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ALASKA JUDICIAL COUNCIL

## Alaska Judicial Council Application for Judicial Appointment

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

Anchorage District CourtDate: May 18, 2012

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

#### Personal

1. (a) State full name\* Jennifer Stuart Henderson  
 Name as it should appear on bar survey: Jennifer Stuart Henderson  
 \* 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.  
Jennifer Erin Stuart
2. How long have you been a resident of the State of Alaska immediately preceding the date of this application? \*\*
- |       |                |                 |
|-------|----------------|-----------------|
|       | <u>8</u> years | <u>9</u> months |
| Total | <u>8</u> years | <u>9</u> months |
3. How long have you been engaged in the active practice of law immediately preceding the date of this application? \*\*
- |       |                |                 |
|-------|----------------|-----------------|
|       | <u>8</u> years | <u>8</u> months |
| Total | <u>8</u> years | <u>8</u> 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.  
 Claremont McKenna College - B.A. in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics  
 Dates of attendance - August 1994 - May 1998  
 Honors: Graduated summa cum laude; Phi Beta Kappa; McKenna Achievement Award; 1998 Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Student-Athlete of the Year

\*\* 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.

Yale Law School  
September 1998 - May 2001; J.D.

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.

I served as Director of the Temporary Restraining Order Project, President of the Public Interest Initiative, Vice President of Student Funded Fellowships, editor of the Yale Journal of Law and Feminism, a member of Yale Law Women, and a Student Class Representative.

- (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. I have completed multiple CLE courses related to ethics, assessing and handling potential and actual conflicts of interest, the scope and preservation of attorney-client privilege, trial practice, the impact of expanding social media on legal practice, and various substantive areas of tort law. Additionally, prior to my transition to civil practice, while working at the Anchorage D.A.'s Office, I attended the D.A.'s Conference every year for continuing legal education related to ethics, substantive areas of criminal law, and trial practice.

## 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: N/A.  
(b) Branch of service: N/A.  
(c) Rank at time of discharge: N/A.  
(d) Type of military discharge: N/A.  
(e) Awards or citations:  
N/A.

- (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.

N/A.

## 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 working experience occurred prior to law school and involved volunteer work for the Domestic Violence Unit of the San Diego City Attorney's Office, as well as for a Children's Hospital in La Mesa, California. I also worked in a variety of retail and other sales-related positions during that time period, prior to attending law school.

## 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:** Farley & Graves, P.C.

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Laura L. Farley and Cheryl L. Graves

Current address of this person: 807 G Street, Ste. 250

City Anchorage State AK Zip 99501

Dates and location of Employment: From March 2007 To present City Anchorage State AK

**Description:**

Handling and defending a variety of civil cases, including personal injury, wrongful death, maritime, employment, malpractice, and administrative claims.

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

Employer: Anchorage District Attorney's Office

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Adrienne Bachman; Sharon Marshall

Current address of this person: Anchorage DA's Office; 310 K Street, Ste. 520

City Anchorage State AK Zip 99501

Dates and Location of Employment: From Oct. 2003 To Mar. 2007 City Anchorage State AK

Description: Prepared, researched, negotiated, and tried cases in the misdemeanor, drug, and violent crimes units. Supervised misdemeanor unit.

Reason for Leaving: Interest in diversifying my legal experience.

Employer: The Honorable Kim McLane Wardlaw, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: The Honorable Kim McLane Wardlaw

Current address of this person: 125 S. Grand Avenue

City Pasadena State CA Zip 91105

Dates and Location of Employment: From Aug. 2002 To Aug. 2003 City Pasadena State CA

Description: Researched and wrote memoranda for cases involving wide array of federal issues. Drafted dispositions. Assisted with oral argument.

Reason for Leaving: This was a one-year clerkship position.

**Previous Employers (continued)**

Employer: Justice Warren Matthews, Supreme Court for the State of Alaska  
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Justice Warren Matthews  
Current address of this person: 8916 Gloralee Street  
City Anchorage State AK Zip 99502  
Dates and Location of Employment: From Sept. 2001 To Aug. 2002 City Anchorage State AK  
Description: Researched and wrote bench memoranda for cases involving a variety of state civil law questions.  
Reason for Leaving: This was a one-year clerkship position.

Employer: Heller, Ehrman, White, & McAuliffe  
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: This firm has disbanded.  
Current address of this person: Former address of Seattle office - 701 Fifth Ave.  
City Seattle State WA Zip 98104  
Dates and Location of Employment: From June 2000 To Aug. 2000 City Seattle State WA  
Description: Researched and prepared memoranda on issues of property law, intellectual property, contracts, environmental law, and family law.  
Reason for Leaving: This was a summer position prior to my third year of law school.

