

Alaska Judicial Council
Application for Judicial Appointment

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Anchorage Superior Court
Judgeship

Date: 7/08/02

Position(s) for which you wish to be considered

I. PUBLIC INFORMATION (Qs. 1-24 & 35)

PERSONAL

1. (a) State full name* John Edwin Suddock
Name as it should appear on bar survey: John Suddock

* 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
No

3. How long have you been a resident of the State of Alaska immediately preceding the date of this application? ** 53 years 9 months
Total years 53 months 9

4. How long have you been engaged in the active practice of law immediately preceding the date of this application? ** 26 years 7 months
Total years 26 months 7

** See AS 22.10.090; see also 1984 Inf. Op. Atty. Gen. (July 19; 366- 624-84).

NONLEGAL EDUCATION

5. 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.

Stanford University, September 1966 - April 1970

B.A. with distinction June 1970

LEGAL EDUCATION

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

Hastings Law School, September 1972 - June 1973

Boalt Hall, U.C. Berkeley, September 1973 - June 1975

J.D. June 1975

7. (a) Did you receive any honors in law school or belong to any honorary societies or groups? Yes If so, please give details.

Order of the Coif, Boalt Hall

- (b) Have you taken any CLE (continuing legal education) courses during the past five years?

Yes X No _____ Please describe: "Daubert and Its Progeny";

Minor Impact Soft Tissue Cases; Mediation Tactics; Voir Dire
and Jury Selection; Cross-Examination; Legal Writing; Voice and
Body Language in Trial; Insurance Bad Faith

MILITARY

8. Have you served in the armed forces (reserves or otherwise)? 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. If so, state the details.

No

NONLEGAL EMPLOYMENT

9. Describe major nonlegal working experience, if any.

Student years - warehouseman, office - clerical

Boys Home Counselor

Vista Volunteer, Kodiak Island

10. Describe major nonlegal business or professional experience, if any. If your association has been discontinued, please note whether there are unpaid debts or claims pending litigation.

N/A

11. Describe chronologically your legal employment since admission to law school.

Summer 1973 Ely, Guess & Rudd
Supervisor: Robert Ely
726 M Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

This was a clerkship. Left to return to law school

Summer 1974 Alaska Public Defender Agency
Supervisor: Ron Drathman
P.O. Box 12
Homer, Alaska 99603

Worked on misdemeanor cases. Left to return to law school

Summer 1975 Alaska Supreme Court
Clerked for Robert Erwin
733 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 400
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Left at end of summer clerkship

1/76 - 5/78 Alaska Public Defender Agency
Supervisor: Brian Shortell
1328 W. 12th Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Criminal case load. Left to build a house and switch to civil practice

10/78 - 5/82 Kulik and Suddock

We had a civil and criminal practice. Larry Kulik died in an accident in May of 1981. For verification contact Robert Libbey, below.

5/82 - 1/96 Libbey and Suddock

My partner was Robert Libbey
14901 Wildien Drive
Anchorage, Alaska 99516

Civil litigation practice. Separated seeking change and in view of Bob's impending retirement.

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1/96 - present Suddock & Schleuss
500 L Street, Suite 300
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Civil litigation practice. I shared space with Christine Schleuss, and formed a partnership with her in September 1999.

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

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

Comment: _____

(b) Percent State 95
Federal 5
Other _____
= 100%

Comment: _____

(c) Of practice in state courts, percent: Supreme Court 1
Court of Appeals _____
Superior Court 99
District Court _____
= 100%

Comment: _____

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

Comment: _____

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

Comment: Civil tort cases generally settle

(f) Percent of these trials which were: Jury 100% Non-Jury _____

Comment: _____

(g) Approximate number of appellate matters handled: 1;

Comment: _____

(h) Approximate number of arbitrations or administrative hearings: _____ None
x 1 to 5 _____ 6 to 16 _____ 16 to 30 _____ 31 or more

Briefly describe type of matters heard: I have served as an arbitrator in several tort cases, and litigated a wrongful termination matter.

(i) Have you undertaken any pro bono work during this period?

Yes x No _____

Describe: Currently working on behalf of a dyslexic sophomore who will not pass the high school exit examination without a handicap accommodation. Child custody matter.

13. 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 Court - 1/76

Federal Court - 1/80

PUBLIC SERVICE

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

Alaska Bar Association

Torts Pro Bono (Chairman)

Family Law Civil Pattern Jury Instructions, currently

Fee Arbitration

15. List legal publications, if any (give title, subject and date of publications):

N/A

16. Have you ever applied for a judgeship? 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)
N/A			

17. Have you ever held public or political office, elective or appointive? No
If so, state office, manner selected, and when and where held.

18. List all other legal and any nonlegal organizations and clubs of which you are a member, including civic, charitable, religious, educational, social and fraternal. (Please indicate whether you participate in the organization's activities, or simply hold a membership.)
American Trial Lawyers Association (past National Board Member) -
member

Alaska Academy of Trial Lawyers (Past President) - member

Alaska Action Trust (Chairman) - active participant

American Board of Trial Advocates - member

Knik Canoers and Kayakers - participant

19. 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 other than minor traffic offenses (those for which a fine of \$50.00 or less, and no other sanctions were imposed)? No

(b) failed to answer any summons or other legal process served upon you personally at any time? 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? N/A

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

20(b). Have you ever been sued by a client? If so, give particulars, including case numbers.

