

Alaska Judicial Council
Application for Judicial Appointment

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

District Court Judge, Anchorage

Date: March 3, 2010

I. Public Information (Questions 1-24)

Personal

1. (a) State full name* Pamela Scott Washington
Name as it should appear on bar survey: Pamela Scott Washington

* 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.
Pamela D. Scott, Pamela D. Brown, Pamela S. Brown

2. How long have you been a resident of the State of Alaska immediately preceding the date of this application?***
Total 34 years 10 months

3. How long have you been engaged in the active practice of law immediately preceding the date of this application?***
Total 15 years 7 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.

Northern Arizona University
August 1980 through May 1984
Bachelor of Science, Telecommunications, May 1984

*** 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.

Arizona State University
August 1988 through May 1991
Juris Doctor, May 1991

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.

Black Law Student Association

- (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.

Voir Dire: Picking the Winning Strategy for Your Case, Assessing True and False Reports of Abuse, Justware Case Management, APSIN/Tiburon, Prosecutorial Misconduct, Discovery Obligations Under Rule 16, Evidence-based Approaches to Domestic Violence Offenders & Batterer Intervention Systems, Self Defense, Plea Negotiations in Domestic Violence Cases: Taking a Process Oriented Approach, Trial & Plea Negotiation Ethics, A review of Alaska Appellate Decisions 9/06-10/07, 5 Day National Conference on Domestic Violence-Houston.

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.

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.

University of Alaska Anchorage
Adjunct Faculty
Instructor, Freshman Level Course, Guidance 150
August 2007 to present
Substitute Instructor, Paralegal Studies
August 1996 through May 1997

J.B. Gottstein/ Carrs Grocery Stores
Cashier/Customer Service
June 1991 to September 1991
Accounts Payable Clerk, Administration
Summers, June 1980 through August 1984

Legal Experience

9. Describe chronologically your legal employment since admission to law school. **Please provide dates, name of employer, name of supervisor or person who can verify employment, addresses, 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.**

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: Municipality of Anchorage

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: John McConnaughey, III

Current address of this person: 632 6th Avenue, Suite 210

City Anchorage State AK Zip 99501

Dates of Employment: From May 2006 To Present

Description: Criminal Prosecution

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

Employer: Self/ Adoption Way

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: N/A

Current address of this person: P.O. Box 243534

City Anchorage State AK Zip 99524

Dates of Employment: From September 2006 To Present

Description: State and Private Adoptions

Reason for Leaving: N/A

Employer: Gorton, Logue & Graper

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: James Gorton

Current address of this person: 737 M Street

City Anchorage State AK Zip 99501

Dates of Employment: From June 2004 To May 2006

Description: Private and Public Criminal Defense

Reason for Leaving: Employment with the Municipality of Anchorage

Previous Employers (continued)

Employer: Self/ Law Offices of Pamela D. Scott
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: N/A
Current address of this person:
City N/A State Zip
Dates of Employment: From August 1994 To August 2004
Description: General Practice

Reason for Leaving: Family decision

Employer: Dillon & Findley, PC / Rex Butler & Associates / Mendel & Huntington
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Ray Brown/ Rex Butler / Allison Mendel
Current address of this person: 1049 W. 5th-Suite 100 / 845 4th Avenue, 300 / 1215 W. 8th Avenue
City Anchorage State AK Zip 99501
Dates of Employment: From March 1994 To August 1994
Description: Contract work

Reason for Leaving: Law Offices of Pamela D. Scott

Employer: Law Office of William T. Ford
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: William Ford
Current address of this person: Deceased
City State Zip
Dates of Employment: From September 1993 To February 1994
Description: Divorce and Custody

Reason for Leaving: Lack of work

Employer: Alaska Superior Court
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Judge John Reese, Retired
Current address of this person: 6740 Our Own Lane
City Anchorage State AK Zip 99516
Dates of Employment: From September 1992 To September 1993
Description: Law Clerk

Reason for Leaving: End of term

Employer: Alaska Public Defender Agency
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Barbara Brink
Current address of this person: c/o Federal Public Defender's Office, 601 W. 5th Avenue, 800
City Anchorage State AK Zip 99501
Dates of Employment: From May 1990 To September 1992
Description: Summer Intern (May 1990 to August 1990)
Law Clerk (May 1991 to September 1992)

Reason for Leaving: Superior Court Law Clerk position

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

(a) Percent of your practice that was: Civil 3%
Criminal 98%
Other _____
= 100%

Comment: 3% consists of adoptions and miscellaneous civil matters.

