

ALASKA JUDICIAL COUNCIL  
APPLICATION FOR JUDICIAL APPOINTMENT

Superior - Anchorage Court(s)  
for which you wish  
to be considered.

Date 2 July 1984

Office Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone \_\_\_\_\_

I. PUBLIC INFORMATION (Qs 1-23)

A. PERSONAL

1. (a) State full name.\* PETER ANTHONY MICHALSKI  
(b) Have you ever used or been known by any other name? If so, please identify. NO  
(c) Age in years as of last preceding birthday. 38
  
2. (a) Home address. \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) Mailing address. \_\_\_\_\_  
(c) Current business address. \_\_\_\_\_  
(d) Social Security Number (Optional). \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. Date and place of birth. ST PAUL, MINNESOTA  
APRIL 14, 1946

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6. For how long have you been a resident of the State of Alaska immediately preceding the date of this application (AS 22.05.070)?  
12 3/4 years.

7. For how long have you been engaged in the active practice of law immediately preceding the date of this application (AS 22.05.070)?  
12 years.

B. EDUCATION

8. State names and dates of attendance of all colleges and professional schools (other than law schools) ever attended and degrees and dates conferred. If you did not receive a degree from the institution(s), please indicate.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA B.A. 1964-1968  
(MPLS)

9. Have you been the recipient of any non-law academic honors or been a member of any academic honorary society or organization? NO\*  
If so, please give details and indicate whether at a graduate or undergraduate level.

\* obtained a small academic/need grant to attend  
undergraduate school.

10. Have you attended any other schools, other than law, or pursued any course of study in addition to those mentioned above? NO  
If so, please provide details.

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C. LAW EDUCATION

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

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, LAW SCHOOL 1968-1971 J.D.

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12. Did you receive any honors in law school or belong to any honorary societies or groups? NO. If so, please give details.

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D. MILITARY

13. Have you served in the armed forces (reserves or otherwise)? yes  
If so, please provide the following information:

- (a) Dates of service. ADT 3 month 1972  
(b) Branch of service. U.S. ARMY  
(c) Rank at time of discharge. CAPT.  
(d) Awards or citations. NONE

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E. NON-LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

14. List all previous non-legal jobs or positions held in chronological order and briefly describe them.

Misc. campus jobs for the University of Minnesota, including desk clerk at Fortier Hall dormitory, library clerk at main library, clerk for University of Minnesota Press and dormitory counselor at Territorial Hall. Also: sales clerk with Dayton's department store, taxi driver with Yellow Cab of Minneapolis, third cook for the Northern Pacific Ry. (now Burlington Northern), and general helper at Royal Tire and Supply Co, St. Cloud, Minn.

15. Have you ever been engaged alone or with others in any business or profession other than the practice of law? No If so, state under what name and give in detail the nature thereof, the dates of your connection, and all business or professional addresses. (List any partnership or incorporated business associations, including the names of all partners or associates.) If your association has been discontinued, state why, and whether or not there are unpaid debts or claims pending litigation.

F. LEGAL EXPERIENCE

16. List all the courts in the United States or elsewhere to which you are admitted to practice, and the date of admission.

ALASKA JULY 1972  
MINNESOTA OCTOBER 1971  
U.S. DISTRICT COURT / ALASKA DECEMBER 1972  
NINTH CIRCUIT JANUARY 1973  
U.S. SUPREME COURT

17. Have you ever applied for a judicial vacancy in Alaska before? YES If yes, state the position(s) applied for, year of application, whether or not you were nominated by the Judicial Council to the Governor and whether or not appointed.

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NOMINATED YES/NO</u>	<u>APPOINTED YES/NO</u>
<u>JUDGE - COURT OF APPEALS</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>

18. Have you ever held judicial, public or political office, elective or appointive? yes If so, state office, manner selected, and when and where held.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL 1971 - 1973 JUNEAU  
ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY 1973 - 1977 FAIRBANKS  
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL 1977 - PRESENT ANCHORAGE (OSPA)

[ I have recently been appointed special assistant U.S. attorney in the cross-designation program. (have not acted in that capacity or in federal court to the date of this application.) ]

19. List bar associations of which you are a member, and any committee work you have done in these associations.

ALASKA - DISCIPLINE  
JUNEAU  
PANANA VALLEY  
American Bar Association

20. Describe chronologically your legal and other experience since your graduation from law school, including:

- (a) Whether you served as law clerk to a judge, and if so, the name of the judge, the court, and the dates of the period you were a clerk.
- (b) Whether you practiced law alone, and if so, the addresses and the dates.
- (c) The dates, names and addresses of law firms or offices, companies, governmental agencies, or other organizations with which you have been connected, and the nature of your connection with each.
- (d) Law teaching experience, including name of law school, dates, courses, and faculty rank.

