



# alaska judicial council

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## Press Release Announcing Applicants

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Anchorage Superior Court (3 positions)

Nineteen attorneys have applied to the Alaska Judicial Council for three positions on the Anchorage Superior Court. Applicants for the judgeships will be evaluated by the Council's seven members (the chief justice, three public 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 Anchorage. The Council will select four or more nominees to send to the governor. The governor will have 45 days to make appointments from the Council's list.

### The applicants are:

**John C. Cagle:** Mr. Cagle has been an Alaska resident for 7½ years, and has practiced law for 13 years. He graduated from Gonzaga University School of Law in 2003, and is currently an assistant district attorney in Anchorage.

**Suzanne Cole:** Magistrate Judge Cole has been an Alaska resident for 27½ years, and has practiced law for 27½ years. She graduated from Northeastern University School of Law in 1990, and is currently a magistrate judge in Anchorage.

**Roberta C. Erwin**: Ms. Erwin has been an Alaska resident for 49½ years, and has practiced law for 23½ years. She graduated from the University of Puget Sound, School of Law in 1994, and is currently in private practice in Anchorage.

**Martin C. Fallon**: Magistrate Judge Fallon has been an Alaska resident for 10 years, and has practiced law for 18 years. He graduated from Northeastern University School of Law in 1998, and is currently a magistrate judge in Kenai.

**Gregory Fisher**: Mr. Fisher has been an Alaska resident for 23½ years, and has practiced law for 26 years. He graduated from the University of Washington, School of Law in 1991, and is currently in private practice in Anchorage.

**Una Sonia Gandbhir**: Magistrate Judge Gandbhir has been an Alaska resident for 24½ years, and has practiced law for 23½ 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 17½ years, and has practiced law for 17½ years. She graduated from Lewis and Clark Law School in 2000, and is currently an assistant public defender in Anchorage.

**Cheryl Mandala**: Administrative Law Judge Mandala has been an Alaska resident for 12½ years, and has practiced law for 16½ years. She graduated from Stanford Law School in 2001, and is currently an administrative law judge in Anchorage.

**Thomas A. Matthews**: Mr. Matthews has been an Alaska resident for 32½ years, and has practiced law for 32 years. He graduated from Lewis & Clark Law School in 1985, and is currently in private practice in Anchorage.

**Donna J. McCready**: Magistrate Judge McCready has been an Alaska resident for 26½ years, and has practiced law for 26½ years. She graduated from Northeastern University School of Law in 1990, and is currently a magistrate judge in Anchorage.

**Lisa B. Nelson**: Ms. Nelson has been an Alaska resident for 58 years, and has practiced law for 35½ years. She graduated from Hastings College of Law, University of California in 1981, and is currently in private practice in Anchorage.

**Douglas C. Perkins**: Mr. Perkins has been an Alaska resident for 41½ years, and has practiced law for 31 years. He graduated from the University of Puget Sound, School of Law in 1986, and is currently in private practice in Anchorage.

**Peter R. Ramgren**: Magistrate Judge Ramgren has been an Alaska resident for 15½ years, and has practiced law for 20 years. He graduated from Northeastern University School of Law in 1997, and is currently a magistrate judge in Anchorage.

**Elizabeth Russo**: Ms. Russo has been an Alaska resident for 15 years, and has practiced law for 14 years. She graduated from Boston University, School of Law in 2003, and is currently a supervising attorney in the Office of Public Advocacy in Anchorage.

**Franklin E. Spaulding**: Mr. Spaulding has been an Alaska resident for 45 years, and has practiced law for 19½ years. He graduated from Seattle University School of Law in 1998, and is currently in private practice in Fairbanks.

**Gary L. Stapp**: Mr. Stapp has been an Alaska resident for 29 years, and has practiced law for 31½ years. He graduated from Washburn University, School of Law in 1987, and is currently in private practice in Fairbanks.

**William W. Taylor**: Mr. Taylor has been an Alaska resident for 10½ years, and has practiced law for 22½ years. He graduated from Ohio Northern University, Claude W. Pettit College of Law in 1995, and is currently an assistant public defender in Kenai.

**Thomas I. Temple**: Mr. Temple has been an Alaska resident for 16½ years, and has practiced law for 16½ years. He graduated from George Mason University School of Law in 2001, and is currently in private practice in Fairbanks.

**Clayton H. Walker**: Mr. Walker has been an Alaska resident for 18 years and has practiced law for 24½ years. He graduated from the University of Houston-Bates Law Center in 1992, and is currently in private practice 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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