

District Court Judge

J. Patrick Hanley, Third Judicial District



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AGE: 54

PLACE OF BIRTH: Birmingham, Alabama

SPOUSE'S NAME: Tracy

CHILDREN'S NAMES: Jenna and Blake

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 49 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:

Anchorage 1971-1988
Red Devil 1989
Kwigillingok 1989-1992
Quinhagak 1992-1993
Anchorage 1993-present

EDUCATION:

Dimond High School, Anchorage, Alaska 1980-1984
Northern Arizona University, 1984-1986
Pacific Lutheran University, 1986-1988, BAE
University of Utah College of Law, 1993-1996, JD

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:

Public school teacher, 1989-1993
Law clerk for the Alaska Court of Appeals, 1996-1997
Assistant Anchorage Municipal Prosecutor, 1998-2000
Assistant District Attorney, 2000-2005

District Court Judge, 2005-present
Pro tem Court of Appeals Judge, 2013-2014

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Alaska Bar Association
In addition to serving as a trial judge I am the chairperson of the Criminal Rules Committee, and serve on the Access to Justice Committee, which focuses on removing barriers and improving access to justice. I also serve on the Anchorage court security committee and as a training judge for two magistrate judges.

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Family activities, biking, hiking, skiing, traveling, coaching youth sports.

STATEMENT:

In 1971 my parents, four brothers, and I moved to Anchorage, and Alaska has been home ever since. After I graduated from college with a teaching degree, I taught children in the western Alaska villages of Red Devil, Kwigillingok, and Quinhagak, gaining a great appreciation for rural lifestyle and Yup'ik culture. I returned to school and earned my law degree. I clerked for the Alaska Court of Appeals and then worked as a prosecutor for the Municipality of Anchorage and the State of Alaska. Since 2005 I have served as a district court judge, with the exception of serving as a full-time pro tem judge on the Alaska Court of Appeals for a little over a year from 2013 to 2014.

I believe the primary purpose of the court system is to serve the people by resolving disputes fairly and promptly. My practice is to treat all people who appear in court with fairness, dignity, and respect. I am committed to honoring the time of jurors and providing access to justice for all participants, including those without an attorney. I consider each case before me individually, carefully, and impartially, and try to issue decisions promptly. I strive to maintain the integrity that people are entitled to expect from judges and the court system.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve Alaskans as a district court judge. If retained, I commit to serving Alaskans to the utmost of my ability.

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