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Press Release

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Bethel District Court, Fourth Judicial District

Four attorneys have applied to the Alaska Judicial Council for a position on the Bethel District Court. The vacancy will occur due to the upcoming retirement of Judge Dennis P. Cummings.

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:

Andrew V. Grannik: Mr. Grannik has been an Alaska resident for 16 years, and has practiced law for 5½ years. He graduated from Northeastern University School of Law in 2004, and is currently an assistant district attorney in Anchorage.

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.

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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