)
▪ Number of those split votes in which the CJ voted with the attorneys, such that the name was sent to the Governor for consideration:	1/2 (50%)
• 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:	0/225 (0% of total)