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Announcing Applicants

Palmer Superior Court (2 Positions)
Kodiak Superior Court
Utqiagvik Superior Court (re-announcement)
Anchorage District Court

Thirteen attorneys have applied to the Alaska Judicial Council for two positions on the Palmer Superior Court, six attorneys have applied for a position on the Kodiak Superior Court, five attorneys have applied for the re-announcement of the Utqiagvik Superior Court position, and nine attorneys have applied for a position on the Anchorage District 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 public hearings will be held in late January and early February, 2019. The Council will select two or more nominees for each vacancy to send to the governor. The governor will have 45 days to make appointments from among the Council's nominees.

Summary of Judgeship Applicants:

Palmer Superior Court (2 positions)	Kodiak Superior Court	Utqiagvik Superior Court (re-announcement)	Anchorage District Court
Richard Kenneth Allen John C. Cagle Tara Logsdon Erin M. McCrum Douglas C. Perkins Peter R. Ramgren Christina Rankin Daniel Schally Nicholas Spiropoulos Kristen C. Stohler Shawn Traini Andrew Weinraub Melissa Wininger-Howard	Elizabeth W. Fleming Andrew Ott Daniel Schally Stephen B. Wallace Dawson Williams Jill C. Wittenbrader	Erin White Bradley Robert J. Campbell David L. Roghair Dianne Andrea Thoben Nelson Traverso	Samantha Cherot Craig S. Condie Serena Green Doug Kossler Donna J. McCready Jack McKenna David A. Nesbett Peter R. Ramgren Shawn Traini

Richard Kenneth Allen: Mr. Allen has been an Alaska resident for 41 years, and has practiced law for 18½ years. He graduated from the University of Idaho College of Law in 2000, and is currently the district attorney in Anchorage.

Erin White Bradley: Ms. Bradley has been an Alaska resident for 22 years, and has practiced law for 26 years. She graduated from the University of New Mexico School of Law in 1990, and is currently a municipal prosecutor in Anchorage.

John C. Cagle: Mr. Cagle has been an Alaska resident for 8 years, and has practiced law for 14 years. He graduated from Gonzaga University School of Law in 2003, and is currently an Assistant Attorney General, Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit in Anchorage.

Robert J. Campbell: Mr. Campbell has been an Alaska resident for 41½ years, and has practiced law for 11½ years. He received an Honours Law Degree from University of Strathclyde in 2005, and a Masters Degree in American Law from Boston University in 2006. He is currently in private practice in Utqiagvik.

Samantha Cherot: Ms. Cherot has been an Alaska resident for 31½ years, and has practiced law for 11 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 14 years, and has practiced law for 14 years. He graduated from the University of Utah School of Law in 2004, and is currently a magistrate judge in Palmer.

Elizabeth W. Fleming: Ms. Fleming has been an Alaska resident for 10 years, and has practiced law for 37 years. She graduated from the University of Georgia School of Law in 1981, and is currently in private practice in Kodiak.

Serena Green: Ms. Green has been an Alaska resident for 31 years, and has practiced law for 13 years. She graduated from the University of California at Berkeley School of Law in 2005, and is currently Associate General Counsel for IBEW Local 1547 in Anchorage.

Doug Kossler: Judge Kossler has been an Alaska resident for 24½ years, and has practiced law for 23 years. He graduated from Temple University School of Law in 1994, and is currently a pro tem judge in Anchorage.

Tara Logsdon: Magistrate Judge Tara Logsdon has been an Alaska resident for 22½ years, and has practiced law for 22 years. She graduated from Regent University School of Law in 1996, and is currently a magistrate judge in Palmer.

Donna J. McCready: Magistrate Judge McCready has been an Alaska resident for 27 years, and has practiced law for 27 years. She graduated from Northeastern University School of Law in 1990, and is currently a magistrate judge in Anchorage.

Erin M. McCrum: Mr. McCrum has been an Alaska resident for 18 years, and has practiced law for 18 years. He graduated from Regent University School of Law in 2000, and is currently a municipal prosecutor in Anchorage.

Jack McKenna: Mr. McKenna has been an Alaska resident for 9½ years, and has practiced law for 11 years. He graduated from the University of California, Davis, in 2007, and is currently in private practice in Anchorage.

David A. Nesbett: Mr. Nesbett has been an Alaska resident for 46½ years, and has practiced law for 20 years. He graduated from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, in 1998, and is currently in private practice in Anchorage.

Andrew Ott: Mr. Ott has been an Alaska resident for 29 years and has practiced law for 28 years. He graduated from Seattle University School of Law in 1989, and is currently in private practice in Kodiak.

Douglas C. Perkins: Mr. Perkins has been an Alaska resident for 42 years, and has practiced law for 32 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 16 years, and has practiced law for 20½ years. He graduated from Northeastern University School of Law in 1997, and is currently a magistrate judge in Anchorage.

Christina Rankin: Ms. Rankin has been an Alaska resident for 16 years, and has practiced law for 16 years. She graduated from Syracuse University College of Law in 2002, and is currently in private practice in Anchorage.

David L. Roghair: Magistrate Judge Roghair has been an Alaska resident for 23 years, and has practiced law for 12 years. He graduated from Lewis & Clark Law School in 2006, and is currently a magistrate judge in Utqiagvik.

Daniel Schally: Judge Schally has been an Alaska resident for 21 years, and has practiced law for 21 years. He graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1997, and is currently the district court judge in Valdez.

Nicholas Spiropoulos: Mr. Spiropoulos has been an Alaska resident for 19 years, and has practiced law for 21 years. He graduated from Chicago-Kent College of Law in 1997, and is currently the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Attorney in Palmer.

Kristen C. Stohler: Ms. Stohler has been an Alaska resident for 12½ years, and has practiced law for 12 years. She graduated from Vermont Law School in 2006, and is currently in private practice in Palmer.

Dianne Andrea Thoben: Ms. Thoben has been an Alaska resident for 12 years, and has practiced law for 12 years. She graduated from State University of New York at Buffalo Law School in 2006, and is currently an assistant public defender in Palmer.

Shawn Traini: Mr. Traini has been an Alaska resident for 33 years, and has practiced law for 19 years. He graduated from the University of Utah College of Law in 1999, and is currently an assistant district attorney in Palmer.

Nelson Traverso: Mr. Traverso has been an Alaska resident for 36 years, and has practiced law for 35 years. He graduated from Northeastern University School of Law in 1981, and is currently in private practice in Fairbanks.

Stephen B. Wallace: Mr. Wallace has been an Alaska resident for 36 years, and has practiced law for 29 years. He graduated from the University of Oregon School of Law in 1988, and is currently the district attorney in Bethel.

Andrew Weinraub: Mr. Weinraub has been an Alaska resident for 10 years, and has practiced law for 22 years. He graduated from University of Akron School of Law 1991, and is currently an assistant public advocate in Palmer.

Dawson Williams: Magistrate Judge Dawson Williams has been an Alaska resident for 13½ years, and has practiced law for 13 years. He graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 2005, and is currently a magistrate judge in Kodiak.

Melissa Winger-Howard: Ms. Winger-Howard has been an Alaska resident for 29 years, and has practiced law for 10 years. She graduated from the Seattle University School of Law in 2008, and is currently an assistant district attorney in Palmer.

Jill C. Wittenbrader: Ms. Wittenbrader has been an Alaska resident for 26½ years, and has practiced law for 26½ years. She graduated from Lewis and Clark, Northwestern School of Law, in 1991, and is currently in private practice in Kodiak.

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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