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Press Release

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Anchorage Superior Court, Third Judicial District

Nineteen attorneys have applied to the Alaska Judicial Council for two positions on the Anchorage Superior Court.

Applicants for the judgeship will be evaluated by the Council's seven members (the chief justice, three non-attorney 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 Anchorage. The Council will select two or more nominees to send to the governor. The governor will have 45 days to make an appointment from the Council's list.

Applicants are:

Dana S. Burke: Mr. Burke has been an Alaska resident for 26 ½ years and has practiced law for 26 years. He graduated from the University of Miami School of Law in 1990 and is currently a senior assistant attorney general in the transportation section in Anchorage.

John C. Cagle: Mr. Cagle has been an Alaska resident for six years and has practiced law for 12 years. He graduated from Gonzaga University School of Law in 2003 and is currently an assistant district attorney in Anchorage.

Samantha Cherot: Ms. Cherot has been an Alaska resident for 30 years and has practiced law for nine years. She graduated from California Western School of Law in 2007 and is currently an assistant public defender in Anchorage.

Magistrate Judge Romano D. DiBenedetto: Magistrate Judge DiBenedetto has been an Alaska resident for six years, and has practiced law for 22 years. He graduated from Northwestern School of Law in 1993 and is currently a magistrate judge in Fairbanks.

Roberta C. Erwin: Ms. Erwin has been an Alaska resident for 48 years and has practiced law for 22 ½ years. She graduated from University of Puget Sound School of Law in 1994 and is currently in private practice in Anchorage.

Kevin Thomas Fitzgerald: Mr. Fitzgerald has been an Alaska resident for 57 years and has practiced law for 29 years. He graduated from Willamette University College of Law in 1987 and is currently in private practice in Anchorage.

Magistrate Judge Michael Joseph Franciosi: Magistrate Judge Franciosi has been an Alaska resident for 21 years and has practiced law for 25 years. He graduated from Creighton University School of Law in 1991 and is currently a magistrate judge in Glennallen.

Magistrate Judge Una Sonia Gandbhir: Magistrate Judge Gandbhir has been an Alaska resident for 23 years and has practiced law for 22 years. She graduated from Northeastern University School of Law in 1993 and is currently a magistrate judge in Anchorage.

Josie Garton: Ms. Garton has been an Alaska resident for 16 years and has practiced law for 16 years. She graduated from Lewis and Clark Law School in 2000 and is currently an assistant public defender in Anchorage.

Whitney G. Glover: Ms. Glover has been an Alaska resident for 18 years and has practiced law for 16 years. She graduated from Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College in 1996 and is currently an assistant public advocate in Anchorage.

Andrew V. Grannik: Mr. Grannik has been an Alaska resident for 22 ½ years and has practiced law for 11 years. He graduated from Northeastern University School of Law in 2004 and is currently an assistant district attorney in Anchorage.

Judge Jennifer Stuart Henderson: Judge Henderson has been an Alaska resident for 13 years and has practiced law for 13 years. She graduated from Yale Law School in 2001 and is currently a district court judge in Anchorage.

Brewster Jamieson: Mr. Jamieson has been an Alaska resident for 38 ½ years and has practiced law for 32 years. He graduated from Willamette University College of Law in 1984 and is currently in private practice in Anchorage.

Yvonne Lamoureux: Ms. Lamoureux has been an Alaska resident for 12 years and has practiced law for 13 ½ years. She graduated from University of Virginia School of Law in 2003 and is currently an Assistant United States Attorney in Anchorage.

Thomas A. Matthews: Mr. Matthews has been an Alaska resident for 31 ½ years and has practiced law for 31 years. He graduated from Northwestern School of Law in 1985 and is currently in private practice in Anchorage.

Magistrate Judge Kari McCrea: Magistrate Judge McCrea has been an Alaska resident for ten years and has practiced law for 15 years. She graduated from Mitchell Hamline School of Law in 2001 and is currently a magistrate judge in Anchorage.

Michael Moberly: Mr. Moberly has been an Alaska resident for 46 years and has practiced law for 20 years. He graduated from Willamette University College of Law in 1995 and is currently in private practice in Anchorage.

Judge Pamela S. Washington: Judge Washington has been an Alaska resident for 25 ½ years and has practiced law for 22 years. She graduated from Arizona State University School of Law in 1991 and is currently a district court judge in Anchorage.

Matt Widmer: Mr. Widmer has been an Alaska resident for 11 years and has practiced law for 11 years. He graduated from Marshall Wythe School of Law in 2005 and is currently an assistant public defender 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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