

Alaska Judicial Council Application for Judicial Appointment

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

Ketchikan Superior Court

Date: December 22, 2021

I. Public Information (Questions 1-24)

Personal

1. (a) State full name* Katherine Hill Lybrand
 Name as it should appear on bar survey: Katherine H. Lybrand
 * 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. Katie Lybrand
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>4</u> months
Total	<u>18</u> years	<u>4</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>0</u> months
Total	<u>8</u> years	<u>0</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.

University of Maine - Orono, Maine
 Dates attended: August 2006-December 2006.
 Degree conferred: No degree - transferred credits.

Smith College - Northampton, Massachusetts
 Dates attended: January 2007-May 2010.
 Degree conferred: B.A.
 Honors received: Almost every semester, I was on the Dean's List and named as a First Group Scholar (awarded to students who are, generally, in the top 10% of the Dean's List for that particular semester). I was a member of Pi Sigma Alpha (National Political Science Honor Society). That admission required an average grade of B or higher in political science courses and an overall GPA in the top third of my class. I was member of the Smith College Judicial Board, a 17 member board tasked with evaluating complaints of non-academic student misconduct.

** 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.

University of Maine School of Law; Portland, Maine
Dates attended: August 2010-May 2013.
Degree conferred: 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 was on the Dean's List all semesters and graduated magna cum laude. I was selected for the Maine Law Review during my 2L year and served as the Production Editor during my 3L year. I also received the highest grade on several final exams in various semesters (at least four courses that I can recall).

- (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.

2021: Annual Alaska Bar Convention; ANDVSA Back to Basics; Ethics Tonight; Deposition Training through the Attorney General's Office; Mock Trial Coaching.
2020: Annual Free Ethics CLE; Jury Trials During the Coronavirus Epidemic; Qualified Expert Witness Presentation; Deposition Trainings through PLI.; Executive Branch Ethics Act training.
2019: CINA appellate update; Trial Prep for CINA AAGs; Secondary Trauma in Child Protection; ALPS Hotline (Ethics); CINA Court Improvement Project training.
2018: Law of the Jungle: Keeping the Beasts at Bay; Sexual Harassment in the Workplace
2017: Annual Alaska Bar Convention; Alaska State/Tribal Court Improvement Program Conference; Implicit Bias and Representing State Agencies through NAGTRI

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.

I started working at age 15 and have worked consistently since then. Throughout high school and college, I held a variety of jobs from bagging groceries at my local grocery store, washing dishes and making sandwiches at a local deli, working at the flagship store of Maine institution L.L. Bean, and managing a summer camp office, to name a few. During the school year in college, I worked as a library assistant and as a college tour guide through work study positions. During the school year in law school, I worked in the law library on the work study program. Since I graduated law school, however, my work experience has been entirely in the legal field.

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 Department of Law - Office of the Attorney General

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Patti Shake

Current address of this person: 1031 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 200

City Anchorage State AK Zip 99501

Dates and location of Employment: From May 2020 To January 2022 City Juneau State AK

Job title and description:

Assistant Attorney General, Torts and Workers' Compensation Section. I represent State agencies, departments, and employees in all phases of tort litigation.

*Note: I am leaving this position to start work in the Juneau District Attorney's Office in January 2022. Please see attached sheet.

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

Employer: State of Alaska Department of Law - Office of the Attorney General

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Carla Erickson

Current address of this person: 1031 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 200

City Anchorage State AK Zip 99501

Dates and Location of Employment: From September 2014 To May 2020 City Juneau State AK

Job title and description: Assistant Attorney General, Child Protection Section. I represented the Office of Children's Services and its 5 Southeast offices in all phases of child welfare actions. This representation spanned pre-matter advice through multi-day contested trials.

Reason for Leaving: Accepted position within the Torts and Workers' Compensation Section.

Employer: Alaska Court System

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Hon. William B. Carey

Current address of this person: 415 Main Street, Suite 400

City Ketchikan State AK Zip 99901

Dates and Location of Employment: From September 2013 To September 2014 City Ketchikan State Alaska

Job title and description: Law clerk: provided assistance to Superior Court Judge William B. Carey. Researched legal issues and prepared memoranda; drafted proposed orders; drafted proposed jury instructions.

