

Biographical Statement

Name Peter J. Maassen

Position(s) for which you wish to be considered:

Alaska Supreme Court Justice

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I was raised in Michigan, the son of a minister and a music teacher. I was educated at Hope College and the University of Michigan Law School and came to Alaska in 1980 with my wife, Kay Gouwens, who is also a lawyer (though our professional paths rarely cross). I've been in private practice most of my career. I've represented individuals, businesses, public entities, classes of consumers and public pensioners, and non-profits. I am more likely to be drafting briefs or motions than picking a jury, though I've done that too. I serve on the Alaska Bar Association's Board of Governors and am co-chair of the Anchorage Youth Court Board of Directors. I'm a skier and a biker and the proud father of a college student. My only marketable skills, however, are writing and legal analysis, which I am eager to put to use in public service.