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ALASKA JUDICIAL COUNCIL

# Alaska Judicial Council Application for Judicial Appointment

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

District Court - Fairbanks

Date: April 5, 2013

## I. Public Information (Questions 1-24)

### Personal

1. (a) State full name\* Matthew Casey Christian

Name as it should appear on bar survey: Matthew Christian

\* 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.

2. How long have you been a resident of the State of Alaska immediately preceding the date of this application? \*\*

10 years 10 months  
Total 10 years 10 months

3. How long have you been engaged in the active practice of law immediately preceding the date of this application? \*\*

10 years 10 months  
Total \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

University of Alaska, Fairbanks; September 1994 through December 1995  
University of Minnesota; January 1996 through May 1996  
University of Alaska, Fairbanks; September 1996 through May 1998  
B.A. Criminal Justice; Minor History

\*\* 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.

Thomas M. Cooley Law School; May 1999 through December 2001; Juris Doctor; Cum Laude, awarded January 19, 2002.

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.

Thomas M. Cooley American Inns of Court. This is an honor society consisting of legal educators, experienced lawyers, judges, and honor students. It promotes professional growth and community outreach. Certificate of Merits received in Constitutional and Contract Law. A Certificate of Merit is awarded to the top student in a particular subject matter.

- (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.

In addition to obtaining all mandatory and recommended credits the past five years through the Magistrate Judge Conference, I have attended extensive training on domestic violence through the National Judicial College.

## 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.

I applied to attend the Coast Guard Academy in my senior year of high school; however, I was medically disqualified from consideration during the process due to multiple serious knee injuries.

## 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.

My nonlegal work experiences are valuable as they occurred during my formative years and the experiences relate directly to my ability to communicate with the various community members the court serves. My working career began at age twelve when I was employed by a small business to repair tractors and assist in the shop. From fourteen years old through high school, I worked for a golf course repairing tractors and equipment, installing watering systems, landscaping grounds, and maintaining the grounds. I assisted my grandparents on their farms with general farm field work throughout my youth and teen years. I also performed general property maintenance for elderly neighbors consisting of anything from lawn care to various home maintenance projects ranging from concrete and deck installation to house painting during these same years. In college, I worked for the University Police Department as a Community Service Officer and North Pole Police Department as a dispatcher. I also spent several months working with teenagers battling drug and alcohol addiction issues after completing college while I awaited my wife to complete her degree. There are no unpaid debts, claims, or pending litigation.

## Legal Experience

9. Describe chronologically your legal employment since admission to law school. **Please provide dates and location of employment, name of employer, name AND CURRENT ADDRESS OF supervisor or person who can verify AND COMMENT ON YOUR employment, 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.** IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY A TRIAL COURT JUDGE, PLEASE LIST YOUR PRESIDING JUDGE. FOR PAST JUDGESHIPS, PLEASE LIST THE JUDGE WHO LAST PRESIDED DURING YOUR TIME ON THE BENCH.

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:** State of Alaska, Alaska Court System

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Hon. Sen Tan

Current address of this person: 824 W 4th Avenue

City Anchorage State Alaska Zip 99501

Dates and location of Employment: From October 07 To Current City Kenai State Alaska

Description:

Magistrate Judge. Preside over misdemeanor criminal matters, small claims, traffic, domestic relations, probate, guardianship, and occasional CINA matter.

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

Employer: State of Alaska, Department of Law

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Deputy District Attorney, Scott Mattern

Current address of this person: 510 2nd Avenue; Suite 200

City Fairbanks State Alaska Zip 99701

Dates and Location of Employment: From Feb 05 To Oct 07 City Fairbanks State Alaska

Description: Assistant District Attorney serving in the misdemeanor unit.

Reason for Leaving: Appointed as Magistrate Judge in Kenai.

Employer: Borgeson and Burns, PC

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: John Burns

Current address of this person: 100 Cushman Street, Suite 311

City Fairbanks State Alaska Zip 99701

Dates and Location of Employment: From June 02 To Feb 05 City Fairbanks State Alaska

Description: Associate Attorney. Civil litigation primarily dealing with insurance matters, property law, business law, landlord tenant, contract and tort.

Reason for Leaving: To obtain trial experience.

**Previous Employers (continued)**

Employer: Allegan County Circuit Court  
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Michael J. Day, Court Administrator  
Current address of this person: 113 Chestnut Street  
City Allegan State Michigan Zip 49010  
Dates and Location of Employment: From June 2001 To May 2002 City Allegan State Michigan  
Description: 

Law clerk to the Hon. Harry Beach (ret). Position consisted of reviewing motions, drafting memorandums to the court, bailiff duties.
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Reason for Leaving: I returned to Alaska after completing the one year clerkship.