Reason for Leaving: Clerkship ended after 1 year and I accepted a position with the Department of Law.

Previous Employers (continued)

Employer: Ketchikan Gateway Borough - Borough Attorney's Office
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Scott Brandt-Erichsen
Current address of this person: 540 Water Street, Suite 302, Ketchikan, AK 99901.
City Ketchikan State AK Zip 99901
Dates and Location of Employment: From May 2012 To August 2012 City Ketchikan State AK
Job title and description:

Legal intern: provided assistance to Borough Attorney Scott Brandt-Erichsen; researched various issues and prepared memoranda. During this internship, I also spent several weeks with the Ketchikan District Attorney's Office performing similar work and observing court proceedings.
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Reason for Leaving: Summer internship ended and I returned to law school.

Employer: Maine Office of the Attorney General
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Nora Sosnoff, Child Protective Division Chief
Current address of this person: 6 State House Station
City Augusta State ME Zip 04333
Dates and Location of Employment: From May 2011 To August 2011 City August State ME
Job title and description:

Legal intern. I worked in the Child Protective Division and Natural Resources Division. I researched issues and prepared memoranda, reviewed briefs and their citations, and accompanied AAGs to court and administrative hearings.

Reason for Leaving: Summer internship ended and I returned to law school.

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:

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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 _____
Dates and Location of Employment: From _____ To _____ City _____ State _____
Job title and 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 _____
Dates and Location of Employment: From _____ To _____ City _____ State _____
Job title and 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 100
Criminal 0
Other 0
= 100%

Comment: Note: I am transitioning to the Juneau District Attorney's Office in January 2022.

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

Comment: I was assigned several Torts cases filed in federal court, but the cases were administratively closed.

(c) Of practice in state courts, percent: Supreme Court 2
Court of Appeals 0
Superior Court 98
District Court 0
= 100%

Comment: I have prepared briefs in several appellate matters but have not completed an oral argument.

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

Comment: As a Torts AAG I appear in court infrequently but prior to this position it was a rare day I did not appear in court at least once. As an ADA I expect to appear regularly.

(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 0 Non-Jury 100

Comment: Note: I am transitioning to the Juneau District Attorney's Office in January 2022.

(g) Approximate number of appellate matters handled: 5

Comment: Several of these matters were petitions for review submitted through open cases.

(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 have participated in numerous mediations during my CINA practice and several as a Torts AAG.

(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.).

Due to my CINA work, I was limited in my ability to perform pro bono work without encountering a conflict. During 2021, I attended a multi-day training with the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault in preparation for undertaking pro bono work, but have not yet taken a case. In 2021, I volunteered as a mock trial coach for Department of Law interns.

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.

United States District Court for the District of Alaska.

Public Service

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

Alaska Bar Association: general member. I recently joined the Law Review Education committee. I am a member of the torts/personal injury section and was previously a member of the new lawyers section.

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).

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)

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 not a member of any particular organizations.

During my school years, I volunteered at a therapeutic horseback riding program, in my local library, and as a leader of a backpacking trip for incoming first year students.

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

- (a) been arrested, charged with, pled guilty or *nolo contendere* to, or been convicted of the violation of any law or ordinance, or been requested to appear before any prosecuting or investigative agency in connection with any matter in any jurisdiction, including all traffic offenses, unless the fine was less than \$50 and there were no other sanctions?

Yes No

- (b) failed to answer any summons or other legal process served upon you personally at any time? Yes No

- (c) as a member of any armed forces, been the subject of any charges which may have resulted in disciplinary action or court martial? Yes No

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

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

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

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

If so, give particulars, including case numbers.

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

If so, give particulars, including case numbers.

