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ALASKA JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Alaska Judicial Council Application for Judicial Appointment

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

Palmer Superior Court x2Date: October 3, 2018

I. Public Information (Questions 1-24)

Personal

1. (a) State full name* Kristen Campbell StohlerName as it should appear on bar survey: Kristen C. Stohler

* Unless otherwise specified, this is how your name will appear on the bar survey.

(b) Have you ever used or been known by any other name? If so, please identify.

Kristen Campbell

2. How long have you been a resident of the State of Alaska immediately preceding the date of this application? **

	<u>12</u>	years	<u>5</u>	months
Total	<u>12</u>	years	<u>5</u>	months

3. How long have you been engaged in the active practice of law immediately preceding the date of this application? **

	<u>12</u>	years	<u>2</u>	months
Total	<u>12</u>	years	<u>2</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 Vermont 1992-1996; BA in Political Science
Champlain College, Fall 2000 - Spring 2001 (One course each semester.)

** 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.

Vermont Law School, 2003-2006, Juris Doctor

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.

Graduated cum laude
American Jurisprudence Awards (First in Class): Evidence, Family Law, Science of Forensic Evidence

- (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.

At Home Terrorism
Alaska Probate Law - Beyond the Basics
Bankruptcy Overview
Bankruptcy for Non-Bankruptcy Attorneys
Advocacy for Individuals with FASD in the Civil and Criminal Justice System

(Continued on attached page.)

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.

Kristen C. Stohler
AK Bar No. 0611101

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Legal Education

Continued response to Question 6(b) (CLEs in the last 5 years):

- Trial Skills Intensive - Cross Examination
- Trial Skills Intensive - Direct Examination
- Trial Skills Intensive - Expert Witness
- Our Wounded Warriors: Understanding PTSD and How it Fits (or not) into Your Case
- U.S. Supreme Court Opinions Update (2016, 2017)
- Alaska Supreme Court Opinions Update (2016, 2017, 2018)
- Judicial Decisionmaking - What Lawyers Need to Know
- Interview Skills with Mentally Ill Clients
- Your Biases: How it Affects Your Clients
- Negotiation Skills: Winning Without Selling Your Soul
- The Lost Art of Cross-Examination
- Effective Use of Demonstrative Exhibits in Hearings and Trials
- Winning with Words: Building the Story with Persuasive Power
- Rules Versus Principles
- AI Application for Corporate Governance/Ethics
- Nix v. Whiteside: What to do when you believe your client wants to lie on the stand
- Alaska Collaborative Law -- Generation 2: Debrief, Dialogue with Collaborative Law Professionals and Debunking Myths

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.

1994-1996 (summer breaks from undergraduate school)

IBM

Essex Junction, Vermont

Worked as a Customer Engineer in the IBM plant and throughout the State of Vermont diagnosing and repairing small business machines (mainly Personal Computers).

1996-1998

Halvorson's Upstreet Cafe

Burlington, Vermont

Waitress/Waitstaff Manager - supervised waitstaff in a busy, family run restaurant on Church Street in Burlington, VT.

1998-2000

Proximity Videoconferencing

S. Burlington, Vermont

Worked with small and large companies and organizations arranging facilities for national/international videoconference meetings.

2000-2003

Spring-Fill Industries, Inc.

S. Burlington, Vermont

Worked as a sales representative/office administrator for a company that manufactured decorative shredded paper.

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: Stohler Law, P.C.

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Krista Maciolek (Office Share)

Current address of this person: 518 E. Fireweed Ave., Suite 101

City Palmer State AK Zip 99645

Dates and location of Employment: From 1/2011 To Current City Palmer State AK

Description:

I run a small litigation law practice focusing on domestic relations matters. We also handle Child in Need of Aid (CINA), probate and, rarely, criminal cases. I was a solo practitioner until 2015 when I hired an associate attorney.

