

# Alaska Judicial Council

## Application for Judicial Appointment

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

Ketchikan Superior Court

Date: October 20, 2021

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

#### Personal

1. (a) State full name\* Daniel Ethan Doty  
Name as it should appear on bar survey: Daniel Doty  
\* 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 names or pseudonyms? If so, please identify. N/A
2. How long have you been a resident of the State of Alaska immediately preceding the date of this application?\*\*  
8 years 4 months  
Total 14 years 6 months
3. How long have you been engaged in the active practice of law immediately preceding the date of this application?\*\*  
8 years 4 months  
Total 8 years 4 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.

The George Washington University, Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, 2005 - 2009

\*\* 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.

William & Mary Law School, Juris Doctor, 2010-2013

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.

Editor-in-Chief, William & Mary Environmental Law & Policy Review, 2012-2013  
Dean's Certificate for Service to the Law School  
Board Member, Moot Court Team  
Honors in Legal Writing

- (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.

United States Department of Justice, Criminal Discovery Training 2020  
Alaska Department of Law, Annual District Attorneys' Conference 2013-2015, 2017-2020  
Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault, Strangulation Investigation, Response, and Prosecution 2017  
National District Attorney's Association, Trial Advocacy in Sexual Assault Cases 2014  
National District Attorney's Association, Trial Advocacy I, 2014  
National Association of Drug Court Professionals, Annual Conference, 2014

## 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.

## 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:** United States Attorney's Office, Department of Justice

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Kyle Reardon

Current address of this person: 222 West 7th Avenue, Room 229, #4

City Anchorage State AK Zip 99513

Dates and location of Employment: From 2020 To Present City Fairbanks State AK

Job title and description:

Assistant U.S. Attorney. Developed Rural Alaska Anti-Violence Enforcement Network (RAAVEN) program, including referral procedures and criteria and training and outreach programs for rural police and prosecutors. Responsible for all phases of prosecution from investigation to sentencing on federal cases arising in rural Alaska, with an emphasis on domestic violence and child exploitation. Argued one jury trial.

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

Employer: State of Alaska, Department of Law - Fairbanks DAO

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Christopher Storz

Current address of this person: 155 S Seward Street

City Juneau State AK Zip 99801

Dates and Location of Employment: From 2019 To 2020 City Fairbanks State AK

Job title and description: Assistant District Attorney. Responsible for all phases of prosecution from investigation to sentencing on felony cases, with an emphasis on domestic violence. Additional responsibilities included representing District Attorney's Office on Fairbanks Therapeutic Court and Fairbanks Wellness Court.

Reason for Leaving: Accepted position at United States Attorney's Office

Employer: State of Alaska, Department of Law - Dillingham DAO

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Clint Campion

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

City Anchorage State AK Zip 99501

Dates and Location of Employment: From 2017 To 2019 City Dillingham State AK

Job title and description: Assistant District Attorney. Responsible for all phases of prosecution for criminal cases filed in Bristol Bay from investigation to sentencing, with emphasis on domestic violence and sexual assault. Additional duties included post-conviction relief litigation and appeals, as well as representing DAO on multi-disciplinary child abuse team. Argued four juries as sole counsel.

Reason for Leaving: Transferred to Fairbanks District Attorney's Office

**Previous Employers (continued)**

Employer: Municipality of Anchorage, Prosecutor's Office

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Seneca Freitag

Current address of this person: 1031 W 4th Avenue

City Anchorage State AK Zip 99501

Dates and Location of Employment: From 2016 To 2017 City Anchorage State AK

Job title and description: Assistant Municipal Prosecutor. Responsible for all phases of prosecution from investigation to sentencing on domestic violence cases. Argued one jury trial. Briefed one appeal, which resulted in a published opinion.

