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Press Release

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Anchorage District Court

Twenty-six attorneys have applied to the Alaska Judicial Council for a position on the Anchorage District 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 August in Anchorage. The Council will select two or more nominees to send to the governor. The governor will have 45 days to make the appointments from the Council's list.

Anchorage District Court Applicants:

Erin Bradley: Ms. Bradley has been an Alaska resident for 18½ years, and has practiced law for 24½ years. She graduated from the University of New Mexico School of Law in 1990, and is currently an assistant municipal prosecutor in Anchorage.

John C. Cagle: Mr. Cagle has been an Alaska resident for 6½ years, and has practiced law for 12½ years. He graduated from Gonzaga University School of Law in 2003, and is currently an assistant district attorney in Palmer.

Craig S. Condie: Magistrate Judge Condie has been an Alaska resident for 12½ years, and has practiced law for 12½ years. He graduated from the University of Utah, School of Law in 2004, and is currently a magistrate judge in Palmer.

Jody Davis: Ms. Davis has been an Alaska resident for 21½ years, and has practiced law for 23½ years. She graduated from Walter F. George School of Law, Mercer University in 1993, and is currently the Chief Assistant Municipal Prosecutor for Anchorage.

Kate Demarest: Ms. Demarest has been an Alaska resident for 6½ years, and has practiced law for 8½ years. She graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School in 2008, and is currently in private practice in Anchorage.

Monica Elkinton: Ms. Elkinton has been an Alaska resident for 10½ years, and has practiced law for 9½ years. She graduated from Northeastern University School of Law in 2006, and is currently an assistant municipal attorney for Anchorage.

Michael J. Franciosi: Magistrate Judge Franciosi has been an Alaska resident for 21½ years, and has practiced law for 25½ years. He graduated from the Creighton University School of Law in 1991, and is currently a magistrate judge in Glennallen.

Whitney G. Glover: Ms. Glover has been an Alaska resident for 18½ years, and has practiced law for 16½ 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 23 years, and has practiced law for 11½ years. He graduated from Northeastern University School of Law in 2004, and is currently an assistant district attorney in Anchorage.

Serena Green: Ms. Green has been an Alaska resident for 30 years, and has practiced law for 11½ years. She graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law in 2005, and is currently Associate General Counsel for IBEW Local 1547.

Guy M. Kerner: Mr. Kerner has been an Alaska resident for 52 years, and has practiced law for 20 years. He graduated from American University, Washington College of Law in 1993, and is currently in private practice in Anchorage.

Michael B. Logue: Mr. Logue has been an Alaska resident for 29 years, and has practiced law for 30½ years. He graduated from Villanova University School of Law in 1986, and is currently in private practice in Anchorage.

Cheryl Mandala: Administrative Law Judge Mandala has been an Alaska resident for 12 years, and has practiced law for 16 years. She graduated from Stanford Law School in 2001, and is currently an administrative law judge in Anchorage.

Zach Manzella: Mr. Manzella has been an Alaska resident for 16½ years, and has practiced law for 14 years. He graduated from The Dickinson School of Law of the Pennsylvania State University in 1998, and is currently in private practice in Anchorage.

Kari McCrea: Magistrate Judge McCrea has been an Alaska resident for 10½ years, and has practiced law for 15½ 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 47 years, and has practiced law for 20½ years. He graduated from Willamette University College of Law in 1995, and is currently in private practice in Anchorage.

Vennie E. Nemecek: Mr. Nemecek has been an Alaska resident for 23 years, and has practiced law for 22½ years. He graduated from Loyola University School of Law in 1994, and is currently an assistant attorney general in Anchorage.

David A. Nesbett: Mr. Nesbett has been an Alaska resident for 45 years, and has practiced law for 18½ years. He graduated from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law in 1998, and is currently in private practice in Anchorage.

Andrew Peterson: Mr. Peterson has been an Alaska resident for 26 years, and has practiced law for 15½ years. He graduated from the University of San Diego School of Law in 2001, and is currently Chief of the Office of Special Prosecutions, Dept. of Law in Anchorage.

Peter R. Ramgren: Magistrate Judge Ramgren has been an Alaska resident for 15 years, and has practiced law for 19½ years. He graduated from Northeastern University School of Law in 1997, and is currently a magistrate judge in Anchorage.

David L. Roghair: Magistrate Judge Roghair has been an Alaska resident for 21½ years, and has practiced law for 10½ years. He graduated from Lewis & Clark Law School in 2006, and is currently a magistrate judge in Barrow.

Katholyn Runnels: Ms. Runnels has been an Alaska resident for 12½ years, and has practiced law for 12½ years. She graduated from Texas Tech School of Law in 2004, and is currently an assistant district attorney in Anchorage.

Christina Sherman: Ms. Sherman has been an Alaska resident for 35½ years and has practiced law for 7½ years. She graduated from the University of Montana School of Law in 2009, and is currently the Deputy District Attorney in Anchorage.

A. Cristina Weidner Tafs: Ms. Tafs has been an Alaska resident for 44½ years, and has practiced law for 16½ years. She graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law in 2000, and is currently in private practice in Anchorage.

Tina Teaford: Magistrate Judge Teaford has been an Alaska resident for 16 years, and has practiced law for 14½ years. She graduated from the University of Oregon, School of Law in 2001, and is currently a magistrate judge in Anchorage.

Shawn David Traini: Mr. Traini has been an Alaska resident for 31 years and has practiced law for 17½ years. He graduated from the University of Utah, S.J. Quinney College of Law in 1999, and is currently an assistant district attorney in Palmer.

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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