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

Employer: Law Office of Gregory S. Parvin

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Gregory S. Parvin

Current address of this person: 900 S. Check Street

City Wasilla State AK Zip 99654

Dates and Location of Employment: From 8/2008 To 1/2011 City Wasilla State AK

Description: Associate attorney in a general practice litigation firm. While there, I handled domestic relations, criminal, probate, and CINA matters.

Reason for Leaving: To start my own practice.

Employer: Office of Public Advocacy - State of Alaska

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Anita Alves

Current address of this person: 900 W 5th Avenue

City Anchorage State AK Zip 99501

Dates and Location of Employment: From 8/2007 To 8/2008 City Palmer State AK

Description: Worked as an attorney Guardian ad Litem in CINA matters

Reason for Leaving: To go into private practice.

Previous Employers (continued)

Employer: Public Defender Agency - State of Alaska
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: John Richards
Current address of this person: 300 S. 8th Street
City Independence State KS Zip 67301
Dates and Location of Employment: From 8/2006 To 8/2007 City Palmer State AK
Description: Worked as an Assistant Public Defender handling a misdemeanor caseload. Was assigned to the Palmer CRP (mental health) therapeutic court.
Reason for Leaving: To work as a Guardian ad Litem

Employer: New Hampshire Superior Court Judicial Externship
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Judge Bruce Mohl
Current address of this person: P.O. Box 1486
City Meredith State NH Zip 03253
Dates and Location of Employment: From 8/2005 To 12/2005 City Dover State NH
Description: Worked in a Judicial Externship the fall semester of my third year of law school.
Reason for Leaving: End of the semester.

Employer: Vermont Appellate Defender
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Anna Saxman
Current address of this person: c/o Vermont Law School, P.O. Box 96
City S. Royalton State VT Zip 05068
Dates and Location of Employment: From 6/2005 To 8/2005 City Montpelier State VT
Description: Assisted in research projects for criminal appellate defenders; wrote a criminal appeal to the Vermont Supreme Court.
Reason for Leaving: End of summer.

Employer: _____
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: _____
Current address of this person: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Dates and Location of Employment: From _____ To _____ City _____ State _____
Description: _____
Reason for Leaving: _____

Employer: _____
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: _____
Current address of this person: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Dates and Location of Employment: From _____ To _____ City _____ State _____
Description: _____
Reason for Leaving: _____

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

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

Comment: First year, 100% Criminal. 95% civil from 8/2007 forward.

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

Comment: _____

(c) Of practice in state courts, percent: Supreme Court 1
Court of Appeals _____
Superior Court 90
District Court 9
= 100%

Comment: _____

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

Comment: _____

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

Comment: _____

(f) Percent of these trials which were: Jury 4 Non-Jury 96

Comment: 2 jury trials, over 50 non-jury

(g) Approximate number of appellate matters handled: 2

Comment: _____

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

Briefly describe type of matters heard:

Mainly judicial settlement conferences and mediation. One or two administrative DMV hearings early in my career.

(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.).

My policy is to always have at least one open *pro bono* matter through Alaska Legal Services Corp. I also take private *pro bono* cases referred to me by attorneys in the public sector (public defenders, assistant public advocates, etc).

I have taken numerous *pro bono* cases referred to me by Kristin Hull (Palmer Coordinated Resources Project Court Coordinator), assisting Palmer mental health court participants with civil matters.

Volunteer periodically for Palmer Early Resolution Project hearings. Volunteered as *pro bono* attorney for the Martin Luther King Day Legal Clinic.

Agreed for my firm to be primary conflict counsel in all cases assigned to the Palmer FIT therapeutic court. My associate, Ryan Lonergan, invested significant work hours in its inception.

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 State Bar

Public Service

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

Alaska Bar Association - member of the Family Law Section
 Mat-Su Bar Association - member

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).

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 volunteered to be a member of the Palmer CINA Court Scheduling Committee led by Judge Eric Smith. The committee included a member from the Palmer Public Defender Agency, Office of Public Advocacy, Office of Children's Services, and Attorney General's offices in an effort to improve the court's ability to manage its high Child in Need of Aid caseload.