(a) no (b) no (d) no - other than CLE and DA programs

(c) 1971-1973 Dept of Law, Posch K, Juneau  
- primarily did to agency work for the Department of health & social services;  
- some civil litigation including state's early consumer protection action and some termination of parental rights. Trial work in *Stevens v McGinnis* prison litigation.

1973-1977 DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, Fairbanks  
- typical responsibilities in district & superior courts; grand jury practice, and some appellate work. As deputy district attorney I acted as screening officer for the last two years there.

1977-present - chief of special prosecution and appeal  
- some trial work, but primarily reviewing the work of others now; appellate responsibilities include direct responsibility of some cases review of rest of division's work.

21. (a) If you have practiced law, what was or has been the general character of your practice, dividing it into periods with dates if its character has changed over the years?

Criminal law has been the focus of my practice since 1973, with review and supervision of others work the primary function since 1977.

(b) Describe your typical clients, or former clients, and mention the areas, if any, in which you specialized.

State of Alaska  
Criminal law

(c) With respect to the last five years (or the last five years in which you practiced law), did you appear in court:

Regularly \_\_\_\_\_ Occasionally  \_\_\_\_\_  
Infrequently \_\_\_\_\_ Not at all \_\_\_\_\_

(d) If the frequency of your appearances in court has varied during this period, describe each such variance, giving the dates thereof.

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(e) What percentage of these appearances was in:

Federal Courts \_\_\_\_\_ State Courts 100%  
Administrative Agencies \_\_\_\_\_ Other Courts \_\_\_\_\_

(f) What percentage of your litigation was:

Civil \_\_\_\_\_ Criminal 100% since 1973  
*since law school: 100%* 90%

(g) Number of cases in trial courts of record you tried to verdict or judgment (rather than settled) 50% [# in last 5 years

*Since law school*

Sole Counsel \_\_\_\_\_ Chief Counsel is one case which lasted about 2 months  
Associate Counsel \_\_\_\_\_

(h) What percentage of these trials was

Jury 90 Non-Jury 10

- (i) Indicate the number and type of pro bono cases which you have taken in the past twelve months, or the nature and extent of any other pro bono work undertaken during this period.

NONE

- (j) List all CLE (continuing legal education) courses for which you have received credit during the past five years.

BASIC ESTATE & GIFT TAXATION - ALI/ABA MAR 8-13, 1981

2ND NATIONAL INST. ON Appellate Advocacy - ABA APRIL 23-25, 1981

Trial Advocacy - NITA - Sept 10-20, 1981

- (k) Summarize your experience in court prior to the foregoing five-year period, indicating as to that period:

- (1) Whether your appearances in court were more or less frequent.
- (2) Any significant changes in the percentages stated in your answers to question 21(e) and (f).
- (3) Any significant changes in the number of cases per year in courts of record you tried to verdict or judgment (rather than settled), as sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel.

(1) infrequent

(2) as indicated, in earlier description of my career, I had a few cases in court during my first two years in civil work; I had a lot of in court work while an assistant district attorney; and, more recently, the bulk of my work has not been in court.

(3) The number of cases per year is very low for the last 5 years compared to the number while an assistant district attorney, but that is because now I am supervising others who are actually counsel on cases.

- (1) Summarize your specific abilities and experiences which you believe prepare you to serve as a superior/~~district~~ court (circle one or both) judge: \_\_\_\_\_

*My experience as a trial attorney has given me a basis for appreciating both the difficulty and importance of the trial judge in the justice system generally. My more recent emphasis in the supervision of special prosecutions has required the exercise of a judgment similar to that of the trial court, i.e. listening to diverse or opposing views and choosing to the extent I am able, the better view or the one required by prior authority.*

G. PUBLICATIONS; PUBLIC SERVICE

22. Have you written any articles for publication? Yes  No (please circle). If yes, please give the name and date of publication and the title and subject matter of the article.

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23. List all organizations and clubs other than bar associations or professional associations or professional societies of which you are a member, including civic, charitable, religious, educational, social and fraternal organizations. If you are no longer a member indicate approximate date your membership ceased.

Ancher Park United Methodist Church  
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