Reason for Leaving: Asked to re-open Dillingham office for Department of Law

Employer: Delaney Wiles

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Luba Bartnitskaia

Current address of this person: 310 K Street, Suite 520

City Anchorage State AK Zip 99501

Dates and Location of Employment: From 2015 To 2016 City Anchorage State AK

Job title and description: Associate. Represented individual and corporate clients in insurance defense matters and assisted small businesses and other corporate clients with human resource and business administration matters.

Reason for Leaving: Departed to return to career in public service

Employer: State of Alaska, Department of Law - Bethel DAO

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Thomas Aliberti

Current address of this person: \_\_\_\_\_

City Albuquerque State NM Zip 87106

Dates and Location of Employment: From 2013 To 2015 City Bethel State AK

Job title and description: Assistant District Attorney. Responsible for all phases of prosecution from investigation to sentencing on felony and misdemeanor cases. Argued nine jury trials. Litigated post-conviction relief applications and appeals, including one published opinion. Additional responsibilities included representing District Attorney's Office on Bethel Therapeutic Court.

Reason for Leaving: Early in career and wanted to explore private litigation work

Employer: State of Alaska, Department of Law - Fairbanks DAO

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Amy Bollaert

Current address of this person: 101 Lacey Street

City Fairbanks State AK Zip 99701

Dates and Location of Employment: From 2012 To 2012 City Fairbanks State AK

Job title and description: 2L Intern. Covered arraignments and bail hearings. Prepared oppositions to motions to suppress evidence and dismiss indictments. Argued one jury trial.

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Job title and description: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(a) Percent of your practice that was: Civil 20  
Criminal 80  
Other \_\_\_\_\_  
= 100%

Comment: Civil casework includes 1 year at civil firm and work on post-conviction relief cases

(b) Percent: State 75  
Federal 25  
Other \_\_\_\_\_  
= 100%

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

(c) Of practice in state courts, percent: Supreme Court 0  
Court of Appeals 5  
Superior Court 70  
District Court 25  
= 100%

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

(d) Frequency of appearance in court (select one):  
☒ Regularly ☐ Occasionally ☐ Infrequently ☐ Not at All

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

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

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

(f) Percent of these trials which were: Jury 100 Non-Jury \_\_\_\_\_

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

(g) Approximate number of appellate matters handled: 10-15

Comment: Includes Dist. Ct. appeals to Sup. Ct., does not include PCRs (15-20)

(h) Approximate number of arbitrations or administrative hearings (select one):

☒ 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.).

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.

U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska, 2020  
9th Circuit Court of Appeals, 2020

## Public Service

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

Anchorage Bar Association, Young Lawyer's Section, Treasurer (2015-2016)

13. List publications, if any (give title, subject and date of publications). Please include online publications such as blogs or websites, and any publications you have co-authored and the name(s) of the co-author(s).

-“A System Appallingly Out of Balance”: Morgan v. State and the Rights of Defendants and Victims in Sexual Assault Prosecutions, 32 Alaska L. Rev. 249 (2015)  
-Crushing Europe’s Pipeline Dreams: Russia’s Mineral Monopoly, Weakness in the European Energy Market, and Realism for the Future, Note, 37 Wm. & Mary Envtl. L. & Pol’y Rev. 759 (2013)

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)

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.

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 2016 I pled guilty by citation to a traffic ticket issued by the Alaska State Troopers for speeding in the Soldotna area and paid a fine of \$152 with a \$10 surcharge. The case number is 3KN-16-04184MO.

In 2012 I pled guilty by citation to a traffic ticket issued by the National Park Service for speeding in Denali National Park. The U.S. District Court does not keep records of traffic violations so I am unable to provide additional detail.

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).

- (d) Has a court ever found you to have provided ineffective assistance of counsel? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, provide the particulars including petitioner and case number.

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: Judge Christina Reigh  
Address: PO Box 909  
City/State/Zip: Dillingham, AK 99576 Phone: !