In March, 2014, I formed a CINA Defense List-Serve for local practitioners to communicate with each other about issues/ideas/resources that arise while defending indigent parents in Child in Need of Aid matters.

My husband and I donate monthly to the Mat-Su Food Bank and Frontline Mission. We attend the 4H auction every year at the Alaska State Fair and purchase a pig which we donate to Bean's Cafe.

We are members of the Mat-Su Ski Club which means we donate money every year to help with the upkeep of the local trails. We also purchase annual memberships to the Mat-Su Shooting Range although our memberships are currently expired.

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.

On 7/6/2008 I was cited for Failure to Record King Salmon Landing. I was fishing for king salmon at the mouth of Lake Creek off the Yentna. I caught a king which we put on a stringer and tied to the side of the boat. My friends continued fishing. We were contacted shortly thereafter by Fish & Game who cited me for failing to immediately record the catch.

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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).

Kristen C. Stohler
AK Bar No. 0611101

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Public Service

Continued response to Question 17(d):

Summer 2006 - When I first moved up here, I got a "fix it" ticket in Eagle River for having studded tires on my vehicle. They were older snow tires and I had pulled the studs out of them in order to get additional use from the tires. Apparently, I had missed some of the studs. I fixed the issue and provided proof to Anchorage Police Department within the required time frame.

December 2002 - I was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence in Chittenden County, Vermont. I was pulled over for having a headlight out. My blood alcohol level was .073. The DUI was dismissed and I agreed to pay a ticket for an infraction which I believe was for an equipment violation. Unfortunately, I do not have the case number or any other information. On October 3, 2018, I completed a criminal records request from the State of Vermont, but it returned no records. I would be happy to provide a copy of the report to the council.

I remember getting pulled over in Winooski, Vermont shortly after my 16th birthday (8/11/1990) for running a red light or stop sign. I believe I received a ticket, but I do not remember the amount of the fine.

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: Leslie Dickson
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Name: Mark Cucci
Address: c/o Attorney General's Office, 1031 W. 4th Ave.
City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 Phone: 907-269-5190

- (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: Judge Vanessa White
Address: c/o Palmer Superior Court, 435 S. Denali Street
City/State/Zip: Palmer, AK 99645 Phone: 907-746-8170

Name: Paul Maslakowski
Address: c/o Office of Public Advocacy, 900 W. 5th Ave., Ste 525
City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 Phone: 907-269-3500

Name: Krista Maciolek
Address: 518 E. Fireweed Ave., Suite 101
City/State/Zip: Palmer, AK 99645 Phone: 907-746-3066

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: Danielle Ray f/k/a Aliberti **Case Number:** 3PA-13-01307 CI
v. Joshua Aliberti **Judge Name:** Kari Kristiansen/Tara Logsdon

Attorneys Involved:

<p>Name: <u>Darryl Jones</u> Address: <u>226 W. Evergreen Ave.</u> City, State, Zip: <u>Palmer, AK 99645</u></p> <p>Name: _____ Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____</p>	<p>Name: <u>The case was assigned to Judge Kristiansen, but Master Logsdon presided over the hearing.</u> Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____</p> <p>Name: _____ Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____</p>
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Case Number 2

Case Name: Emily Brueggeman **Case Number:** 3PA-07-01230 CI
v. Nathaniel Wilds **Judge Name:** Kari Kristiansen

Attorneys Involved:

<p>Name: <u>Roberta Erwin</u> Address: <u>429 L. Street</u> City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u></p> <p>Name: _____ Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____</p>	<p>Name: _____ Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____</p> <p>Name: _____ Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____</p>
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Case Number 3

Case Name: Jennifer Neumann **Case Number:** 3PA-15-01187 CI
v. Adam Fogelman **Judge Name:** Gregory Heath/Craig Condie

Attorneys Involved:

