

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.

Regent University School of Law 8/96-5/99 J.D.

Regent University School of Law 1/99-12/01 coursework towards Int'l Tax LL.M. (Completed 25 of 30 credit hours towards degree. Study required working knowledge of tax treaties of U.S. and foreign governments, U.S. Tax Code and Treasury Regulations. One of only two students invited by faculty to begin LL.M. coursework while finishing 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.

- James Kent American Inns of Court - faculty invitation (monthly meetings of legal professionals--judges, attorneys, law professors and law students--to discuss and promote ethics, professionalism and skills in the legal profession)
- Dispute Resolution & Client Counseling Board - faculty invitation (negotiations team training, intra and inter-law school competitions)

- (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.

- District Attorney Annual Training Conferences 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2004 (training in ethics, evidence rules, defenses in sexual assault and domestic violence crimes, sentencing, annual appellate review of criminal law trends)
- National District Attorney Association - "Trial Advocacy II" (2006) (trial strategies for the experienced trial attorney); "Prosecuting Drug Crimes" (2004) (investigation and trial strategies in the context of major drug felony cases)

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:

I received a congressional nomination to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, but suffered a knee injury late in my senior year basketball season and was medically disqualified from the admission process by the U.S. Dept. of Defense Medical Review Board.

- (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.

Executive Director, Prince William Sound Economic Development Council (1993-1996)
16 years ago, at the age of 25, I was hired to manage this Valdez-based, private nonprofit, regional development corporation. I helped people start small businesses, receive state grants, sponsor workshops in conjunction with Alaska Small Business Development Center. I also coordinated city and village development projects including a waste oil and hazardous material recovery system and construction of public recreation area projects (docks and trails).

During my tenure, I supervised employees and contracted staff. I reported to a multi-member board of directors from Chenega Bay, Cordova, Tatitlek, Valdez, and Whittier, and Chenega and Eyak Village Corporations. I was responsible for legal compliance with state agency project grants, contract oversight, corporate budget preparation and review. The annual operating and project budget was over \$1.5 million at the time of my resignation to attend law school.

Legislative Aide, Alaska State Legislature (2001)

My primary responsibility was to draft and review legislation in coordination with legislative legal counsel, testify before legislative committees and write bill sponsor statements and news articles. I worked primarily on education issues, which during the session took the form of helping school districts meet the new education goals related to the statewide student exit exams and legislative solutions to easing teacher shortages. I left my position to work for the Dept. of Law.

Legal Experience

9. Describe chronologically your legal employment since admission to law school. **Please provide dates, name of employer, name AND 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, Dept. of Law, Criminal Division

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Roman Kalytiak, District Attorney

Current address of this person: 11921 Palmer-Wasilla Hwy

City Palmer State AK Zip 99645

Dates of Employment: From 12/02-01/05; and 11/08 To present

Description: Palmer D.A.'s office - responsible for mostly A and unclassified felony caseload (strangulations, sexual assaults, homicides and attempted homicides, felony drug dealing, advising law enforcement, trials).

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

Employer: State of Alaska, Dept. of Law, Criminal Division

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Rick Svobodny, Deputy Attorney General

Current address of this person: PO Box 110300

City Juneau State AK Zip 99811-300

Dates of Employment: From February 1, 2005 To November 2008

Description: Kotzebue D.A.'s office - single attorney responsible for heavy criminal and juvenile caseload--minor consuming to sex assaults and homicide cases, researching/drafting responsive motions, advising law enforcement, trials.

Reason for Leaving: transferred back to Palmer D.A.'s office

Employer: State of Alaska, Dept. of Law, Criminal Division

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Rick Svobodny, Deputy Attorney General

Current address of this person: PO Box 110300

City Juneau State AK Zip 99811-300

Dates of Employment: From August 2002 To September 2002

Description: Anchorage D.A.'s office - researched/drafted responsive motions in support of misdemeanor and felony criminal prosecutions.

