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## Press Release

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## Alaska Judicial Council Public Hearing and Meeting for the Fairbanks Superior and District Court Judicial Vacancies

The Alaska Judicial Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, February 22, 2021 at noon** to receive comments about the applicants for the Fairbanks Superior and District Court judicial vacancies. Members of the public are invited to participate in one of two ways:

by videoconference on Zoom with  
**meeting ID 832 5218 6869 and passcode yr5\$QW?5;**

or by audioconference, calling 888-788-0099  
**with meeting ID 832 5218 6869 and passcode 05064197.**

Eight individuals have applied for the Fairbanks District Court: **Maria Pia L. Bahr, Trisha Haines, Steven Hansen, Jennifer Page Hite, Mike Kenna, Scott Oravec, Kirk Schwalm, and John Foster Wallace.** Seven individuals have applied for the Fairbanks Superior Court: **Trisha Haines, Steven Hansen, Jennifer Page Hite, Mike Kenna, Scott Oravec, Kirk Schwalm, and John Foster Wallace.**

The Council will meet on February 22-23, 2021 to interview and nominate the most qualified applicants for the vacancies, and to discuss administrative matters. The Fairbanks Superior Court position is due to the forthcoming retirement of Judge Michael P. McConahy, and the position on the Fairbanks District Court is due to the retirement of Judge Patrick S. Hammers.

The Alaska Judicial Council's mission is to screen and nominate judicial applicants; evaluate the performance of judges and make evaluation information and recommendations available to the voters; and conduct studies and make recommendations to improve the administration of justice.

For more information, please go to the Council's website at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us) or call **(907) 279-2526**.

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