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ALASKA JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Alaska Judicial Council Application for Judicial Appointment

Position(s) for which you wish to be considered:

Alaska Supreme Court Justice

Date: May 28, 2009

I. Public Information (Questions 1-24)

Personal

1. (a) State full name* Craig F Stowers
 Name as it should appear on bar survey: Craig Stowers
 * Unless otherwise specified, this is how your name will appear on the bar survey.
- (b) Have you ever used or been known by any other name? If so, please identify.
No

2. How long have you been a resident of the State of Alaska immediately preceding the date of this application? **
31 years 6 months
 Total 31 years 6 months
3. How long have you been engaged in the active practice of law immediately preceding the date of this application? **
23 years 7 months
 Total 23 years 7 months

Nonlegal Education

4. State names and dates of attendance of all colleges and professional schools (other than law schools) ever attended and degrees and dates conferred. List any honors.

Blackburn College, Carlinville, Illinois - B.A. - Honors 1975 (Biology; Liberal Arts)
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** See AS 22.10.090; see also 1984 Inf. Op. Atty. Gen. (July 19; 366- 624-84).

Legal Education

5. List all law schools, dates attended and degrees conferred. If you did not receive a degree from any law school, please indicate.

School of Law, University of California, Davis, California - J.D. 1985

6. (a) Did you receive any honors in law school or belong to any honorary societies or groups?
 Yes No If yes, please give details.

Order of the Coif
Graduated 5/144
American Jurisprudence Awards in Torts, Criminal Law, and Administrative Law

(b) Have you taken any CLE (continuing legal education) courses during the past five years?
 Yes No

Please describe or list. Please do not attach individual certificates of attendance.

Multiple courses and programs including National Judicial College (general jurisdiction, evidence summer 2009), spring and fall judicial conferences (2004 to present; I am a member of the judicial education committee that plans and presents continuing education programs to judges, and have developed, presented, and facilitated judicial CLE programs); Alaska Bar Ass'n convention programs (including facilitating an evidence CLE program), etc.

Military

7. Have you served in the armed forces (reserves or otherwise)? Yes No

If so, please provide the following information:

- (a) Dates of service: _____
- (b) Branch of service: _____
- (c) Rank at time of discharge: _____
- (d) Type of military discharge: _____
- (e) Awards or citations:

(f) Have you ever been refused admission to or released from any of the armed services for reasons other than honorable discharge? Yes No If so, state the details.

Nonlegal Employment

8. Describe major nonlegal working experience. If you had a business or association that has been discontinued, please note whether there are unpaid debts or claims pending litigation.

U.S. National Park Ranger - National Park Service
District Ranger - Denali National Park (12/79 - 6/82)
District Naturalist - Mt. McKinley National Park (11/77 - 12/79)
Park Ranger - Colonial National Park (9/76 - 11/77)
Seasonal Park Ranger - Colonial National Park (6-8/70 - 6-8/76)
- Jewel Cave National Monument (6-8/70 - 6-8/76)

Legal Experience

9. Describe chronologically your legal employment since admission to law school. **Please provide dates, name of employer, name of supervisor or person who can verify employment, addresses, the reason you left the position, and a brief description of type of practice (i.e., insurance defense, criminal, appellate, general, litigation, etc.) for each position listed below.**

The Council will ask for comments from your current and former employers about your employment and your judicial qualifications. You may choose to list other persons as character and professional references in response to Question 20 of this application.

If the supervisor or contact person asks (in writing) that the letter be shared with the governor, the Council will send designated letters for each nominee. The applicant should not request a copy of the letter from the reference. References or letters not solicited by the Council are considered public (with few exceptions) and will be sent to the governor for all nominees.

Current Employer: Court System - State of Alaska

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Chief Justice Fabe

Current address of this person: 303 K Street

City Anchorage State Alaska Zip 99501

Dates of Employment: From September 2004 To Present

Description: Superior Court Judge

Previous Employers: *(In chronological order, most recent first)*

Employer: Clapp, Peterson & Stowers

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Matt Peterson

Current address of this person: 711 H Street, Suite 620

City Anchorage State Alaska Zip 99501

Dates of Employment: From April 1995 To June 2004

Description: Trial practice; defense of medical, attorney, and other professional liability cases; complex civil litigation; insurance coverage opinions.