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

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Reason for Leaving: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Reason for Leaving: \_\_\_\_\_

10. During your legal career, please indicate (approximately) the following:

(a) Percent of your practice that was: Civil 40  
Criminal 60  
Other \_\_\_\_\_  
= 100%

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Percent: State 100  
Federal \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_  
= 100%

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Of practice in state courts, percent: Supreme Court \_\_\_\_\_  
Court of Appeals \_\_\_\_\_  
Superior Court 40  
District Court 60  
= 100%

Comment: Superior Court docket has increased substantially of late.

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

Comment: I am in court daily.

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

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

(f) Percent of these trials which were: Jury 5    Non-Jury 95

Comment: See attached page.

(g) Approximate number of appellate matters handled: 2

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Briefly describe type of matters heard:

(i) Please briefly summarize any *pro bono* work that you have done and indicate whether the work was done through a *pro bono* legal service provider (e.g. Alaska Legal Services, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, etc.).

Question 10(f)

It is difficult to quantify the breakdown between jury and court trials. In the past five years, I have presided over approximately twenty to twenty-five criminal jury trials. However, I also preside over a multitude of bench trials as a routine part of my duties in District and Superior Court.

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.

State of Alaska; June 3, 2002  
 United States Federal District Court; June 28, 2002

**Public Service**

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

Fairbanks Bar Association  
 Kenai Bar Association  
 Alaska Bar Association

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)
Fairbanks District Court	7-22-11	Yes	No



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.

I was appointed by Justice Christen to the Magistrate Judge position in August 2007. I began the position on October 17, 2007, and I am still in office.

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.

I have served on the Pastoral Advisory Counsel as well as the Faith Formation Coordinator Committee for Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church in Kenai. I am actively involved in my daughter's varied activities. In Fairbanks, I was active in the International Right of Way Society, an organization for professionals involved in easement issues. I also served as President of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Alumni Board. I am a member of the UAF and Thomas M. Cooley Alumni Association.

I have also participated in a number of "Law Day" related activities such as conducting a mock trial with Nikiski Elementary Students, speaking at Kenai Peninsula Community College to the Introduction to Justice students, a question and answer session with the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Introduction to Criminal Justice Career Course students, and inviting to court the parents and students of the Skyview High Special Education Class to familiarize the students with the courtroom and the parents with the adult guardianship process. In October, I am scheduled to give a presentation to students at Cook Inlet Academy on the topic of justice and the court system.

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.

In 1999, I was at fault for a car accident in Michigan and received a citation for failing to yield. The record is not available. I paid the citation, but do not recall the amount. In September 2002, case number w526186, I received an \$82.00 citation for shooting at a duck approximately five minutes after legal shooting hours. It was my fault. I forgot to bring a watch and it was a beautiful, clear evening. I also received a speeding citation in 2001; however, the fine amount was under \$50.00.

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).

In 1998, my home in Fairbanks was burglarized. I was called by the District Attorney's Office to testify before the Grand Jury. I attended the sentencing and the defendant paid restitution over the course of the next year or two.

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: Hon. Carl Bauman

Address: 125 Trading Bay Drive, Suite 100

City/State/Zip: Kenai, Alaska, 99611 Phone: (907) 283-3110

Name: Hon. Charles Huguelet

Address: 125 Trading Bay Drive, Suite 100

City/State/Zip: Kenai, Alaska 99611 Phone: (907) 283-3110

- (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: Hon. Patrick Hammers

Address: 101 Lacey Street

City/State/Zip: Fairbanks, Alaska 99701 Phone: (907) 452-9370

Name: Hon. Jane Kauvar

Address: 101 Lacey Street

City/State/Zip: Fairbanks, Alaska 99701 Phone: (907) 452-9370

Name: Hon. Ben Seekins

Address: 101 Lacey Street

City/State/Zip: Fairbanks, Alaska 99701 Phone: (907) 452-9370

## 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:** State of Alaska **Case Number:** 3KN-12-1034 CR  
**v.** David Dirks **Judge Name:** Matthew Christian

#### Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Helen Hickmon</u>	Name: <u>Daniel Poulson</u>
Address: <u>120 Trading Bay Drive, Ste 200</u>	Address: <u>130 Trading Bay Drive Ste 390</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Kenai, Alaska 99611</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Kenai, Alaska 99611</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

### Case Number 2

**Case Name:** State of Alaska **Case Number:** 3KN-11-586 CR  
**v.** Rufus Arroyo II **Judge Name:** Matthew Christian

#### Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Regina Largent</u>	Name: <u>Joy Hobart</u>
Address: <u>35555 Spur Hwy</u>	Address: <u>130 Trading Bay Drive Ste 390</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Kenai, Alaska 99611</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Kenai, Alaska 99611</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

