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Judicial Nominees *Fairbanks Superior Court*

The Alaska Judicial Council met in Fairbanks on May 18, 2023, to interview applicants for a position on the Fairbanks Superior Court. Following its meeting, the Alaska Judicial Council announced that **Tom V. Jamgochian, William T. Montgomery, and Amy K. Welch** were nominated as the most qualified applicants to fill the judicial vacancy. The governor has 45 days in which to make an appointment from among these nominees.

The Judicial Council is required to nominate the most qualified applicants applying for a judicial vacancy. (The framers of our Constitution referred to this standard as the "best available timber.")

The Council is a citizens' commission created by the Alaska Constitution composed of three attorneys, three non-attorneys, and the Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court. The Council completes an extensive investigation and evaluation of judicial applicants. The Council reviews each applicant's education, experience, bar discipline and credit records, participation in community activities, and other records. It asks members of the Alaska Bar to evaluate the applicants, encourages the public to submit comments, and interviews the applicants.

Nominees for the Fairbanks Superior Court are:

Tom V. Jamgochian: Judge Jamgochian has been an Alaska resident for 18½ years and has practiced law for 18½ years. He graduated from the University of California, Hastings College of Law, in 2004 and is currently a district court judge in Palmer.

William T. Montgomery: Judge Montgomery has been an Alaska resident for 12 years and has practiced law for 11 years. He graduated from William Mitchell College of Law in 2010 and is currently a district court judge in Bethel.

Amy K. Welch: Ms. Welch has been an Alaska resident for 9½ years and has practiced law for 8½ years. She graduated from the University of Utah, S.J. Quinney College of Law, in 2013 and is currently in private practice in Fairbanks.

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