Reason for Leaving: Wind down law practice to prepare for taking Superior Court position

Employer: Atkinson, Conway & Gagnon

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Richard Vollertsen

Current address of this person: 420 L Street, Suite 500

City Anchorage State Alaska Zip 99501

Dates of Employment: From September 1987 To March 1995

Description: Lawyer/partner. Medical and attorney malpractice defense; general and business litigation.

Reason for Leaving: Resigned to form my own law firm.

Previous Employers (continued)

Employer: Alaska Court System, Justice Warren Matthews
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Justice Warren Matthews
Current address of this person: c/o Alaska Supreme Court, 303 K Street
City Anchorage State Alaska Zip 99501
Dates of Employment: From September 1986 To September 1987
Description: Judicial law clerk to Justice Matthews.

Reason for Leaving: End of one year appointment.

Employer: U.S. Court of Appeals - Circuit Judge Robert Boochever
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Judge Robert Boochever
Current address of this person: 125 S. Grand Ave., Box 91510
City Pasadena State CA Zip 91109-7200
Dates of Employment: From August 1985 To August 1986
Description: Judicial law clerk to U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Boochever (Juneau, AK)

Reason for Leaving: End of one year appointment.

Employer: Alaska Code Revision Project
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Professor Emeritus Daniel Fessler
Current address of this person: c/o Univ. Calif. Davis School of Law; 400 Mrak Hall Drive
City Davis State CA Zip 95616-0243
Dates of Employment: From June 1983 To June 1985
Description: Reseacher/drafter for proposed Alaska Corporations and Nonprofit Corp Code

Reason for Leaving:

Employer:
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment:
Current address of this person:
City State Zip
Dates of Employment: From To
Description:

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Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment:
Current address of this person:
City State Zip
Dates of Employment: From To
Description:

Reason for Leaving:

10. For the past five years, please indicate (approximately) the following:

(a) Percent of your practice that was: Civil 90
Criminal 10
Other _____
= 100%

Comment: _____

(b) Percent: State 100
Federal 0
Other 0
= 100%

Comment: _____

(c) Of practice in state courts, percent: Supreme Court _____
Court of Appeals _____
Superior Court 100
District Court _____
= 100%

Comment: _____

(d) Frequency of appearance in court:
 Regularly Occasionally Infrequently Not at All

Comment: _____

(e) Number of trials (by court or jury) you conducted in the past 5 years:
 None 1-5 6-15 16-30 31 or more

Comment: _____

(f) Percent of these trials which were: Jury 10-20 Non-Jury 80-90

Comment: _____

(g) Approximate number of appellate matters handled: 50
Comment: Superior Court acting in its appellate capacity.

(h) Approximate number of arbitrations or administrative hearings:
 None 1-5 6-15 16-30 31 or more

Briefly describe type of matters heard:

However, I have conducted over 100 judicial settlement conferences.

(i) Have you undertaken any *pro bono* work through a *pro bono* legal service provider (e.g. Alaska Legal Services, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, etc.) during this period? Yes No

Describe:

However, I have served as a program faculty member at an ANDVSA annual conference.

11. List all the courts and administrative tribunals in the United States or elsewhere to which you are or have been admitted to practice, and the dates of admission.

Supreme Court of Alaska - 1985
 US District Court for the District of Alaska - 1986
 9th Circuit Court of Appeals - 1986
 Supreme Court of the United States - 1990

Public Service

12. List bar associations, and sections and committees of which you are or have been a member or officer.

Alaska Bar Ass'n (member Law Examiners Comm.; Statutes, Bylaws & Rules Comm.)
 Alaska Supreme Court Pattern Jury Instr. Comm.; Continuing Judicial Education Comm.; New Judges Training Comm.; Probate Subcomm. Involuntary Commitment and Administration of Psychotropic Medications; Anchorage Court Campus Security Comm.; American Bar Ass'n Judges Section; American Judicature Society

13. List legal publications, if any (give title, subject and date of publications). Please include publications you have co-authored and the name(s) of the co-author(s).