### Case Number 3

**Case Name:** State of Alaska **Case Number:** 3KN-11-878 CR  
**v.** Jessica Callahan **Judge Name:** Matthew Christian

#### Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Amanda Browning</u>	Name: <u>Daniel Poulson</u>
Address: <u>120 Trading Bay Drive Ste 200</u>	Address: <u>130 Trading Bay Drive Ste 390</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Kenai, Alaska 99611</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Kenai, Alaska 99611</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: Larry Beller

Case Number: 3KN-09-1186 CI

v. Trina Beller

Judge Name: Matthew Christian

#### Attorneys Involved:

Name: Shana Theiler

Name: Kevin Koch

Address: 105 Trading Bay Drive, 103

Address: 35477 Kenai Spur Hwy, Ste 204

City, State, Zip: Kenai, Alaska 99611

City, State, Zip: Soldotna, Alaska 99669

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

### Case Number 2

Case Name: In Re Estate of Mysing

Case Number: 3KN-10-158 PR

v. \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Name: Matthew Christian

#### Attorneys Involved:

Name: Dale Dolifka

Name: Blaine Gilman

Address: 44501 Sterling Hwy #202

Address: 130 South Willow St. Ste 5

City, State, Zip: Soldotna, Alaska 99669

City, State, Zip: Kenai, Alaska 99611

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

### Case Number 3

Case Name: Carrie Gaethle

Case Number: 3KN-13-63 CI

v. Christopher Kirchgassner

Judge Name: Matthew Christian

#### Attorneys Involved:

Name: Cassandra Brulotte

Name: Joseph Skrha

Address: PO Box 2463

Address: 230 Main Street Loop, Ste B

City, State, Zip: Kenai, Alaska 99611

City, State, Zip: Kenai, Alaska 99611

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 bar grievance procedures against attorneys, and AS 22.30.011(b) and .060(b)(3) concerning public disciplinary grievance procedures against judges.  
Have you ever been held in contempt of court?  Yes  No  
Have you ever been fined or otherwise sanctioned by a judge?  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.

See Attached Page

### Question 23

The past several years have thoroughly prepared me to become a District Court Judge. I know from practicing before Judge Hammers, Judge Funk, Judge Kauvar, and Judge Burbank that the Fairbanks District Court is a high volume location, and my prior experiences in Fairbanks and Kenai have prepared me to immediately step into and competently handle a high volume load. I am also prepared to assist in the rural communities that Fairbanks serves as I have conducted numerous trials in Nenana, Healy, Tok, and Galena.

As an Assistant District Attorney in Fairbanks, I tried a high number of jury trials, primarily at the misdemeanor level, including driving under the influence trials, domestic violence assault, and numerous other varying offenses. Prior to that experience, I was in civil practice and had the opportunity to work with dedicated and skilled private attorneys in relevant areas of law such as collections, contracts, torts, and landlord tenant matters.

I left the Fairbanks District Attorney's Office when I accepted the position of Standing Master and Magistrate in the Third Judicial District in Kenai, beginning service on October 17, 2007. This position has provided valuable, daily experience in the District and Superior Courts. Unlike some locations where Magistrate Judges are confined to conducting arraignments, traffic trials, and reviewing warrants, in Kenai I have presided over approximately twenty to twenty-five criminal jury trials. I have conducted numerous criminal evidentiary hearings, bail hearings, and petition to revoke probation trials including ASAP and BIP violation allegations. In a civil context, I have presided over a large volume of small claims trials consisting of a multitude of legal issues. Additionally, I have heard numerous contested domestic relations issues, guardianships, probate matters, and the occasional forcible entry and detainer. In the past two years, I have also conducted settlement conferences of several Superior Court matters.

My wife and I are both graduates of the University of Alaska Fairbanks, 1998 and 1999 respectively. I expedited my law school education, graduating with honors in less than three years while working full time, so that we could return to Alaska.

Over the past decade, I have been consistently involved with the District Court in civil and criminal matters as a private practitioner, prosecutor, and judicial officer. I have a solid foundation in the criminal and civil matters heard in the District Court and can immediately fill the void left by the Honorable Jane Kauvar's appointment to the Superior Court.



**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 Matthew Casey Christian

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

Fairbanks District Court

*Please leave this area blank*

Date: March 26, 2013

I am a graduate of the University of Alaska Fairbanks and Thomas M. Cooley Law School. My wife, Heather, is also a graduate of UAF. We have one child, born in Fairbanks in 2005. I am currently a Magistrate and Master in Kenai, and previously served as a prosecutor and private practitioner in Fairbanks. We do love the Kenai Peninsula, but would treasure an opportunity to return to serve the wonderful community of Fairbanks.