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U.S. District Court Judge – Alaska Bar Association Poll Results Released

Poll results have been released for 20 candidates who submitted their names for consideration for appointment to the seat to succeed Senior U.S. District Judge Ralph Beistline, whose seat became vacant after he elected to take senior status.

U.S. Senators Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan worked with the Alaska Bar Association to accept applications and conduct a Bar poll of Alaska lawyers rating the candidates.

Alaska Bar Association members were asked to rate the candidates as “extremely well qualified,” “well qualified,” “qualified,” or “don’t know.” A total of 540 Bar members responded to the poll.

Sens. Murkowski and Sullivan will use the results of that poll and their own research to develop a list of recommended candidates to send to the White House.

Attached are the poll results of the candidates ranked by total percentages of responses by extremely qualified and well qualified.

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Extremely Qualified and Well Qualified by Percentage - Alphabetical			
Candidate	Extremely Qualified	Well Qualified	Total
Eric A. Aarseth	30%	36%	66%
Michael D. Corey	22%	33%	55%
William J. Evans	15%	23%	38%
Gregory S. Fisher	17%	22%	39%
Michael C. Geraghty	31%	30%	61%
Andrew Guidi	35%	29%	64%
Paul F. Hannon	0%	1%	1%
Andrea W. Hattan	13%	20%	33%
Jon Katchen	10%	21%	31%
Joshua Kindred	6%	9%	15%
Michael A. MacDonald	28%	32%	60%
David A. Nesbett	12%	14%	26%
Scott A. Oravec	11%	29%	40%
Douglas C. Perkins	5%	23%	28%
Joel A. Ready	0%	3%	3%
Frank V. Russo	19%	24%	43%
Bryan Schroder	22%	35%	57%
Steven E. Skrocki	18%	26%	44%
Richard "Clayton" Trotter	3%	5%	8%
Benjamin I. Whipple	2%	5%	7%

Extremely Qualified and Well Qualified by Percentage -high to low			
Candidate	Extremely Qualified	Well Qualified	Total
Eric A. Aarseth	30%	36%	66%
Andrew Guidi	35%	29%	64%
Michael C. Geraghty	31%	30%	61%
Michael A. MacDonald	28%	32%	60%
Bryan Schroder	22%	35%	57%
Michael D.Co rey	22%	33%	55%
Steven E. Skrocki	18%	26%	44%
Frank V. Russo	19%	24%	43 %
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Joshua Kindred	6%	9%	15%
Richard "Clayton" Trotter	3%	5%	8%
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