14. Have you ever applied for a judgeship? Yes No
 Please list dates and judgeships applied for, as well as whether you were nominated by the Judicial Council and appointed.

Judgeship	Date	Nominated By Council (Y/N)	Appointed By Governor (Y/N)
Alaska Superior Court	7/02	Y	N
Alaska Superior Court	4/04	Y	Y

15. Have you ever held public or political office, elective or appointive? Yes No

If so, state office, manner selected, and when and where held.

16. Please provide the Council with information that you would like the Council to consider about other legal and nonlegal organizations and clubs of which you are a member, including civic, charitable, religious, educational, social and fraternal organizations. Please indicate whether you participate in the organization's activities, or simply hold a membership. Your involvement in the community is one of the criteria the Council uses in its evaluations. The Council does not use affiliation with a particular group as a criterion except to the extent that it might raise questions of conflict of interest or would affect an applicant's ability to impartially apply the law.

Christian Health Associates, Inc. (nonprofit faith-based corporation),
President of Board

Former Board Member: Alaska Natural History Association (also Board
President); Brother Francis Shelter; Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center.

17. Indicate (Yes or No) whether you have ever:

- (a) been arrested, charged with, pled guilty or *nolo contendere* to, or been convicted of the violation of any law or ordinance, or been requested to appear before any prosecuting or investigative agency in connection with any matter in any jurisdiction, including all traffic offenses, unless the fine was less than \$50 and there were no other sanctions?
 Yes No
- (b) failed to answer any summons or other legal process served upon you personally at any time? Yes No
- (c) as a member of any armed forces, been the subject of any charges which may have resulted in disciplinary action or court martial? Yes No

- (d) had any proceedings brought to have you declared a ward of any court or adjudged an incompetent? Yes No

If your answer is "yes" to any part of this question, state the facts in detail. Give the name and place of the court or agency, dates of the beginning and end of any action or proceeding, case numbers, and the judgment or other disposition.

18. (a) Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by federal, state or local authorities? Yes No

In particular, have you been the subject of any proceeding, criminal or civil, initiated against you by the Internal Revenue Service or a State Tax Office? Yes No

If so, give particulars, including case numbers.

- (b) Have you ever been sued by a client? Yes No

If so, give particulars, including case numbers.

- (c) Have you ever been a party in any other legal proceeding? Yes No

If so, give the particulars. Include all legal proceedings in which you were a party in interest, including petitioner or respondent in dissolution or divorce proceedings; a material witness; a named co-conspirator or correspondent; and subject or witness in any grand jury proceedings. Do not list proceedings in which you were sued only in a representative capacity (e.g. guardian ad litem, or as Commissioner of Natural Resources).

Defendant in divorce matter, Stowers v. Stowers, Case No. 3AN-00-5736 CI

Defendant in DeNardo v. Stowers, 3AN-06-11965 CI (Summary judgement granted in my favor based on judicial immunity).

19. State the nature and disposition of any of the following actions which apply to you:

- (a) Are there any unsatisfied judgments against you? Yes No
Have you ever defaulted in the performance of any court-imposed obligation, including payment of alimony or child support or compliance with another court order or decree?

Yes No

In each case, list the name and address of the creditor, the court which rendered the judgment, the case number, the date, the amount of the judgment, and the circumstances on which such claim was based.

Has property owned by you been either judicially or non-judicially foreclosed?

Yes No

Please state the circumstances and outcome of any such unsatisfied or default judgment, or of any foreclosure.

- (b) Have you ever made an assignment for the benefit of creditors? Yes No

Have you ever filed any petition in bankruptcy? Yes No

If so, state the circumstances, case number, and the outcome.

References and Counsel Questionnaires*

- * **Please Note:** Letters of reference from these persons are confidential and will not be given to the applicant. If the reference asks (in writing) that the letter be shared with the governor, the Council will send designated letters and counsel questionnaires for each nominee. The applicant should not request a copy of the letter from the reference. (You **should not** list the Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court.)