Reason for Leaving: contract ended

Previous Employers (continued)

Employer: State of Alaska, Dept. of Law, Criminal Division

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Rick Svobodny

Current address of this person: PO Box 110300

City Juneau State AK Zip 99811-0300

Dates of Employment: From September 2001 To July 2002

Description: Anchorage D.A.'s office - assigned misdemeanor and mental health court caseload, case screening, bail hearings, motion practice, trials, practicing under authority of 10 month rule

Reason for Leaving: time under 10-month rule expired prior to bar passage in October 2002

Employer: Walker Walker and Associates

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: William M. Walker, Esq.

Current address of this person: 731 N Street

City Anchorage State AK Zip 99501

Dates of Employment: From August 1999 To December 2000

Description: Part-time civil contract associate for firm representing the cities of Valdez and Klawock, drafting legal opinions and ordinances.

Reason for Leaving: accepted position with the Alaska Legislature

Employer: Regent University School of Law

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Jeffrey Brauch, Dean

Current address of this person: 1000 Regent University Drive, Robertson Hall - 239

City Virginia Beach State VA Zip 23464

Dates of Employment: From January 1998 To May 1999

Description: Graduate assistant to tax professor Jon Bischel. Work included maintaining tax law journals, reporters, and IRS code manuals.

Reason for Leaving: graduated from law school and returned to Alaska

Employer: Rutherford Institute

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Joel Whitehead

Current address of this person: PO Box 7482

City Charlottesville State VA Zip 22906-7482

Dates of Employment: From December 1996 To January 1997

Description: Research assistant during 1L Christmas break. undertook multistate survey of child welfare case procedures.

Reason for Leaving: position expired upon completion of project

Employer: Hayden I. Dubay, P.C.

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Hayden I. Dubay, Esq.

Current address of this person: Suite 104, 1700 Pleasure House Road

City Virginia Beach State VA Zip 23462

Dates of Employment: From October 1, 1997 To October 31, 1997

Description: Investigator for personal injury law firm - conducted witness interviews, photo documentation of accident scenes.

Reason for Leaving: accident locations/ firm office located far from school and home

10. For the past five years please indicate (approximately) the following:

(a) Percent of your practice that was: Civil 10%
Criminal 90%
Other _____
= 100%

Comment: civil includes post-conviction relief (PCRs), juvenile matters

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

Comment: both civil and criminal experience is in state court

(c) Of practice in state courts, percent: Supreme Court *
Court of Appeals *
Superior Court 60
District Court 40
= 100%

Comment: * appeals includes PCRS, merit/sentence, and ptrps

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

Comment: daily, multiple hearings in superior and district court

(e) Number of trials (by court or jury) you conducted in the past 5 years:
 None 1-5 6-15 16-30 31 or more

Comment: trials in Kotzebue and Palmer

(f) Percent of these trials which were: Jury 95 Non-Jury 5

Comment: estimate

(g) Approximate number of appellate matters handled: 3-5

Comment: PCRS, merit/sentence appeals, juvenile appeals, felony ptrps

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

Briefly describe type of matters heard:

(i) Please briefly summarize any *pro bono* work that you have done and indicate whether the work was done through a *pro bono* legal service provider (e.g. Alaska Legal Services, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, etc.) during this period.
None during the reporting period.

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 2002
 U.S. District Court 2002

Public Service

12. List bar associations, and sections and committees of which you are or have been a member or officer.
 Alaska 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)
Valdez District Court	6/04	n	n
Kenai District Court	12/06	n	n

15. Have you ever held public or political office, elective or appointed? Yes No

If so, state office, manner selected, and when and where held.

Valdez Transportation Commission (1994-1996)

Appointed by city council to seven member city commission. Duties included reviewing city transportation development plans and making recommendations to city staff regarding these plans. Resigned to attend law school.

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.

Colony Knights Football Booster club (2009) - parent-volunteer supported booster club for Colony high school football players during my oldest son's freshman year. Worked as member of the "chain gang" for home games.

