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Press Release

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Announcing Applicants

**Anchorage Superior Court
Fairbanks Superior Court**

Six attorneys have applied to the Alaska Judicial Council for a position on the Anchorage Superior Court, and eight attorneys have applied for two positions on the Fairbanks Superior Court.

Applicants for the judgeships will be evaluated by the Council's seven members (the chief justice, three non-attorney members 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, Susanne DiPietro. Interviews with applicants and public hearings will be held in May 2019. The Council will select two or more nominees for each vacancy to send to the governor. The governor will have 45 days to make appointments from among the Council's nominees.

Applicants for the Anchorage Superior Court are:

Roberta C. Erwin: Ms. Erwin has been an Alaska resident for 50½ years, and has practiced law for 24½ years. She graduated from the University of Puget Sound School of Law in 1994, and is currently in private practice in Anchorage.

Donna J. McCready: Magistrate Judge McCready has been an Alaska resident for 27 years, and has practiced law for 27 years. She graduated from Northeastern University School of Law in 1990, and is currently a magistrate judge in Anchorage.

Douglas C. Perkins: Mr. Perkins has been an Alaska resident for 42½ years, and has practiced law for 32 years. He graduated from the University of Puget Sound School of Law in 1986, and is currently in private practice in Anchorage.

Peter Ramgren: Magistrate Judge Ramgren has been an Alaska resident for 16½ years, and has practiced law for 21 years. He graduated from Northeastern University School of Law in 1997, and is currently a magistrate judge in Anchorage.

Michael R. Smith: Magistrate Judge Smith has been an Alaska resident for 29 years, and has practiced law for 29 years. He graduated from the University of Oregon School of Law in 1989, and is currently a magistrate judge in Anchorage.

Shawn Traini: Mr. Traini has been an Alaska resident for 33 years, and has practiced law for 19½ years. He graduated from the University of Utah, S.J. Quinney College of Law, in 1999, and is currently an assistant district attorney in Palmer.

Applicants for the Fairbanks Superior Court are:

Brent Bennett: Mr. Bennett has been an Alaska resident for 12½ years, and has practiced law for 12½ years. He graduated from the University of Cincinnati College of Law in 2006, and is currently the supervising attorney of the Office of Public Advocacy, Fairbanks Defense Section.

JB Brainerd: Mr. Brainerd has been an Alaska resident for 13½ years, and has practiced law for 17½ years. He graduated from Golden Gate University School of Law in 1999, and is currently the supervising attorney of the Office of Public Advocacy, Conflict Counsel, Fairbanks Section.

Earl Adrian Peterson: Magistrate Judge Peterson has been an Alaska resident for 8½ years, and has practiced law for 23 years. He graduated from Chicago Kent College of Law in 1995, and is currently a magistrate judge in Fairbanks.

David L. Roghair: Magistrate Judge Roghair has been an Alaska resident for 23 years, and has practiced law for 12 years. He graduated from Lewis & Clark Law School in 2006, and is currently a magistrate judge in Utqiagvik.

Kirk Schwalm: Mr. Schwalm has been an Alaska resident for 42½ years, and has practiced law for 8 years. He graduated from Lewis & Clark Law School in 2010, and is currently in private practice in Fairbanks.

Amy J. Tallerico: Ms. Tallerico has been an Alaska resident for 39 years, and has practiced law for 10½ years. She graduated from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in 2007, and is currently in private practice in Fairbanks.

Matthew A. Tallerico: Mr. Tallerico has been an Alaska resident for 11½ years, and has practiced law for 9 years. He graduated from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in 2007, and is currently in private practice in Fairbanks.

John Foster Wallace: Mr. Wallace has been an Alaska resident for 37½ years, and has practiced law for 23½ years. He graduated from Northeastern University School of Law in 1991, and is currently in private practice in Fairbanks.

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 SUSANNE DiPIETRO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ALASKA JUDICIAL COUNCIL, 510 L STREET, SUITE 450, ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99501-1295, (907) 279-2526.

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