Name: James Stinson  
Address: 900 W 5th Avenue, Suite 525  
City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 Phone:

- (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: Christina Sherman  
Address: 222 W 7th Avenue, Room 253, #9  
City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK 99513 Phone:

Name: Clint Campion  
Address: 500 L Street, Suite 500  
City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 Phone:

Name: June Stein  
Address:   
City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK 99507 Phone: - - - - -

## **Additional Non-Confidential Comments**

### **Counsel Questionnaires for Trials & Cases Involving Significant Work**

- This portion of the application requested the three most recent cases that have gone to trial and that have involved significant work, and are now fully closed in both trial and appellate courts. For the prosecution, however, significant trial or litigation work leading to convictions often means that closed cases will not be recent cases, and recent cases will not be closed cases.

I spoke with Ms. DiPietro, who told me the Judicial Council would accept cases with pending appeals if necessary to ensure a full and *recent* accounting of trials and significant work if the circumstances indicate that opposing counsel and the judge would be able to give a full and fair accounting of my performance in those cases. One example she gave was if all briefing is completed and the case is awaiting decision in the appellate court.

- *State of Alaska v. Samuel Nicketa*, 3DI-14-00512CR, was a trial that led to a conviction in 2018, which is currently being appealed. However, if the case is remanded for retrial or resentencing I will not be the assigned attorney because I no longer work for the Department of Law. I believe that Mr. Lesch and Judge Reigh would be able to give an accounting of my performance. Additionally, this case involved significant litigation on a variety of topics, and omitting it would require the Council to reach back over five years for another case that is fully closed in both trial court and the Court of Appeals.<sup>1</sup>
- *State of Alaska v. Nick Nicoli*, 3DI-13-00028CI, is a post-conviction relief case in which I did significant work between 2017 and 2019. It has an appeal pending, No. A-13373. However, according to the Court of Appeals Case Management System briefing is complete and the matter is awaiting conference, with a decision likely to be issued in advance of the Judicial Council's meeting in late January. Furthermore, I will have no further involvement in the case if the trial court's denying the application for post-conviction relief is reversed.

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<sup>1</sup> *Municipality of Anchorage v. Ashley Stallings*, 3AN-16-03897CR, opposing counsel Matthew Michalski before District Court Judge Jo-ann Chung, sentenced October 19, 2016.

## References and Counsel Questionnaires (continued)

(c) List the names, addresses, **including zip codes, and suite numbers where applicable**, of each attorney involved in your three most recent cases that have gone to trial. Please do not list cases with any pending issues in the trial or appellate 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. If you have no cases that have gone to trial within the past three years, you may include cases that went to trial before that date, or may provide up to six cases in response to the next subsection, 20(d). 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:** 3DI-16-00256CR  
**v.** Dane Hodgdon **Judge Name:** Christina Reigh

#### Attorneys Involved:

Name: Lance Wells	Name: _____
Address: 733 W 4th Avenue, Suite 308	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501	City, State, Zip: _____
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

### Case Number 2

**Case Name:** State of Alaska **Case Number:** 3DI-14-00512CR  
**v.** Samuel Nicketa **Judge Name:** Christina Reigh

#### Attorneys Involved:

Name: Christopher Lesch	Name: _____
Address: PO Box 929	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: Dillingham, AK 99576	City, State, Zip: _____
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

### Case Number 3

**Case Name:** State of Alaska **Case Number:** 3DI-16-00235CR  
**v.** Fred Hurley **Judge Name:** Christina Reigh

#### Attorneys Involved:

Name: Christopher Lesch	Name: _____
Address: PO Box 929	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: Dillingham, AK 99576	City, State, Zip: _____
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**, 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 with any pending issues in the trial or appellate 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:** United States

