

Alaska Judicial Council Application for Judicial Appointment

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

Ketchikan District Court

Date: April 22, 2022

I. Public Information (Questions 1-24)

Personal

1. (a) State full name* Kristian Brian Pickrell
Name as it should appear on bar survey: Kristian B. Pickrell
* 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? **
23 years 8 months
Total 23 years 8 months
3. How long have you been engaged in the active practice of law immediately preceding the date of this application? **
16 years 9 months
Total 16 years 9 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.

United States Coast Guard Academy, July 1994 - May 1998, Bachelor of Science in Marine and Environmental Sciences, with Honors, conferred on May 20, 1998.

Ohio State University, September 1993 - May 1994, no degree conferred, transferred to United States Coast Guard Academy.

** 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.

Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, August 2002 - December 2004, Juris Doctor, with Honors, conferred on December 12, 2004.

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.

- (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.

Attended annual Alaska Department of Law District Attorney Training in 2018 - 2021. Attended numerous CLE courses from 2005 - 2018, hosted by the Coast Guard, Navy, Army, Air Force, U.S. Department of Justice, and the Director of National Intelligence, including the 3-week Military Judge Course in 2015, and Joint Military Judge's Annual Training in 2016 - 2018. Participated in numerous Alaska Bar Association CLE webcasts.

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: July 1998 - July 2018

(b) Branch of service: United States Coast Guard

(c) Rank at time of discharge: Commander / O-5

(d) Type of military discharge: Honorable, Retired

(e) Awards or citations:

Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal (2), Coast Guard Commendation Medal, Coast Guard Achievement Medal (2), and Navy/Marine-Corps Achievement Medal.

- (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 held the following nonlegal positions as a Coast Guard Officer, including one nonlegal position after I completed law school:

Personnel Support Department Head

Coast Guard Base Ketchikan; Ketchikan, Alaska; August 2011 – June 2014

- Oversaw pay and benefits, housing, educational services, military records, household goods shipments and morale support in Ketchikan, Petersburg, Juneau, Cordova, and Homer, Alaska

- Supervised 40 people, and managed \$500,000 annual budget

Note: During this period, I also served as a legal assistance attorney for Coast Guard members in Alaska, and completed various other legal assignments at the request of Coast Guard Legal Offices throughout the country, including serving as defense counsel for Coast Guard members, government counsel for courts-martial and administrative hearings, and as preliminary hearing officer for courts-martial. I also advised Navy and Coast Guard attorneys who provided representation to Coast Guard members in courts-martial and administrative hearings.

Reason for leaving: Military transfer orders.

Executive Officer

Coast Guard Cutter ANACAPA; Petersburg, Alaska; January 2001 – July 2002

- Second in command of ship responsible for patrolling coastal waters of Alaska
- Conducted law enforcement operations to enforce federal fisheries laws and regulations
- Coordinated fisheries enforcement activities with the National Marine Fisheries Service
- Supervised crew of 17 people, and managed \$250,000 annual budget

Reason for leaving: Military transfer orders.

Operations Officer

Coast Guard Cutter WOODRUSH; Sitka, Alaska; April 1999 – January 2001

- Planned and executed ship's schedule and managed training and qualification of crew
- Conducted law enforcement operations to enforce federal fisheries laws and regulations
- Oversaw safe operation and navigation of ship

Reason for leaving: Military transfer orders.

Deck Watch Officer

Coast Guard Cutter PLANETREE; Ketchikan, Alaska; July 1998 – April 1999

- Managed logistics and food services
- Oversaw safe operation and navigation of ship

Reason for leaving: Military transfer orders.

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: Alaska Department of Law, Ketchikan District Attorney's Office

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Angie Kemp

Current address of this person: Alaska Department of Law, Criminal Division Central Office, PO Box 110300

City Juneau State Alaska Zip 99811

Dates and location of Employment: From August 2018 To Present City Ketchikan State Alaska

Job title and description:

District Attorney - October 2021 to Present; Assistant District Attorney - August 2018 to October 2021. Prosecute felony and misdemeanor offenses in Ketchikan and Prince of Wales Courts.

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

Employer: Coast Guard Personnel Service Center

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Michael Sinclair

Current address of this person: 6029 Masondale Road

City Alexandria State Virginia Zip 22315

Dates and Location of Employment: From June 2014 To July 2018 City Washington State D.C.

Job title and description: **Staff Judge Advocate (Legal Counsel) - Provided legal advice and counsel to support management of the 43,000 member active duty and reserve workforce.**

Reason for Leaving: Retired from the Coast Guard and accepted position as Assistant District Attorney in Ketchikan.