<p>Name: <u>Carmen Spiropoulos</u> Address: <u>c/o Law Office of Ken Goldman</u> City, State, Zip: <u>248 S. Alaska St., Palmer AK</u> <u>99645</u></p> <p>Name: _____ Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____</p>	<p>Name: <u>The case was assigned to Judge Heath, but Master Condie presided over the hearings.</u> Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____</p> <p>Name: _____ Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____</p>
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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: William Evans **Case Number:** 3PA-17-02094 CI
v. Lisa Evans **Judge Name:** Jonathan Woodman/Vanessa White

Attorneys Involved: (The case was assigned to Judge
Name: Kenneth Goldman Name: Woodman but Judge White presided
Address: 248 S. Alaska Street Address: over the Settlement Conference.
City, State, Zip: Palmer, AK 99645 City, State, Zip: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____
Address: _____ Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case Name: ITMO: CG **Case Number:** 3PA-17-00006 CN
v. _____ **Judge Name:** Jonathan Woodman/Kari Kristiansen*

Attorneys Involved:
Name: Rachel Levitt Name: Eric Ranchoff
Address: 515 E. Dahlia Ave, Suite 130 Address: 515 E. Dahlia Ave, Suite 150
City, State, Zip: Palmer, AK 99645 City, State, Zip: Palmer, AK 99645

Name: Rachel Espejo Name: Katie Banaszak
Address: 900 W. 5th Ave, Suite 200 Address: 515 E. Dahlia Ave, Suite 150
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 City, State, Zip: Palmer, AK 99645

Case Number 3

Case Name: Amber Larson **Case Number:** 3PA-16-02042 CI
v. Dixon Holland **Judge Name:** Gregory Heath/Master Condie

Attorneys Involved: (The case was assigned to Judge
Name: Plaintiff was pro se. Name: Heath but Master Condie presided
Address: _____ Address: over the settlement.
City, State, Zip: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____
Address: _____ Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

*(The case was assigned to Judge Woodman but Judge Kristiansen presided over the Settlement Conference.)

Writing Sample

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

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

22. Has any **public** sanction been imposed against you in response to a complaint, charge or grievance brought against you as an attorney or a judge? Yes No
- Have formal grievance procedures been brought against you? Yes No
- See Bar Rule 22(b) & (e) concerning public bar grievance procedures against attorneys, and AS 22.30.011(b) and .060(b)(3) concerning public disciplinary grievance procedures against judges.
- Have you ever been held in contempt of court? Yes No
- Have you ever been fined or otherwise sanctioned by a judge? Yes No
- In each case, state in detail the circumstances and the outcome.

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.

I have practiced primarily in Palmer, Alaska since the beginning of my legal career, in August 2006. In that time, I have worked as an assistant public defender (criminal), guardian ad litem, parent's attorney in Child in Need of Aid matters, and in private practice focusing on domestic relations cases. I have experience working in therapeutic courts and with the Palmer Early Resolution Project, as well as other forms of alternative dispute resolution.

I understand the challenges facing the Palmer Court System - in particular, the high caseloads and limited court time. I am very interested in working with the other judicial officers and with practitioners to try to find practical, effective solutions that ensure litigants have access to our justice system within reasonable timeframes.

Additional Comments (Continued)

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 two photographs of yourself with your application.

If you check this box we will not post your picture on the website.

Biographical Statement

Name Kristen C. Stohler

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

Palmer Superior Court (x2)

Please leave this area blank

Date: 10/8/18

I moved to Alaska in 2006 after I graduated from Vermont Law School, cum laude. I met my now husband in the hallways of the Palmer Courthouse. We have lived and worked in Palmer for the last twelve years.

I have a degree in Political Science from the University of Vermont (1996). I have a variety of legal and non-legal work experience. I have worked as a waitress, computer repairperson, public defender, guardian ad litem, and private practitioner. I opened my own law office in January 2011. I was a solo practitioner until I hired a fellow Vermont Law School graduate in September 2015.

My husband and I have two dogs. We enjoy camping, boating, fishing, gardening, and skiing.

I love the Mat-Su Borough and am so grateful to call it my home. I would feel privileged to serve my fellow residents as a Superior Court Judge.