



# alaska judicial council

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## Press Release

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### Bethel Superior Court, Fourth Judicial District

Eight attorneys have applied to the Alaska Judicial Council for a position on the Bethel Superior Court.

Applicants for the judgeship will be evaluated by the Council's seven members (the chief justice, three non-attorney and three attorney members). Comprehensive background investigations, a survey of Alaska Bar members, and personal interviews with the applicants are all part of the evaluations, according to the Council's executive director, Larry Cohn. Interviews with applicants and a public hearing will be held in Bethel. The Council will select two or more nominees to send to the governor. The governor will have 45 days to make an appointment from the Council's list.

#### **Applicants are:**

**Sean E. Brown:** Mr. Brown has been an Alaska resident for 11 years, and has practiced law for 11½ years. He graduated from the John Marshall Law School in 1999, and is currently in private practice in Bethel.

**Angela Greene:** Ms. Greene has been an Alaska resident for 7 years, and has practiced law for 14 years. She graduated from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in 1997, and is currently an assistant public defender in Nome.

**R. Poke Haffner**: Ms. Haffner has been an Alaska resident for 26½ years, and has practiced law for 23½ years. She graduated from UC Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law in 1980, and is currently an assistant attorney general in Fairbanks.

**Dwayne W. McConnell**: Mr. McConnell has been an Alaska resident for 28½ years, and has practiced law for 31 years. He graduated from the University of Missouri at Kansas City in 1975, and is currently an assistant attorney general in the criminal division of the Department of Law in Juneau.

**Margaret L. Murphy**: Judge Murphy has been an Alaska resident for 18 years, and has practiced law for 24 years. She graduated from Valparaiso University School of Law in 1987, and is currently a district court judge in Homer.

**Chuck Ray**: Mr. Ray has been an Alaska resident for 36½ years, and has practiced law for 27 years. He graduated from the University of Oregon Law School in 1983, and is currently in private practice in Anchorage.

**David Lev Roghair**: Mr. Roghair has been an Alaska resident for 15½ years, and has practiced law for 5 years. He graduated from Lewis & Clark Law School in 2006, and is currently a magistrate in Tok.

**Loren K. Stanton**: Mr. Stanton has been an Alaska resident for 47½ years, and has practiced law for 16½ years. He graduated from Willamette University College of Law in 1986, and is currently in private practice in Ketchikan.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THESE APPLICANTS IS ENCOURAGED DURING THE EVALUATION PHASE OF THE COUNCIL'S WORK. TO COMMENT, OR FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT LARRY COHN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ALASKA JUDICIAL COUNCIL, 1029 W. THIRD AVENUE, SUITE 201, ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99501-1969, (907) 279-2526.

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