References or letters not solicited by the Council are considered public (with few exceptions) and will be sent to the governor for all nominees.

20. (a) List the names, addresses, **including zip codes**, and **phone numbers** of two persons whom the Judicial Council may contact who can discuss your general character and background.

Name: Brian Green, Ph.D - Cornerstone Clinic
Address: 1825 Academy Drive
City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK 99507 Phone: 907-522-7080

Name: Richard Irwin, Senior Pastor
Address: Anchorage City Church, 1301 W. 100th Ave.
City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK Phone: 907-344-2141

- (b) List the names, addresses, **including zip codes**, and **phone numbers** of three other persons whom the Judicial Council may contact who can discuss your professional competence and qualifications for a judicial position.

Name: Justice Morgan Christen
Address: Alaska Supreme Court, 303 K St.
City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 Phone: 907-264-0618

Name: Senior Judge Donald Hopwood
Address: 11556 Tanglewood Lakes Circle
City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK 99516 Phone: 907-348-8348

Name: Presiding Superior Court Judge Sharon Gleason
Address: Nesbett Courthouse, 825 West Fourth Avenue
City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 Phone: 907-264-0675

References and Counsel Questionnaires (continued)

(c) List the names, addresses, including zip codes, and suite numbers where applicable, and phone numbers of each attorney involved in your three most recent cases that have gone to trial. Please do not list cases pending in the trial courts. (Applicants who are currently judges should list the three most recent trials they presided over.) List only those cases that have gone to trial within the past three years. Please include the judge's name and case names and numbers. (*Attach additional pages if necessary.*)

Case Number 1

Case Name: David Schofield **Case Number:** 3AN-06-12330CI
v. City of St. Paul **Judge Name:** Craig Stowers

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Kenneth W. Legacki - 258-2422</u>	Name: <u>Stacy Walker - 272-9255</u>
Address: <u>425 G Street, Suite 920</u>	Address: <u>329 F Street, Suite 200</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>

Name: <u>Greg Henrikson - 272-9255</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>329 F Street, Suite 200</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case Name: Aaron Murfitt, et al., **Case Number:** 3AN-04-08836CI
v. H & J Corporation **Judge Name:** Craig Stowers

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Michael J. Schneider - 277-9306</u>	Name: <u>Phillip J. Eide - 279-0930</u>
Address: <u>880 N Street, Suite 202</u>	Address: <u>425 G Street, Suite 930</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>

Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 3

Case Name: Sharon Kayoukluk, et al., **Case Number:** 3AN-05-07933CI
v. Anchor Arms Motel, et al., **Judge Name:** Craig Stowers

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>James J. Davis, Jr. - 222-4504</u>	Name: <u>W. Sherman Ernouf - 274-3385</u>
Address: <u>1016 W Sixth Avenue, Suite 200</u>	Address: <u>3606 Rhone Circle, Suite 1</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99508</u>

Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

References and Counsel Questionnaires (continued)

(d) List the names, addresses, including zip codes, and suite numbers where applicable, and phone numbers of each attorney involved in your three most recent cases that did not go to trial but in which you did significant work. Please do not list cases pending in the trial courts. (Applicants who are currently judges should list the three most recent cases they presided over that did not go to trial but in which they did significant work.) Please include the judge's name and case names and numbers. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Case Number 1

Case Name: Regency Management, Inc., **Case Number:** 3AN-08-06258CI
v. Alcoholic Beverage Control Bd **Judge Name:** Craig Stowers

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>W. Sherman Ernouf - 274-3385</u>	Name: <u>Anne Carpeneti - 907-465-3428</u>
Address: <u>3606 Rhone Circle, Suite 1</u>	Address: <u>P. O. Box 110300</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99508</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Juneau, AK 99811-0300</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case Name: Cable and McCormick, P.C., et al **Case Number:** 3AN-08-11038CI
v. Diagnostic Health Centers, et al **Judge Name:** Craig Stowers