MatSu Youth Football Association (2009) - parent-volunteer supported association to promote youth football in the MatSu Valley during my third oldest son's 5th grade year. Worked as member of the "chain gang" for home and away games.

First Baptist Church of Kotzebue (2/05 to 11/08) - actively participated in Sunday services including teaching weekly middle/high school Sunday school lessons, facilitating weekly men's group and on occasion presenting Sunday message.

Boys and Girls Club Basketball - assistant coach to third through fifth grade boys and girls basketball team during the 2005 season in Kotzebue.

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.

1999 - fined for speeding between Glennallen and Paxson Lodge, Alaska

1990 - fined for commercial fishing violation (The captain misread markers that designated the fishing boundaries. Since the skipper was in control of the boat and made the error, he paid the fine for himself and each crew member.)

1986 - fined for speeding, Corvallis, Oregon

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).

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: Kipp Norris

Address: PO Box 1863

City/State/Zip: Valdez, Alaska 99686 Phone: 907-835-2556

Name: Keith Kendall

Address: PO Box 243

City/State/Zip: Kotzebue, Alaska 99752 Phone: 907-442-2522

- (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: Roman Kalytiak, District Attorney, Palmer Office

Address: 11921 Palmer-Wasilla Hwy

City/State/Zip: Palmer, Alaska 99645 Phone: 907-745-5027

Name: Honorable Ben Esch, Superior Court Judge

Address: PO Box 1110

City/State/Zip: Nome, Alaska 99762 Phone: 907-443-5216

Name: Paul Maslakowski, Supervising Attorney, Office of Public Advocacy

Address: PO Box 637

City/State/Zip: Palmer, Alaska 99645 Phone: 907-745-0436

1/28/2010

Staff requested another case to replace Alaska v. Richard Mayer because Bruce Brown is also an applicant for the Kotzebue Superior Court.

Mr. Roetman sent in the following information.

State of Alaska v. Cameron Jensen 3PA-08-3520 CR
Judge Eric Smith, Palmer Superior Court

Chadwick McGrady
808 Bailey Street, Suite 1010
Palmer, AK 99645
(907) 746-0588

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: State of Alaska *Case Number:* 3PA-09-127CR
v. William Barickman *Judge Name:* Vanessa White

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Jon-Marc Peterson</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>344 N. Main Street</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Wasilla, Alaska 99654</u>	City, State, Zip: _____
Name: <u>907-272-9272</u>	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case Name: State of Alaska *Case Number:* 3PA-09-727CR
v. Adam Cardwell *Judge Name:* Kari Kristiansen

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Gregory Parvin</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>1075 S. Check Street, Ste. 212</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Wasilla, Alaska 99654</u>	City, State, Zip: _____
Name: <u>907-376-2800</u>	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 3

Case Name: State of Alaska *Case Number:* 3PA-05-2017CR
v. Joseph O'Brien *Judge Name:* Eric Smith

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Gary Soberay</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>900 W. 5th Ave., Suite 200</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, Alaska 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: _____
Name: <u>907-334-4425</u>	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, 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: State of Alaska **Case Number:** 3PA-09-850CR
v. Brandon Dickey **Judge Name:** Greg Heath

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Joshua Fannon</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>808 S. Bailey Street, Suite 101</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Palmer, Alaska 99645</u>	City, State, Zip: _____
Name: <u>907-746-0493</u>	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case Name: State of Alaska **Case Number:** 3PA-08-2992CR
v. Richard Mayer **Judge Name:** Eric Smith

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Bruce Brown</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>268 E. Fireweed</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Palmer, Alaska 99645</u>	City, State, Zip: _____
Name: <u>907-745-5660</u>	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 3

Case Name: State of Alaska **Case Number:** 3PA-08-789CR
v. Zachary Butts **Judge Name:** Eric Smith

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Rex Butler</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>745 W. 4th Ave, Suite 300</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, Alaska 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: _____
Name: <u>907-272-1497</u>	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.

