

District Court Judge

Matthew C. Christian, Fourth Judicial District



MAILING ADDRESS: 101 Lacy St.
Fairbanks, AK 99701

AGE: 45

PLACE OF BIRTH: Owatonna, Minnesota

SPOUSE'S NAME: Heather Christian

CHILDREN'S NAMES: Cora Christian

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:
1994-1996; 2002-current

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Fairbanks, 1994-1998 (except for a very brief period in approximately 1996)
Fairbanks, 2002-2007
Kenai, 2007-2013
Fairbanks, 2013-current

EDUCATION:
Owatonna High School
University of Alaska Fairbanks; BA
University of Minnesota
Thomas M. Cooley Law School, JD

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Assistant District Attorney, 2005-2007
Magistrate Judge, Master 2007-2013
District Court Judge, 2013-current

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Associate Attorney, Borgeson and Burns, PC

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:

Tanana Valley Bar Association, Alaska Bar Association

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Fishing, Hunting, Reading, and Sewing

STATEMENT:

Serving as a Judicial Officer for the State of Alaska is truly a humbling honor. Since my initial appointment, I have striven to operate a fair and impartial courtroom for all. In addition to my regular duties, I serve as the primary Judicial Officer for the PACE Court. The PACE Court addresses the opioid and methamphetamine crisis afflicting the State through intensive monitoring of persons with addictions in hopes to break the addiction cycle. I previously served as a Wellness Court Judge which addresses defendant's alcohol abuse issues in a therapeutic court setting to reduce recidivism.

I believe community outreach is critically important. To that end, I have traveled to Arctic Village and Fort Yukon to train with Tribal Judges and have participated in the Alaska Tribal Court Development Conference. In 2018, I was given the honor of being the guest Judge and presenter at the annual Alaska Youth Court convention in Nome. Every year possible, I participate in the "We the People" event bringing in local Fairbanks children to the Court System to engage in mock trials.

To help all Judges better serve Alaska, I am a member of the Judicial Training Committee, a Training Judge for Magistrate Judges in the Fourth Judicial District and serve as the Deputy Presiding Judge of the Fourth Judicial District at Fairbanks.

I hope to continue to serve Alaska and the Fourth Judicial District for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Judge Matthew C. Christian