Employer: Children's Law Center of Massachusetts  
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Jay McManus; Barbara Kaban  
Current address of this person: 298 Union Street; or P.O. Box 710  
City Lynn State MA Zip 01903  
Dates and Location of Employment: From June 1999 To Aug. 1999 City Lynn State MA  
Description: Conducted research and assisted with investigation and intake as related to juvenile civil, criminal, and administrative matters.  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Description \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Description \_\_\_\_\_  
Reason for Leaving: \_\_\_\_\_

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During my time with the Anchorage D.A.'s Office, I was supervised by current deputy D.A. Sharon Marshall in the Violent Crimes Unit, and Philip Moberly in the Narcotics Unit. The Supervising Anchorage District Attorney during that time was Bob Linton. I also worked with current Anchorage District Attorney Adrienne Bachman, and she can verify my employment. Adrienne Bachman and Sharon Marshall can be reached at the address provided in answer to Question No. 9 on the application form. Bob Linton is currently serving as a pro tem judge, and can be reached through the Anchorage Court System. Philip Moberly can be reached at 12800 Wellsford Circle; Anchorage, AK 99516; or at (907) 360-8256; or at [farmo@gci.net](mailto:farmo@gci.net).

Given that the Council will be contacting my former and current employers and supervisors for information about my professional competence, I am listing other individuals as references in answer to Question No. 20.

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

(a)	Percent of your practice that was:	Civil	<u>50%</u>
		Criminal	<u>40%</u>
		Other	<u>10%</u>
			= 100%

Comment: The "other" practice involves administrative cases/appeals.

(b)	Percent:	State	<u>95%</u>
		Federal	<u>5%</u>
		Other	<u>0%</u>
			= 100%

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

(c)	Of practice in state courts, percent:	Supreme Court	<u>5%</u>
		Court of Appeals	<u>5%</u>
		Superior Court	<u>60%</u>
		District Court	<u>30%</u>
			= 100%

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

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

Comment: I have appeared regularly in court and administrative hearings.

(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 80%      Non-Jury 20%

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

(g) Approximate number of appellate matters handled: 10

Comment: These involve both state and federal court appeals.

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

Briefly describe type of matters heard:  
Administrative hearings/appeals involving IDEA and HRC claims.

(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.).  
I worked for several years in the public sector as an Assistant District Attorney. More recently, while not providing formal *pro bono* legal services, I am involved in the development and operation of, and am coaching for, Southcentral Alaska's first chapter of the national nonprofit organization Girls on the Run. Please see Response to Question No. 16 for further information.

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 - 2004; State of California - 2002; Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals - 2002; United States District Court for the District of Alaska - 2010

**Public Service**

12. List bar associations, and sections and committees of which you are or have been a member or officer.  
 Alaska Bar Association  
 Alaska Bar Examiners' Committee  
 California 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).  
 N/A.

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)
Anchorage Superior Court	9/14/11	N	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.

I am currently involved in the development and operation of the nonprofit organization, Girls on the Run Serving Southcentral Alaska, and am coaching for that organization as well. Girls on the Run is a mentoring program that uses running as a vehicle to build strength and self-confidence in elementary school girls. As Co-Founder of this local chapter of Girls on the Run, I am involved in all aspects of bringing the program to our community. As a coach, I work with small groups of third- through fifth-grade girls, using a curriculum that focuses upon helping the girls to learn about and appreciate themselves, to build healthy relationships with peers, and to participate productively in their community.

I am also a member of the Alaska Bar Examiners' Committee, and in that capacity, draft questions for the Alaska Bar Examination twice a year.

Additionally, I serve as a Mentor for the Alaska Bar Association, mentoring newly admitted attorneys.

Finally, I am a member of U.S.A. Track & Field Alaska, U.S.A. Triathlon, the Anchorage Running Club, and U.S.A. Masters' Swimming.

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.

I was involved in a minor car accident on December 6, 2009, during which I accidentally slid on ice into the back of another vehicle. I was issued a ticket on that date, with a fine of \$60 and a \$10 surcharge, and I paid the ticket without appearing in court.

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.

N/A.

- (b) Have you ever been sued by a client?  Yes  No  
If so, give particulars, including case numbers.

N/A.

- (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).

N/A.

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.

N/A.

- (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.

N/A.

## 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: Representative Lindsey Holmes

Address: 716 W. 4th Ave.

City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 Phone: (907) 269-0130

Name: James E. Torgerson

Address: Stoel Rives LLP; 510 L Street, Ste. 500

City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 Phone: (907) 277-1900

- (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: The Honorable J. Patrick Hanley

Address: 825 W. 4th Avenue

City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 Phone: (907) 264-0643

Name: Solicitor General for Criminal Affairs Douglas Kossler

Address: Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals; 310 K St., Ste. 308

City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 Phone: (907) 269-6250

Name: Assistant Attorney General Benjamin Hofmeister

Address: Alaska Dept. of Law - Civil Div.; 1031 W.4th Ave., Ste. 200

City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 Phone: (907) 269-5100

## 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:** Timothy Marsh **Case Number:** 3AN-08-12763 CI  
**v.** Hazel Lorraine Joint Venture **Judge Name:** Judge Stephanie Joannides

#### Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Co-counsel Laura L. Farley</u>	Name: <u>Marc June</u>
Address: <u>807 G Street, Ste. 250</u>	Address: <u>807 G Street, Ste. 150</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>
Name: <u>Charles W. Ray</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>205 E. Dimond Blvd., No. 531</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99515</u>	City, State, Zip: _____

### Case Number 2

**Case Name:** Ira Otez **Case Number:** 4FA-11-175 SC  
**v.** Mark Haroldson **Judge Name:** Magistrate Nikole V. Schick

#### Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Plaintiff was pro se.</u>	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

### Case Number 3

**Case Name:** Caroline Zola **Case Number:** 3PA-10-603 SC  
**v.** Daniel Locke **Judge Name:** Judge David L. Zwink

#### Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Wayne Watson</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>310 K Street, Ste. 306</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: _____
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

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I have listed my three most recent trials, as requested; however, I have also represented clients in a number of administrative hearings and related proceedings in the last year.

## 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:** Paul Rasmussen

**Case Number:** 3AN-10-7462 CI

**v.** Kent Bearden and Linda Bearden

**Judge Name:** Judge Patrick J. McKay

#### *Attorneys Involved:*

Name: Samuel J. Fortier

Name: Ryan Roley

Address: 101 W. Benson Blvd., Ste. 304

Address: 8409 Mentra Street

City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99503

City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99518

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Case Number 2

**Case Name:** Shannon Hodge

**Case Number:** 4FA-10-2022 CI

**v.** Micah Whitaker and Samule Tutton

**Judge Name:** Judge Robert E. Downes

#### *Attorneys Involved:*

Name: J. Mitchell Joyner

Name: Stacy L. Walker

Address: 810 W. 2nd Ave.

Address: 329 F Street, Ste. 200

City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

Name: Daniel T. Quinn

Name: Theodore D. Hoppner

Address: 360 K Street, Ste. 200

Address: P.O. Box 70767

City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

City, State, Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99707

### Case Number 3

**Case Name:** Diana Albrecht

**Case Number:** 3AN-10-7430 CI

**v.** Alaska Trustee, LLC

**Judge Name:** Judge Andrew Guidi

#### *Attorneys Involved:*

Name: James Davis, Jr.

Name: Goriune Dudukgian

Address: 1016 W. 6th Ave., Ste. 200

Address: 1016 W. 6th Ave., Ste. 200

City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

Name: Ryan Fortson

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

Address: 1016 W. 6th Ave., Ste. 200

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

City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

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.

I have not previously been sanctioned; however, I represented a client during the past year who was sanctioned \$200.00 in relation to responses to requests for admission that were set forth in good faith, but deemed insufficient by the assigned judge.

## 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.

My combination of civil and criminal legal experience, and my commitment to helping the public to meaningfully and productively access and navigate the legal system, uniquely qualify me to serve as a district court judge. During my years at the Anchorage District Attorney's Office, I appeared regularly in court and handled a large volume of cases, first in the misdemeanor unit, and subsequently in the felony drug and felony violent crimes units. I prepared, negotiated, and tried numerous cases, and in doing so, established good working relationships with both my fellow A.D.A.'s and my opposing counsel. I also enjoyed working regularly with the public, both in communicating with witnesses and victims of crime, and in addressing citizens serving as jurors and grand jurors. Finally, I served as supervisor of the Anchorage D.A.'s Office misdemeanor unit for several months, and therein gained experience mentoring, organizing, and leading a group of young attorneys and staff.



### **Additional Comments (Continued)**

During my years of civil practice, I have handled a variety of cases involving many different legal issues. Those issues have run the gamut from personal injury claims to complex maritime matters to questions of copyright and foreclosure law. I am a strong researcher, writer, and litigator, and have a good working knowledge of many aspects of civil law. Civil practice has allowed me to work regularly with clients, witnesses, opposing counsel, and judges throughout the State of Alaska. My experience in private practice has included both trial and appellate work, in addition to handling of administrative hearings and appeals.

Beyond my experience in both the civil and criminal arenas, I bring to the position of district court judge a deep respect for the law, a true enjoyment of legal practice, an even, but firm temperament, and a long-held commitment to public service.

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 Jennifer Stuart Henderson

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

Anchorage District Court

*Please leave this area blank*

Date: May 18, 2012

After growing up in California, I attended Claremont McKenna College, and then Yale Law School, where I combined my legal studies with a deep commitment to public service. Since the outset of my legal career, I have focused upon helping people to better understand the law and to effectively navigate the legal system.

After graduating law school, I moved to Alaska to clerk for Justice Warren Matthews. After leaving for one year to clerk for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, I returned and have since married my husband and continued to enjoy practicing law in Alaska. I have been fortunate in having opportunities both to serve the people of this state through work in the public sector, and to provide guidance and assistance to my clients in civil practice at Farley & Graves, P.C.