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Press Release

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Anchorage District Court Vacancy Third Judicial District

The Alaska Judicial Council met on January 4-6, 2018 to interview applicants for a position on the Anchorage District Court.

Following its meeting in Anchorage, the Alaska Judicial Council announced that **Samantha Cherot, Craig S. Condie, Michael B. Logue, Andrew Peterson, and Peter R. Ramgren** were nominated as the most qualified applicants to fill an Anchorage District Court judicial vacancy, which was created by the retirement of Judge Stephanie Rhoades. The governor now has 45 days in which to make the appointment from among these nominees.

The Judicial Council is required to nominate the most qualified applicants applying for a judicial vacancy. (The framers of our Constitution referred to this standard as the "best available timber.")

The Council is a citizens' commission created by the Alaska Constitution composed of three attorneys, three non-attorneys, and the Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court. The Council completes an extensive investigation and evaluation of judicial applicants. The Council reviews each applicant's education, experience, bar discipline and credit records, participation in community activities, and other records. It asks every member of the Alaska Bar to evaluate the applicant, encourages the public to submit comments, and interviews the applicant.

Nominees for the Anchorage District Court are:

Samantha Cherot: Ms. Cherot has been an Alaska resident for 31 years, and has practiced law for 10 years. She graduated from California Western School of Law in 2007, and is currently an assistant public defender in Anchorage.

Craig S. Condie: Magistrate Judge Condie has been an Alaska resident for 13½ years, and has practiced law for 13½ years. He graduated from the University of Utah, School of Law in 2004, and is currently a magistrate judge in Palmer.

Michael B. Logue: Mr. Logue has been an Alaska resident for 29½ years, and has practiced law for 31 years. He graduated from Villanova University School of Law in 1986, and is currently in private practice in Anchorage.

Andrew Peterson: Mr. Peterson has been an Alaska resident for 26½ years, and has practiced law for 16 years. He graduated from the University of San Diego School of Law in 2001, and is currently chief assistant attorney general in the Office of Special Prosecutions, Dept. of Law 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.

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