

# District Court Judge

## Kari L. McCrea, Third Judicial District



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**AGE:** 45

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Minnesota

**SPOUSE'S NAME:** Gwen Drake

**CHILDREN'S NAMES:** Kaci McCrea

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 15 years

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**  
Bethel 2006-2015  
Anchorage 2015-present

**EDUCATION:**  
Central High School, 1994  
University of Minnesota, 1998  
Mitchell-Hamline School of Law, 2001

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**  
US District Court Law Clerk 2001-2002  
Assistant Public Defender 2002-2015  
Magistrate Judge 2015-2017

**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**  
Judicial Access Commission  
Judicial Conduct Rules Committee  
Newer Judges Training Committee

**SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:**

Alaska Bar Association  
National Association of Women Judges  
National Bar Association  
YWCA of Alaska

**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**

Gardening, biking

**OTHER:**

My legal career began in Minnesota where I grew up and attended law school. After completing my education, I clerked for the federal court before working as a trial lawyer with the State Board of Public Defense. In 2006, I moved to Bethel, Alaska where I lived for 9 years working as both a trial lawyer and a supervising attorney for the Public Defender Agency. In 2015, I moved to Anchorage to work as a Magistrate Judge for the Alaska Court System.

**STATEMENT:**

I enjoy working as a trial court judge. While it is demanding and challenging, it is also very rewarding. During my term, I've had the opportunity to travel to different courts, including the Bethel Superior Court and the Kenai District Court. I appreciate the diversity our state has to offer, and I strive to apply the law fairly while treating everyone with dignity and respect. I also understand the importance of delivering timely, well-reasoned decisions. The skills I learned as a trial lawyer have helped me manage a busy court calendar.

The Alaska Court System is committed to maintaining accessible courts that are both fair and equitable. I've worked diligently to support these efforts on the Fairness, Diversity and Equality Committee and as co-chair of the Judicial Access Commission. It's an honor and a privilege to serve the State of Alaska as a District Court Judge, and I welcome the opportunity to continue doing so.

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