Employer: Coast Guard Judge Advocate General

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Matthew Fay

Current address of this person: Troutman Pepper Building, 1001 Haxall Point, Suite 1500

City Richmond State Virginia Zip 23219

Dates and Location of Employment: From May 2015 To July 2018 City Washington State D.C.

Job title and description: **Military Judge - presided over special courts-martial, and reviewed search authorization applications. Collateral duty during assignment at Coast Guard Personnel Service Center.**

Reason for Leaving: Retired from the Coast Guard and accepted position as Assistant District Attorney in Ketchikan.

Previous Employers (continued)

Employer: Coast Guard Intelligence Program
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Steve Venckus
Current address of this person: 7404 Nature Walk Way SE
City Owens Cross Roads State Alabama Zip 35763
Dates and Location of Employment: From June 2009 To August 2011 City Washington State D.C.
Job title and description:

<u>Legal Counsel - provided legal advice/counsel regarding intelligence operations, and managed Coast Guard Intelligence Oversight Program.</u>

Reason for Leaving: Military transfer orders.

Employer: Coast Guard Legal Service Command
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Janine Donovan
Current address of this person: 21 Pitch Lane
City East Falmouth State Massachusetts Zip 02536
Dates and Location of Employment: From December 2008 To June 2009 City Norfolk State Virginia
Job title and description:

<u>Assistant Branch Chief and Trial Counsel - Represented Coast Guard at criminal trials and administrative hearings, provided legal advice/counsel to law enforcement officers.</u>
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Reason for Leaving: Military transfer orders.

Employer: Naval Legal Service Office, Mid-Atlantic
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Keith Lofland
Current address of this person: 590 15th Street, Suite 209 (moving, prefers email: keithloflandlaw@gmail.com)
City Arlington State Virginia Zip 22202
Dates and Location of Employment: From September 2007 To December 2008 City Norfolk State Virginia
Job title and description:

<u>Defense Counsel - Represented military members at criminal trials and administrative hearings.</u>

Reason for Leaving: Military transfer orders.

Employer: Coast Guard Atlantic Area and Fifth District
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Michael Antonellis
Current address of this person: 4 Surrey Way
City Franklin State Massachusetts Zip 02038
Dates and Location of Employment: From April 2005 To September 2007 City Portsmouth State Virginia
Job title and description:

<u>Staff Attorney - Provided legal advice/counsel regarding Coast Guard law enforcement and military operations. Served as Special Assistant U.S. Attorney for District of New Jersey.</u>
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Reason for Leaving: Military transfer orders.

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	5
Criminal	70
Other	25
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	= 100%

Comment: _____

(b) Percent:

State	24
Federal	76
Other	_____
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	= 100%

Comment: _____

(c) Of practice in state courts, percent:

Supreme Court	0
Court of Appeals	1
Superior Court	40
District Court	59
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	= 100%

Comment: My appellate practice has involved two bail appeals.

(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 96 Non-Jury 4

Comment: _____

(g) Approximate number of appellate matters handled: 2

Comment: My appellate practice has involved two bail appeals.

(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:

Administrative separation boards in the Coast Guard and Navy.

(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.).

During my Coast Guard career, I provided legal assistance services to military members, in addition to my regularly assigned duties. These services included assistance with estate planning, powers of attorney, landlord tenant law, consumer law, and adoptions.

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.

Alaska, admitted June 28, 2005.

Public Service

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

Ketchikan Bar Association and Alaska Bar Association.

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).

None.

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)
Ketchikan Superior Court	10/14/2021	N	N
Ketchikan Superior Court	12/21/2021	AJC Interview 5/10/2022	

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.

Served as Secretary/Treasurer of Ketchikan Bar Association from 2012 to 2014, and from 2018 to present.

Contribute on a regular basis to several charities, arts organizations, and local youth sports teams and clubs.

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 received three speeding tickets, and paid fines in a timely manner without a court appearance. With the exception of one listed in CourtView, I do not recall the amount of each fine. The first was issued in Pennsylvania in either 1997 or 1998. The second was issued in Ketchikan in 1999, required a \$56.00 fine, and is listed in CourtView as Case No. 1KE-99-0953952. The third was issued in Canada (either British Columbia or Alberta) in 2002.

