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RE: **Palmer District Court**
Deadline extension for Utqiagvik Superior Court

Dear Member of the Alaska Bar Association:

The Alaska Judicial Council is seeking applicants for the Palmer District Court due to the forthcoming retirement of Judge William L. Estelle. This letter includes a detailed position description that provides essential information about the position. The application deadline for the Utqiagvik Superior Court has been extended to the same date as the Palmer District Court deadline. Applicants may apply for both positions on the same form, if desired. For more information, please contact the Alaska Judicial Council at 279-2526, or by e-mail at sdipietro@ajc.state.ak.us.

District court judges must meet the qualifications set out at AS 22.15.160. They must: be a citizen of the United States and of the State of Alaska; be at least 21 years of age; be a resident of Alaska for at least five years immediately preceding appointment; and either (1) have engaged in the active practice of law, as defined in AS 22.05.070, for not less than three years immediately preceding appointment and be licensed to practice law in Alaska at the time of appointment, or (2) have served for at least seven years as a magistrate in the state. In addition, Administrative Rule 19.1 requires that a magistrate who seeks appointment as a district court judge be a graduate of a law school accredited or approved by the Council of Legal Education of the American Bar Association or the Association of American Law Schools.

An application form for the position may be obtained by visiting the Council's website: www.ajc.state.ak.us. Application forms may also be obtained by writing or calling the Alaska Judicial Council. **Completed applications for the position must be received by the Alaska Judicial Council no later than 3:00 p.m., May 7. Please note the special Covid-19 guidelines on the application instructions.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susanne DiPietro".

Susanne DiPietro
Executive Director