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

Comment: Did trials in Federal Court more than five years ago.

(c) Of practice in state courts, percent: Supreme Court _____
Court of Appeals _____
Superior Court 3%
District Court 98%
= 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 in the past 5 years:
 None 1-5 6-15 16-30 31 or more

Comment: _____

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

Comment: _____

(g) Approximate number of appellate matters handled: none

Comment: Handled five appellate matters when in private practice

(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.

Family Pro Bono work (Divorce, Custody, Name Changes, Minor Consuming, Contracts, Evictions, Small Claims)

Faith Christian Community (Family matters, Prisoner assistance volunteer)

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.

U.S. Supreme Court, April 5, 1999
 U.S. District Court, June 7, 1994
 Alaska State Court, June 7, 1994
 Oklahoma State Court, April 14, 1995 to June 28, 2005

Public Service

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

Alaska Bar Association
 Anchorage Bar Association
 Ashley M. Dickerson National Bar Association
 Oklahoma Bar Association
 American 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)

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.

Anchorage Youth Court, (Teacher/ Legal Advisor) active
Faith Christian Community, (Youth Coach/ Mission Leader) active
Crisis Pregnancy Center, (Board Vice Chairman) active
Anchorage East Rotary, inactive
Bridge Builders, inactive
North to the Future Business and Professional Women, membership
NAACP (Legal Redress Committee/Volunteer), membership
Mountain View Elementary School Program, mentor
Fairview Alaska Basketball Development Program, sponsor/volunteer
Blacks in Government, partner
Youth Challenge Job Corp, Ft. Richardson, former mentor
United Way, former board member

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.

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.

Tanya Perry v. Pamela Brown
3AN-00-4039 CI
Legal Malpractice Claim
Client difficult/ Attorney withdrew from case / Client claimed attorney's withdrawal compromised her case / Client sued / Matter resolved through a judicial settlement conference

- (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).

3AN-07-5897 MO, MOA v. Pamela Washington: Failure to Yield cite.
3AN-01-4911 Mary E. Gordian v. Pamela Scott: Tenant's dog bit the neighbor's dog and the neighbor sued the homeowner and the tenant.
3AN-96-10152, Pamela Brown v. Torrence Brown: Divorce action.
3AN-93-A931368, Traffic Citation: Speeding.
3AN-09-0044 WI, Will deposited with probate.
3AN-09-0144 PR, Personal Representative for Relative's Estate
3AN-99-2354 CI, DVRO filed against an ex-boyfriend



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November 20, 2009

Larry Cohn, Executive Director
Alaska Judicial Council
1029 W. Third Avenue, Suite 201
Anchorage, Alaska 99501-1969

Re: Supplemental Information

Dear Mr. Cohn:

I am providing the information you requested regarding the circumstances surrounding my 2005 bankruptcy, tax liens, and the status of the 1993 tax lien:

Bankruptcy: My husband and I filed bankruptcy in 2005 due to an unexpected financial crisis after my husband became seriously ill. My husband spent several uninsured weeks in the hospital and was unable to return to work for almost two years.

IRS Debt: I did not pay enough taxes for tax periods between 1996 and 2003 while I was in private practice.

Tax Liens: During my husband's illness and the two years before he was able to return to work, regular payments to the IRS for back taxes were interrupted. Tax attorney Janet Bolvin was hired to attempt to settle back taxes with the IRS. During her efforts, tax liens were filed against me. My husband and I were able to pay the back taxes which were mostly comprised of penalties and interest. The liens, which should have been released in 2007, were not released until 2008.