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: Steve White, Captain (Retired), U.S. Coast Guard

Address: 8007 Magnolia Court

City/State/Zip: Juneau, Alaska, 99801 Phone: (207) 475-4297

Name: Matthew Bell, Rear Admiral (Retired), U.S. Coast Guard

Address: Post Office Box 8706

City/State/Zip: Kodiak, Alaska, 99615 Phone: (907) 654-4984

- (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: Superior Court Judge M. Jude Pate

Address: Sitka Trial Court, 304 Lake Street, Room 203

City/State/Zip: Sitka, Alaska, 99835 Phone: (907) 747-3291

Name: District Court Judge Kevin Miller

Address: Ketchikan Trial Court, 415 Main Street, Room 400

City/State/Zip: Ketchikan, Alaska, 99901 Phone: (907) 225-3195

Name: Stephen Andersen, Rear Admiral (Retired), U.S. Coast Guard

Address: 262 Drumgold Road

City/State/Zip: Littleton, North Carolina, 27850 Phone: (202) 413-0058

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:** 1PW-21-00088CR
v. Clinton Cook **Judge Name:** Superior Court Judge M. Jude Pate

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Nicholas Polasky</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>3000 Vintage Blvd., Suite 190</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Juneau, Alaska, 99801</u>	City, State, Zip: _____
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case Name: State of Alaska **Case Number:** 1KE-19-00757CR
v. John Zeman **Judge Name:** Superior Court Judge Trevor N. Stephens

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Clare Carlson</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>PO Box 110216</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Juneau, Alaska, 99811</u>	City, State, Zip: _____
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 3

Case Name: State of Alaska **Case Number:** 1KE-20-00469CR
v. Peter Van Sell **Judge Name:** Superior Court Judge William B. Carey

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Wallace Tetlow</u>	Name: <u>R. James Christie</u>
Address: <u>Tetlow Christie LLC, 745 W.4th Ave., Ste. 250</u>	Address: <u>Tetlow Christie LLC, 745 W.4th Ave., Ste. 250</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, Alaska, 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, Alaska, 99501</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

References and Counsel Questionnaires (continued)

(d) List the names, addresses, including zip codes, and suite numbers where applicable, 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: State of Alaska **Case Number:** 1PW-21-00129CR
v. Jacob Moser **Judge Name:** Superior Court Judge M. Jude Pate

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Josh Carson</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>415 Main Street, Room 206</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Ketchikan, Alaska, 99901</u>	City, State, Zip: _____
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case Name: State of Alaska **Case Number:** 1PW-20-00258CR
v. Kolton Tipton **Judge Name:** Superior Court Judge M. Jude Pate

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Jay Hochberg</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>5901 Gannet Ave</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Ewa Beach, Hawaii, 96706</u>	City, State, Zip: _____
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 3

Case Name: State of Alaska **Case Number:** 1PW-20-00242CR
v. Dustin Jones **Judge Name:** Superior Court Judge Trevor N. Stephens

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Joseph Kovac</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>618 Water Street</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Ketchikan, Alaska, 99901</u>	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.

My experience as a lawyer and a military officer has prepared me well to serve as a District Court Judge. While my experience with civil matters is less robust than my experience with criminal matters, I am confident that the skills I learned as a military officer will enable me to master any area of the law without delaying the resolution of cases. During my military service, I learned how to quickly adapt to the challenges of a new environment, prioritize competing demands, and deliver results without supervision. However, I also learned not to be shy about seeking guidance when I am unsure of the best course of action to pursue. In addition, I understand that I must listen carefully, explore the details on all sides of any dispute, and reserve judgment until I have an adequate basis of facts from which to make an informed decision based upon the law.

Additional Comments (Continued)

I understand that most people who appear in Alaska Courts are dealing with stressful life events. The judicial system works best when people are treated with empathy and respect by lawyers and judges. At the same time, judges must make hard decisions that are guided by the law. If I am selected to serve as a District Court Judge, I will execute my duties in a fair and efficient manner and make hard decisions with dignity and compassion.

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 Kristian B. Pickrell

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

Ketchikan District Court

Please leave this area blank

Date: April 22, 2022

I grew up in Ohio, but fell in love with Southeast Alaska during my first assignment as a Coast Guard officer. I met my wife in Ketchikan, and we maintained close ties to the community until my military retirement. We also lived in Sitka and Petersburg before I attended law school and was admitted to the Alaska Bar. Military service took us away for periods of time, but we returned to Ketchikan to stay in 2018.

Alaska judges take an oath to support and defend the United States and Alaska Constitutions. I take this oath very seriously, and have been guided by the principles of the oath throughout my career in public service as a military officer and a lawyer, most recently as the Ketchikan District Attorney. I would be honored to continue to serve the citizens of Alaska as a District Court Judge.