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

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

(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: Kathleen Branch _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: Sitka, AK 99835 _____ Phone: _____

Name: Heather Reynolds _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: Juneau, AK 99801 _____ 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: Hon. M. Jude Pate _____

Address: 304 Lake St #203 _____

City/State/Zip: Sitka, AK 99835 _____ Phone: _____

Name: Hanna Sebold _____

Address: PO Box 110300 _____

City/State/Zip: Juneau, AK 99811 _____ Phone: _____

Name: Christopher Orman _____

Address: PO Box 110300 _____

City/State/Zip: Juneau, AK 99811 _____ Phone: _____

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: ITMO: SE & SE **Case Number:** 1WR-19-00001CN & 1WR-19-00002CN
v. **Judge Name:** William B. Carey

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Michael Hesier	Name: Margie McWilliams
Address: 300 Mill Street, Suite 20	Address: PO Box 110225
City, State, Zip: Ketchikan, AK 99901	City, State, Zip: Juneau, AK 99801-0225
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case Name: ITMO: TG **Case Number:** 1JU-19-00006CN
v. **Judge Name:** Amy G. Mead

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Marianna Carpeneti	Name: David Seid
Address: PO Box 2173	Address: PO Box 110216
City, State, Zip: Homer, AK 99603	City, State, Zip: Juneau, AK 99801
Name: Deborah Macaulay* Please see attached sheet.	Name: _____
Address: PO Box 110227	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: Juneau, AK 99811-0227	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 3

Case Name: ITMO: DSL **Case Number:** 1KE-18-00006CN
v. **Judge Name:** Trevor N. Stephens

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Julie Willoughby	Name: Marianna Carpeneti
Address: _____	Address: PO Box 2173
City, State, Zip: Juneau, AK 99801	City, State, Zip: Homer, AK 99603
Name: Katrina Larsen	Name: _____
Address: PO Box 6715	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: Ketchikan, AK 99901	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: Thomas Warciski **Case Number:** 1KE-19-00008CI
v. State of Alaska & Royal Hyway Tours, Inc. **Judge Name:** Trevor N. Stephens

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Jeffrey Barber</u>	Name: <u>H. Clay Keene</u>
Address: <u>540 5th Ave</u>	Address: <u>540 Water Street Suite 302</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Ketchikan, AK 99901</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case Name: ITMO: ZH; XH **Case Number:** 1SI-18-00017 & 1SI-18-00018CN
v. _____ **Judge Name:** M. Jude Pate

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Robert Curran</u>	Name: <u>Robin Schmid</u>
Address: <u>PO Box 110216</u>	Address: <u>1304 Sawmill Creek Rd #34</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Juneau, AK 99801</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Sitka, AK 99835</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 3

Case Name: ITMO: WJ **Case Number:** 1KE-17-00022CN
v. _____ **Judge Name:** Amanda Schulz (as Standing Master)

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Jay Hochberg</u>	Name: <u>Eve Soutiere</u>
Address: <u>5901 Gannet Ave</u>	Address: <u>110 Seward Street, Suite 3</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Ewa Beach, HI 96706</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Juneau, AK 99801</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Writing Sample

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

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

A judge in the Ketchikan Superior Court handles a varied caseload not only of matters pending in Ketchikan, but also from other court locations and communities served by the Ketchikan trial court. From my observations, this requires a judge to not only be able to manage a demanding workload, but also prioritize tasks to ensure timely decisions. In this demanding role, the judge also needs to demonstrate a commitment to serving the community, show an ability to work well with court staff and communicate effectively and calmly with the parties who appear in front of him - whether pro se or represented by counsel. Finally, the judge will very likely be presented with unique or unfamiliar situations that require the judge to research and evaluate an area of law that is less familiar to him.

My background shows that I have faced--and successfully navigated--these demands.

I have demonstrated the ability to collaborate with other parties but also work independently and manage a heavy caseload. For example, as one of two child-in-need-of-aid AAGs for all of Southeast, I consistently managed between 75-100 cases in various stages which were scattered across multiple cities and involved between 8-10 judicial officers. This required me to excel at managing a challenging calendar, balancing priorities, communicating to multiple audiences, and splitting my time between competing needs. While managing open cases, I also provided pre-matter advice to the Office of Children's Services ("OCS") on an almost daily basis. During staff vacancies, I handled all of the CINA cases in Southeast, including for a period of about six months where I was the sole attorney responsible for around 200 cases spread across 5 OCS offices, 5 courts, and multiple judicial officers. Because of my organization and case management skills, there was no reduction in the level of service I provided to my client or to the court.