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 grievance procedures against attorneys, and AS 22.30.011(b) and .060(b)(3) concerning public grievance procedures against judges.
- Have you ever been held in contempt of court? Yes No

In each case, state in detail the circumstances and the outcome.

Two grievances have been filed against me, but neither was accepted by bar counsel for investigation. In 2008, a defendant who had been convicted of first-degree sexual abuse of a minor for sexually abusing his daughter filed a grievance against the trial judge (Judge Jeffrey), his attorney (Bob Lewis), and me, claiming that since he was a "dangerous man" the judge should have had the police pick him up at court sooner than they did. In 2006, a defendant who had been convicted of several misdemeanors (related to being intoxicated and breaking the windshield of his mother's car when she refused to give him more money) accepted a plea agreement but later in jail decided it was not a good deal and filed a grievance against me.

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.

During my career with the Dept. of Law, I have had the opportunity to try cases in several rural locations -- Cordova, Dillingham, Glennallen, Kotzebue, and Valdez. Rural courts have their own pace and mode which can be quite different than the urban courts (Anchorage and Palmer) where I have practiced. Relationships are always important, but a premium is placed on them in small rural areas. I have learned to place special importance on working with others -- not sweating the little things, but keeping an eye on the big picture.

I have also learned that a judge should appreciate the people that come before the court -- their background and life circumstances -- to get a clearer picture of the individual to promote understanding and improve communication. This dynamic is paramount in Kotzebue and villages like it.

Additional Comments (Continued)

My parents helped form my appreciation of people. They connected with everyday folks – the store cashier, the waitress, the gas attendant. My father was the first generation of his Mexican-American family to be born in the United States. They worked hard and cared for people no matter their background and that example was imprinted on me at an early age. My faith teaches this approach to people. It is imperative that a judge walk in humility and be a careful listener.

For nearly four years I managed the Kotzebue D.A.'s Office. I was told before I transferred there from the Palmer office that Kotzebue was the busiest solo attorney office in the State. Each year I handled an average of 800 to 1000 criminal cases per year. I was also responsible for the juvenile cases. I appeared in court on a daily basis, and often multiple times in a day. I appeared in front of the Barrow, Nome, and Kotzebue Superior Court judges who presided over Kotzebue cases most weeks. I had trials in front of each of these judges and observed their approaches to handling criminal cases, juvenile matters, and court staff.

I traveled throughout the Northwest Arctic Borough region during my time in Kotzebue and have returned to visit since leaving a year ago. I traveled up the Kobuk and Noatak rivers and have used boat, snow-go, and small airplane to visit most of the surrounding villages. My family and I enjoyed the subsistence lifestyle of hunting, fishing, and picking berries.

I grew up in a small Alaska town and enjoyed its size and pace. I have lived in, visited, or had contact with people living in rural areas and villages throughout my adult life in the context of directing a non-profit organization, working for a civil firm, and as a state attorney.

I believe my personal, professional, and legal experiences throughout Alaska have uniquely prepared me to serve as a superior court judge in Kotzebue.

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 Paul A. Roetman

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

Kotzebue Superior Court

Date: December 30, 2009

I was raised in Valdez, where my dad provided me opportunity to master the snow shovel.

After earning an Economics degree, I served as executive director of a nonprofit economic development group of Prince William Sound towns, villages, and native corporations. I enjoyed helping small business owners and facilitating community projects.

After law school, I worked for a small Anchorage civil firm representing Valdez and Klawock. I also worked on education issues as a legislative aide in Juneau.

As a state attorney, I handled juvenile, misdemeanor, and felony criminal cases in urban and rural settings. I managed the Kotzebue D.A.'s office, a caseload including ten surrounding villages, for nearly four years.

My wife, boys, and I thoroughly enjoyed the people and culture of Northwest Alaska. It was an experience that taught me the importance of having both a mind for the law and a heart for the community.