1993 Tax Lien: I was unaware of the outstanding IRS lien so I contacted the IRS Lien Department regarding the status of the 1993 lien filed in Arizona. I was eventually directed to IRS Agent Mr. Jett, ID #0194650, and he said I did not have any outstanding liens. According to Mr. Jett, the 1993 tax lien was a "self-releasing" lien and was released when the debt was paid without any further notice to the tax payer. Mr. Jett said he would forward documentation that the lien was cleared. However, at the time of this writing, the documentation had not been received.

Sincerely,

Pamela Scott Washington

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.

Case No. 05-00066, Chapter 7
Discharge granted.
Filed jointly with husband. Husband hospitalized and was unable to return to work for nearly two years.

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 Holsinger
Address: 4240 Wisconsin Street
City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK 99517 Phone: (907) 243-1777

Name: Rex Butler
Address: 845 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 300
City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 Phone: (907) 272-1497

- (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: Michael Logue
Address: 737 M. Street
City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 Phone: (907) 230-5110

Name: JoAnn Chung
Address: 632 W. 6th Avenue, Suite 210
City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 Phone: (907) 343-6426

Name: Honorable Judge Larry Card, Retired
Address: P.O. Box 102266
City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK 99510 Phone: (907) 764-1662

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: Municipality of Anchorage **Case Number:** 3AN M-08-14665 CR
v. Jason Chernikoff **Judge Name:** Richard Postma, Jr.

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Ella Anagick</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>525 W. 3rd Avenue, Suite 104</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: _____
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case Name: Municipality of Anchorage **Case Number:** 3AN M-08-4294 CR
v. Steven Bennett **Judge Name:** Alex Swiderski

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Michael Logue</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>737 M. Street</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: _____
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 3

Case Name: Municipality of Anchorage **Case Number:** 3AN M07-1379 CR
v. Timothy Fyffe **Judge Name:** Alex Swiderski

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Richard Kibby</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>405 W. 36th Avenue, Suite 201</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, Alaska 99503</u>	City, State, Zip: _____
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**, 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: Municipality of Anchorage **Case Number:** 3AN M08-13700 CR
v. Patricia Dooley-Heroux **Judge Name:** Unassigned

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Guy Kerner</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>425 G Street, Suite 610</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, Alaska 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: _____
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case Name: Municipality of Anchorage **Case Number:** 3AN M08-14043 CR
v. Theodore Armstrong **Judge Name:** Unassigned

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Pamela Dale</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>135 Christensen Drive</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: _____
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 3

Case Name: Municipality of Anchorage **Case Number:** 3An M08-3517 CR
v. Rachel Abbas **Judge Name:** Unassigned

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Phillip Shanahan</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>745 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 400</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</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.

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.

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 varied legal experiences in both civil and criminal practice, particularly in the District Courts, make me uniquely qualified for this position. I have managed high volume case loads. I am in contact with opposing counsels, victims, defendants, witnesses, police officers, staff, and court personnel on a regular basis. I am very familiar with the day to day activities of District Court. I make balanced and fair decisions and have an excellent temperament for the bench. I have lived in Alaska for thirty-one years. I am familiar with the unique challenges that many Alaskans have in legal matters. My core values are service, honesty, and hope. I look forward to applying my experience to the position of District Court Judge.

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 twelve photographs of yourself with your application.

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

Biographical Statement

Name Pamela Scott Washington

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

District Court Judge, Anchorage

Date: March 3, 2010

Pamela Scott Washington is a domestic violence prosecutor for the Municipality of Anchorage. For almost six years, she has practiced exclusively in Anchorage District Court as both prosecutor and public defender. Ms. Washington spent twelve years in private practice handling state and federal criminal cases, family, employment, and personal injury matters. Ms. Washington has been a legal advisor and instructor in Anchorage Youth Court for fifteen years and serves as a mentor in the Alaska Court System's Color of Justice. She is adjunct faculty at University of Alaska Anchorage, serves as Board Chair for Anchorage Crisis Pregnancy Center and is a women's leader at Faith Christian Community. Ms. Washington, born in New Orleans, moved to Alaska in 1975. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Telecommunications from Northern Arizona University in 1984 and her law degree from Arizona State University in 1991. Ms. Washington is married with three adult children.