Yes. I won a trial for a client who was injured in an oil drilling rig accident. We settled the case on appeal for a structured annuity settlement which was placed with an insurance company with the highest possible rating. The insurer went into receivership when the junk bond market crashed. I recommended to the client that he sue my firm. My insurance company promptly settled the matter. I was represented by Mark Rindner. I authorize him to speak to you about the case.

- (c) Have you ever been a party in any other legal proceeding? If so, give the particulars. Include all legal proceedings in which you were a party in interest, including divorce/dissolution proceedings; a material witness; a named co-conspirator or correspondent; and any grand jury investigation in which you figured as a subject, or in which you appeared as a witness. 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).

Dissolution of marriage with Mary Killorin in 1999

21. State the nature and disposition of any of the following actions which apply to you:

- (a) Are there any unsatisfied judgments against you? 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? 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? Please state the circumstances and outcome of any such unsatisfied or default judgment, or of any foreclosure.

No. _____

- (b) Have you ever made an assignment for the benefit of creditors? Has any petition in bankruptcy ever been filed by you? If so, state the circumstances, case number, and the outcome.

No. _____

REFERENCES*

22. (a) List the names, addresses, and phone numbers of two persons whom the Judicial Council may contact who can discuss your general character and background.

(1) NAME: Christine Schleuss
ADDRESS: 500 L Street, Suite 300
CITY/STATE/ZIP: Anch., AK 99501 PHONE: 258-7807

(2) NAME: John Reese
ADDRESS: 825 W. 4th Avenue, Room 524
CITY/STATE/ZIP: Anch., AK 99501 PHONE: 264-0401

(b) List the names, addresses, 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. (You should not list the Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court.)

(1) NAME: Eric Sanders
ADDRESS: 825 W. 4th Avenue, Room 544
CITY/STATE/ZIP: Anch., AK 99501 PHONE: 264-0406

(2) NAME: Michael Schneider
ADDRESS: 880 N Street, Suite 202
CITY/STATE/ZIP: Anch., AK 99501 PHONE: 277-9306

(3) NAME: Myron Angstman
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 585
CITY/STATE/ZIP: Bethel, AK 99559 PHONE: (907) 543-2972

* **Please Note:** Letters of reference from these persons are confidential and will not be given to the applicant. The applicant should not request a copy of the letter from the reference.

REFERENCES (continued)

(c) List the names, addresses and phone numbers of attorneys involved in your three most recent cases that have gone to trial. (Applicants who are currently judges should list the three most recent trials they presided over.) List only those cases which 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.)

I have not had a case go to trial in the last three years.

1 Case _____
v. _____

Attorneys Involved:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Case _____
Judge Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

2 Case _____
v. _____

Attorneys Involved:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Case _____
Judge Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

3 Case _____
v. _____

Attorneys Involved:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Case _____
Judge Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

REFERENCES (continued)

- (d) List the names, addresses and phone numbers of attorneys involved in your three most recent cases that did not go to trial but in which you did significant work. (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.*)

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Case _____
v. _____

Attorneys Involved:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Case _____
Judge Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

2

Case _____
v. _____

Attorneys Involved:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Case _____
Judge Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

3

Case _____
v. _____

Attorneys Involved:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Case _____
Judge Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

(d) List the names, addresses and phone numbers of attorneys involved in your three most recent cases that did not go to trial but in which you did significant work.

1. *Kutch v. Yamaha Motors Corporation*, Case No. 4BE-98-79 CI

Judge: Charles R. Pengilly
Alaska Superior Court
101 Lacey Street
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
(907)452-9317

Co-Counsel: Myron Angstman
Angstman Law Office
P.O. Box 585
Bethel, Alaska 99559
(907)543-2972

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2800 LaSalle Plaza
800 LaSalle Ave.
Minneapolis, MN 55402-2015
(612)349-8500

Opposing
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Huddleston & Bauman, LLC
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Anchorage, Alaska 99501
(907)263-8225

Thomas Tobin
Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz,
Edelman & Dicker LLP
150 East 42nd Street
New York, NY 10017
(212)490-3000

Richard Bowman
Bowman and Brooke LLP
150 South Fifth Street, Suite 2600
Minneapolis, MN 55402
(612)339-8682

2. Mathew v. State of Alaska and Cooper Power Systems, Case No. 4BE-00-242 Civil.

Judge: Charles K. Cranston
Alaska Superior Court
125 Trading Bay Drive, Suite 100
Kenai, Alaska 99611
(907)283-3110

This case was transferred from Judge Pengilly

Co-Counsel: Myron Angstman
Angstman Law Office
P.O. Box 585
Bethel, Alaska 99559
(907)543-2972

Opposing Counsel: Richard Keck
Attorney General's Office
100 Cushman Street, Suite 400
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
(907)451-2811
Case settled with the State

Michael Geraghty
943 W. 6th Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
(907)279-9574
Case is scheduled for trial 9/3/02 against Cooper

3. *Kerr v. Ledgens, Inc., d/b/a Alaska Rock Gym*, Case No. 3AN-01-05350

Judge: Sharon L. Gleason
Alaska Superior Court
825 W. 4th Avenue, Room 634
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
(907)264-0772

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