Biographical Statement

Name: Sam Turner

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

Bethel Superior Court



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I came to Alaska for a one-year clerkship for Chief Justice Stowers of the Alaska Supreme Court, which he extended for a second year. I then served as an assistant public defender in Bethel. I am currently a staff attorney for the Alaska Court of Appeals.

I was an inaugural member of the committee that wrote the court system's antidiscrimination and harassment policy, and I have presented nationally on topics relating to discrimination and harassment in courts.

I am currently taking a Yup'ik language class because I regretted not understanding the language my clients spoke when I was in Bethel. I play softball and sing in a choir, and I enjoy the outdoors.

I would be honored to have the opportunity to return to Bethel and continue to work with the court system as a superior court judge.