

Superior Court Judge

Paul A. Roetman, Second Judicial District



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AGE: 52

PLACE OF BIRTH: Carmichael, California

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 47 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Anchorage, Juneau, Palmer, Valdez, and Kotzebue.

EDUCATION:
Regent University School of Law, JD
University of Alaska, Anchorage, BA Economics
Valdez High School, Diploma

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Superior Court Judge 2010-present
Assistant District Attorney 2001-2010

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Executive Director, Prince William Sound Economic
Development Council 1993-96
Commercial fisherman 1990, 1992

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:
Alaska Bar Association
Fairness and Access Commission
Alaska Judicial Conduct Commission

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

My wife and I have been married 28 years. We have five boys ages 14 to 25 years old. We are a sports-oriented family with boys primarily involved in wrestling and basketball over the years. During the season, I enjoy traveling to watch the boys at tournaments in and out of state.

Our family also enjoys the unique experiences that living in the Northwest Arctic provides including leaving from our house on four-wheeler and snogo to hunt caribou and moose and to get wood for our stove.

STATEMENT:

I am thankful for the opportunity to serve as the Superior Court judge in Kotzebue. I appreciate the rich heritage and culture shared by people of the Northwest Arctic region. I am privileged to live and work here.

Though I live in Kotzebue, I handle cases from Pt. Hope along the Chukchi Coast, up the Noatak River to Noatak, east up the Kobuk River to Kobuk, and south to Buckland on the Kotzebue Sound and all the villages in between. At times, I preside over cases in Utqiagvik (formerly Barrow) and Nome. I enjoy listening and tending to the important matters of people in each of these communities.

I work hard to render fair and impartial decisions and to thoughtfully consider cases after each party has had a full opportunity to be heard. I appreciate interacting with people who come before the court and hope that their experience here is handled in a manner that is considerate and easy to understand. This is the approach I will continue to pursue as judge.

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