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Blake Call - 258-8864</u>	Name: <u>Jeffrey Feldman - 272-3538</u>
Address: <u>250 H Street</u>	Address: <u>500 L Street, Suite 400</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>
Name: <u>Barry Kell - 258-8864</u>	Name: <u>Susan Orlansky - 272-3538</u>
Address: <u>250 H Street</u>	Address: <u>500 L Street, Suite 400</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>

Case Number 3

Case Name: Timothy Miller, et al., **Case Number:** 3AN-05-04531CI
v. Anchorage School District **Judge Name:** Craig Stowers

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Ella Anagick - 222-7511</u>	Name: <u>Michael Stephenson-563-8844</u>
Address: <u>525 W 3rd Avenue, Suite 104</u>	Address: <u>3000 A Street, Suite 300</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99503</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Writing Sample

21. Attach one example of a brief, memorandum of law, or legal opinion or similar example of legal writing (10-20 pages in length; 15-25 pages for appellate positions) prepared solely by you within the last five years. Please choose a sample that reflects your ability to do legal research and analysis. If you do not have a good sample of this length, include an excerpt from a longer writing. Make sure the sample contains sufficient facts to make it understandable. (Some reply briefs may not meet these requirements.)

Please do not submit: (a) coauthored writing samples, (b) samples with confidential information unless redacted to remove such information, (c) longer writing samples.

22. Has any **public** sanction been imposed against you in response to a complaint, charge or grievance brought against you as an attorney or a judge? Yes No
- Have formal grievance procedures been brought against you? Yes No
- See Bar Rule 22(b) & (e) concerning public grievance procedures against attorneys, and AS 22.30.011(b) and .060(b)(3) concerning public grievance procedures against judges.
- Have you ever been held in contempt of court? Yes No
- In each case, state in detail the circumstances and the outcome.

Additional Comments (Non-Confidential)

23. Please make any additional comments that you wish to bring to the Council's attention about your experience and suitability for this judgeship.

Please see my responses to questions 3 and 6 from my Alaska Judicial Council 2008 Candidates for Judicial Retention Questionnaire, attached for your convenience. These statements continue to truly represent my beliefs and aspirations as a judge.

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Alaska Judicial Council
Questionnaire

Trial Judge
2008 Candidates for Judicial Retention

November 21, 2008

Craig F. Stowers

Superior Court - Anchorage

Name

Court

1. Please estimate your workload during your present term.

a)	<u>90</u> % civil cases	b)	<u>1-2</u> # of jury trials/year
	<u>3</u> % criminal cases		<u>150</u> # of non-jury trials/year
	<u>5</u> % court administrative work		<u>5-10</u> # of administrative appeals/year
	100 % Total		

2. Please describe your participation on court/bar committees or other administrative activities during your current term of office.

See attached addendum

3. Please assess, in one or two paragraphs, your judicial performance during your present term. Appropriate areas of comment could include: satisfaction with your judicial role, specific contributions to the judiciary or the field of law, increases in legal knowledge and judicial skills, or other measures of judicial abilities that you believe to be important.

I have served as a Superior Court Judge for a little over three years as of the date of completion of this retention questionnaire. I have worked very hard to master both the substantive law and the very large caseload I inherited from my retired predecessor. I believe I have made excellent progress in my learning curve and performance, though with great humility I still consider myself to be a relatively "new" judge, with much yet to learn. I am very happy in every aspect of my work, and I am committed to being the very best judge I can possibly be, and to providing the very best service I can to the public, the attorneys and litigants who come before me, and to the Court System.

Though my assigned area of responsibility is civil, I have obtained some experience in criminal law matters by virtue of my responsibility to cover the Kodiak Superior Court when Judge Bolger is preempted or disqualifies himself from cases. I dedicate 1 week every other month for Kodiak matters, and I also calendar Kodiak matters on my regular calendar whenever the need arises.

I have a deep interest in continuing judicial and legal education, both personally, and institutionally. I have read and studied voraciously regarding my own personal development as a judge, and I serve on the Supreme Court's Judicial Education Committee (and have facilitated and presented several substantive judicial training sessions). I have also conducted training or presentations at several Alaska Bar CLE functions, and for Court System staff.

