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Alaska Judicial Council To Nominate Applicants for New Anchorage District Court Vacancy from Pool of Applicants for Pending Anchorage District Court Judge Vacancy

The Alaska Judicial Council previously announced that it will meet in August to make nominations to the Governor for the Anchorage District Court Judge vacancy created by the retirement of District Court Judge Alex Swiderski. The application deadline for this vacancy was May 5, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. Twenty-six persons applied for this vacancy.

On May 15, 2017, Governor Walker appointed Anchorage District Court Judge Jennifer Henderson to one of two Anchorage Superior Court Judge vacancies, thereby creating a second vacancy on the Anchorage District Court.

The Alaska Judicial Council announces today that it will make nominations to the Governor for this second Anchorage District Court vacancy from the same pool of 26 applicants. This decision is made in part due to the very short amount of time between the closing of the application process for the first Anchorage District Court vacancy and the creation of the second Anchorage District Court vacancy, in part due to the large size of the applicant pool, and in part due to the need to timely fill the vacancy to benefit the court system and better serve the public. The Council will meet in August to conduct a public hearing, interview the applicants, and vote on nominations for both vacancies on the Anchorage District Court.