**Case Number:** 4:20-cr-00015-RRB-SAO

**v.** Thomas Akpik

**Judge Name:** Ralph R. Beistline

#### *Attorneys Involved:*

Name: Gary Colbath

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

Address: 425 G Street, Suite 800

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

City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Case Number 2

**Case Name:** State of Alaska

**Case Number:** 4FA-19-00241CR

**v.** Norvin Dewilde

**Judge Name:** Brent Bennett

#### *Attorneys Involved:*

Name: Diana Wildland

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

Address: 529 5th Avenue, Suite 1

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

City, State, Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99701

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Case Number 3

**Case Name:** State of Alaska

**Case Number:** 3DI-13-00028CI

**v.** Nick Nicoli

**Judge Name:** Vanessa White

#### *Attorneys Involved:*

Name: David Seid

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

Address: PO Box 110216

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

City, State, Zip: Juneau, AK 99811

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

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, (d) samples from open cases including cases on appeal.

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.

The range of experience I have accumulated in eight and a half years puts me in a good position to succeed as a Superior Court judge in Ketchikan. I have worked in private practice and at every level of government -- municipal, state, and federal -- and I have served Alaskans in every corner of the state. I have tried 16 cases before juries and briefed multiple appeals, including two that led to published opinions. I also represented the District Attorney's Office in Bethel and Fairbanks on therapeutic and wellness courts, and in both places I significantly expanded participation and enrollment in those courts. I wrote a law review article that led a state senator to propose a bill to protect the rights of sexual assault victims. And I have spent the last two years working to increase the federal government's efforts to address child exploitation, domestic violence, and sexual abuse in rural Alaska.

My experience as a prosecutor will serve me particularly well in this role. I have extensive experience with felonies, trials, and post-conviction relief litigation, which form the bulk of a Superior Court judge's non-probate work. This is valuable in more ways than one. I have litigated a wide range of legal issues during my career, including topics like the due process implications of delays at API and the right of post-conviction relief applicants to DNA testing. I have also encountered and solved many of the administrative and logistical problems that come up trying to do trials and hearings in places without roads. And perhaps most importantly, I am well-prepared to manage a significant caseload: in Dillingham, for example, I was responsible for over 70 active felony cases and over 200 active misdemeanor cases, and I was able to keep up with discovery and pretrial litigation deadlines in all of these cases.

## Additional Comments (Continued)

Superior Court judges are responsible for civil matters as well, and while civil litigation has been a relatively small part of my career I have been able to develop a base of knowledge for working on those cases. My primary responsibilities as an associate in an insurance defense firm include researching and writing pre-litigation liability analyses, sending and responding to discovery requests and handling corresponding litigation, and writing motions for dismissal or summary judgment. The cases I assisted with included matters as varied as medical malpractice, motor vehicle accidents, personal injury, securities fraud, equal employment opportunity, sexual harassment, professional negligence, construction, municipal liability, sovereign immunity, and negligent hiring.

Finally, my experience in rural Alaska will serve me well in Ketchikan. The region covered by the Ketchikan Superior Court includes many small towns, and it is home to a robust and diverse community that includes Alaska's only reservation and numerous Native communities. For most of my career I have lived or worked primarily in remote areas with substantial Indigenous populations. I am dedicated to ensuring that these communities are seen and heard by the criminal justice system, and my experience leaves me well suited to do this successfully.

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 (select one).

☐ 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 a photograph of yourself with your application.

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



# Biographical Statement

Name Daniel Doty

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

Ketchikan Superior Court

*Please leave this area blank*

Date: October 20, 2021

I first moved to Alaska when I was four, and I have been fortunate to spend half my life here (on and off). I have lived and worked in Bethel, Dillingham, Anchorage, and now North Pole, where I live with my wife and two daughters. I work as an Assistant United States Attorney in Fairbanks, where I focus on cases in Western and Arctic Alaska as well as Interior villages.

I have devoted my career to rural Alaska because I believe all Alaskans deserve a justice system that serves them where they are and as they are. I am committed to ensuring that all Alaskans feel that the Alaska Court System sees them, hears them, and works every day to bring them the just results they have a right to expect. I hope to have the honor of serving Alaskans in Ketchikan and surrounding communities like Wrangell, Petersburg, and Metlakatla.