Two areas of special focus for me have been to actively foster high standards of professionalism and courtesy in the courtroom, and to develop expertise and make myself available for judicial settlement conferences (including CINA cases) in my own cases and for other judges.

4. During your most recent term as a judge, have you:
- a) had a tax lien filed or other collection procedure instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities? Yes No
 - b) been involved in a non-judicial capacity in any legal proceeding whether as a party or otherwise? Yes No
 - c) engaged in the practice of law (other than as a judge)? Yes No
 - d) held office in any political party? Yes No
 - e) held any other local state or federal office? Yes No
 - f) had any complaints, charges or grievances filed against you with the Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct, the Alaska Bar Association, or with the Alaska Court System that resulted in public proceedings or sanctions? Yes No
5. If your answer to any of the questions above is "yes," please give full details, including dates, facts, case numbers and outcomes.

6. Please provide any other information which you believe would assist the Council in conducting its evaluations and in preparing its recommendations for the 2008 retention elections.

I have been extraordinarily privileged to have been given the opportunity to serve as a Superior Court Judge for the State of Alaska. I sought the position because I wanted to use my knowledge and abilities to help people resolve their disputes. After three years on the bench, I am more convinced than ever that being a judge gives me unique opportunities to interact with people in ways that often help them resolve (or have resolved for them) their disputes or problems in fair and beneficial ways. I always look for win-win outcomes if they are possible. I urge litigants and attorneys to pause and evaluate whether their case might be better resolved through mediation or settlement.

6. Continued:

I care deeply about the people who appear before me. I care about the children who are the subject of many of my cases. I want the attorneys who practice before me to feel they serve an honored and vital role in the outcomes of their cases. I urge them to practice high standards of professionalism. I want litigants to know that they are respected and heard. I want to be the best judge I can be. All my life, I have striven to make a positive difference in all that I do. In my position as judge, I have worked harder than ever before to continue to be, and to do, the best that I can. I am committed to continuing my work if I am given the privilege to do so.

Additional Comments (Continued)

24. Please indicate whether you prefer to be interviewed in public session or in private session. Your choice of a public or private interview has no bearing on the Council’s determination of your qualifications or on the questions the Council may ask. You may change your request in writing at any time before the interview starts.

Public Interview

Private Interview

25. Please prepare a brief biographical statement (**limited to 150 words**) about your background, legal education, and legal experience. Please do not list personal information about minor children. Your picture and a copy of this statement will be scanned and posted on the Council’s website after the application deadline. In its Bar survey, the Council will invite attorneys to review the information if they wish to become more familiar with your background and experience. Use the form on the following page for your biographical statement. Please leave the box at the top empty. The Council will use this space for your scanned picture. ***To be fair to all applicants, the Council will strictly enforce the 150 word limit.***

If you object to the posting of your picture on the Council’s website, please indicate your objection below. If you object, we will not post your picture, although you still must submit twelve photographs of yourself with your application.

If you check this box we will not post your picture on the website.

Biographical Statement

Name Craig F Stowers

Position(s) for which you wish to be considered:

Alaska Supreme Court Justice

Date: May 28, 2009

Growing up in Yorktown, Virginia imbued me with a deep respect for American history and the principles upon which our country was founded. In college, I majored in biology, and parlayed my lifelong passion for nature and adventure into a career as a Park Ranger with the National Park Service. In 1977, I transferred to Mount McKinley National Park where I served as District Naturalist and District Ranger.

Later, I studied law at University of California-Davis (Order of the Coif). I clerked for U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Boochever (Juneau) and Alaska Supreme Court Justice Matthews. I was a partner at Atkinson, Conway & Gagnon and Clapp, Peterson & Stowers (trial practice, professional liability defense, health, business, insurance law). I have been a Superior Court Judge since 2004.

I care deeply about people, families, Alaska, and law. I have an abiding love of theology and strive to follow Micah 6:8.