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## Press Release

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## Announcing Applicants *Alaska Court of Appeals*

Nine attorneys have applied to the Alaska Judicial Council for a position on the Alaska Court of Appeals. Applicants for the judgeship 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 a public hearing will be held in November 2020. The Council will select two or more nominees for the vacancy to send to the governor. The governor will have 45 days to make an appointment from the Council's nominees.

### The applicants for the Alaska Court of Appeals are:

**Brooke Berens**: Ms. Berens has been an Alaska resident for 12 years, and has practiced law for 12 years. She graduated from Northwestern University School of Law in 2008, and is currently an assistant public advocate in Anchorage.

**Trisha Haines**: Ms. Haines has been an Alaska resident for 9½ years, and has practiced law for 8½ years. She graduated from Temple University Beasley School of Law in 2010, and is currently a staff attorney for the court of appeals in Anchorage, and resides in Fairbanks.

**Ben Hofmeister**: Mr. Hofmeister has been an Alaska resident for 19 years, and has practiced law for 19 years. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame Law School in 2001, and is currently an assistant attorney general in Juneau.

**Paul J. Miovas, Jr.:** Mr. Miovas has been an Alaska resident for 12½ years, and has practiced law for 17½ years. He graduated from Georgia State University, College of Law, in 2002, and is currently the Criminal Division Director, Department of Law, in Anchorage.

**Chris Peloso:** Mr. Peloso has been an Alaska resident for 9 years, and has practiced law for 10 years. He graduated from Georgetown University Law Center in 2009, and is currently in private practice in Juneau.

**David L. Roghair:** Magistrate Judge Roghair has been an Alaska resident for 24½ years, and has practiced law for 14 years. He graduated from Lewis and Clark Law School in 2006, and is currently a magistrate judge in Utqiagvik.

**Kevin M. Saxby:** Judge Saxby has been an Alaska resident for 34 years, and has practiced law for 35 years. He graduated from the University of Wyoming College of Law in 1986, and is currently a superior court judge in Anchorage.

**Michal Stryszak:** Mr. Stryszak has been an Alaska resident for 17 years, and has practiced law for 18 years. He graduated from Yale Law School in 2000, and is currently an Attorney IV with the Office of Criminal Appeals, Department of Law, in Anchorage.

**Timothy W. Terrell:** Mr. Terrell has been an Alaska resident for 49 years, and has practiced law for 29 years. He graduated from the University of Oregon School of Law in 1990, and is currently an Attorney V with the Office of Criminal Appeals, Department of Law, in Anchorage.

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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