Additional Comments (Continued)

I have a strong understanding of civil litigation practices through my torts work and through my CINA work, I am not only skilled in child welfare law, but am familiar with related fields such as family law and probate. As a trial attorney, I have experience with courtroom management and evidentiary rules. I will soon add criminal law to this portfolio when I start with the Juneau District Attorney's Office in January 2022. Although I have a strong knowledge base in many areas of law, I am also not afraid to tackle new problems. When faced with a new legal question, I am able to quickly research the area and form an understanding of the issues at play. For example, in one of my torts cases, I and another attorney dove into the history of Alaska's allocation of fault statute and prepared a persuasive petition for review that was ultimately accepted by the Alaska Supreme Court for review. (This case is still pending and was not included in my answers to question 20 regarding recent cases.)

Since my return to Alaska, I have developed positive working relationships with community tribal partners, guardians ad litem, service providers, court staff, and fellow attorneys. While many of these interactions were calm and routine, I have also been faced with high-conflict situations, most often when facilitating a meeting between OCS and the parties or, occasionally, when discussing case status with opposing counsel. In these situations, I am able to remain calm and even-keeled, with an eye towards reaching a resolution or, if that is not possible, effectively communicating my client's position. I am able to work well with a variety of people and communicate effectively to various audiences.

Finally, I have a demonstrated commitment both to public service and Southeast Alaska. I have spent extensive time in the Ketchikan community and court, both as a law clerk and later as a CINA AAG. When I represented OCS and took over the Ketchikan caseload, I continued the tradition set by my predecessors and traveled to Ketchikan at least once per month for its "CINA Monday" where the court hears all CINA cases. I agreed with my predecessors that access to justice in Ketchikan was best served by having a state representative in child welfare cases appear in person whenever possible. In addition to managing the dozens of cases that could be set for that day, I also made time to connect with my client and community members. I am invested in the Ketchikan community, understand the unique caseload assigned to a Ketchikan superior court judge and am confident I could rise to the challenges posed by this varied work.

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 Katherine H. Lybrand

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

Ketchikan Superior Court

Please leave this area blank

Date: December 22, 2021

I was born in Ketchikan and lived there through elementary school. I spent the next several decades primarily in Maine, returning to Ketchikan almost every summer to visit family. After I graduated from the University of Maine School of Law, I returned to Ketchikan and clerked for Superior Court Judge William B. Carey. Once my clerkship ended, I made the small hop to Juneau, where I first worked in the Child Protection Section of the Attorney General's Office, representing the State across Southeast communities. After almost 6 years in that role, I shifted to the Torts Section, representing the State in civil litigation. As of mid-January 2022, I will be an assistant district attorney in Juneau. I have a deep connection to Ketchikan and would be honored to serve my home community as a superior court judge.

When I am not working, I enjoy reading and playing with my dogs.

KATHERINE H. LYBRAND JUDICIAL SELECTION APPLICATION

CONTINUATION SHEET

Question 9 – Legal Experience:

As of January 18, 2022, I will be working in the Juneau District Attorney's Office as an Assistant District Attorney prosecuting misdemeanors and felonies in Juneau and several smaller communities.

My supervisor will be:
Angela D. Kemp
Juneau District Attorney
P.O. Box 110300
Juneau, AK 99811-0300
(907) 465-3620

Question 20(c) – Recent cases that went to trial:

Of note, ITMO: TG (1JU-19-00006CN) proceeded to trial with respect to the mother's parental rights. The case was resolved pre-trial and through a mediation with respect to the father's parental rights. Ms. Carpeneti represented the father through the mediation; Ms. Macaulay represented the father after that point. I am including both in case the Council would like to contact both attorneys.