

Biographical Statement

Name Eric Smith

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

Supreme Court Justice

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Political and legal philosophy major, Swarthmore College, BA 1975, High Honors; Yale Law School, JD 1979. My law school was chosen for its theoretical focus; however, my first position out of law school, with the federal government, was chosen for on-the-ground training in the application of the law. The balance of the theoretical and the practical has always been a theme in my professional life. Alaska provided me with the immediate opportunity both to apply laws and to influence public policy, first as administrator of a non-profit legal foundation, then as a sole practitioner, both positions taking me throughout the state. I was appointed as a Valley superior court judge in 1996. My special legal interests include the effective use of juries and methods of alternative dispute resolution.