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ALASKA JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Alaska Judicial Council Application for Judicial Appointment

Position(s) for which you wish to be considered:

Alaska Supreme Court Justice

Date: January 25, 2012

I. Public Information (Questions 1-24)

Personal

1. (a) State full name* Peter Jon Maassen

Name as it should appear on bar survey: Peter J. Maassen

* Unless otherwise specified, this is how your name will appear on the bar survey.

(b) Have you ever used or been known by any other name? If so, please identify.

No

2. How long have you been a resident of the State of Alaska immediately preceding the date of this application? **

31 years 0 months
Total 31 years 0 months

3. How long have you been engaged in the active practice of law immediately preceding the date of this application? **

27 years 0 months
Total 30 years 0 months

Nonlegal Education

4. State names and dates of attendance of all colleges and professional schools (other than law schools) ever attended and degrees and dates conferred. List any honors.

- a. Hope College: B.A. cum laude 1977
August 1973 to May 1977
Washington Honors Semester
- b. Michigan State University: summer economics courses
July-August 1976

** See AS 22.10.090; see also 1984 Inf. Op. Atty. Gen. (July 19; 366- 624-84).

Legal Education

5. List all law schools, dates attended and degrees conferred. If you did not receive a degree from any law school, please indicate.

- a. University of Michigan Law School: J.D. cum laude 1980
- b. Wayne State University Law School
August 1977 to May 1978

6. (a) Did you receive any honors in law school or belong to any honorary societies or groups?
 Yes No If yes, please give details.

I received the Bronze Key Award for Academic Achievement in my first year at Wayne State University Law School. I was also invited to join the Wayne State Law Review, but I lost that opportunity when I elected to transfer to the University of Michigan Law School.

(b) Have you taken any CLE (continuing legal education) courses during the past five years?
 Yes No

Please describe or list. Please do not attach individual certificates of attendance.

I have not kept a record since 2009, when I joined the Alaska Bar Association Board of Governors and my attendance at the Bar Convention guaranteed that I would receive 12 or more credit hours annually. A partial list is provided in the attachment.
I have also been a presenter, most recently on Appellate Strategies at the Department of Law Civil Division Retreat in September 2011; and on Insurance Bad Faith Claims (a National Business Institute seminar) in June 2010.
(Answer continued on separate sheet.)

Military

7. Have you served in the armed forces (reserves or otherwise)? Yes No
If so, please provide the following information:

- (a) Dates of service: _____
- (b) Branch of service: _____
- (c) Rank at time of discharge: _____
- (d) Type of military discharge: _____
- (e) Awards or citations:

(f) Have you ever been refused admission to or released from any of the armed services for reasons other than honorable discharge? Yes No If so, state the details.

Nonlegal Employment

8. Describe major nonlegal working experience. If you had a business or association that has been discontinued, please note whether there are unpaid debts or claims pending litigation.

a. Self-employed housepainter, Michigan, summer 1973, 1976, 1978. Fall-back employment during college and law school. Gave estimates, bought supplies, scraped and painted.

b. Manuscript editor, "The Mood-Interest Theory of American Foreign Policy" by Dr. Jack E. Holmes, Red Cliff, Colorado, summer 1977. Checked sources and improved the writing style of a foreign policy text eventually published by the University of Kentucky Press.

c. Investigator, District of Columbia Public Defender Service, Washington, D.C., spring 1976. Unpaid internship. Located complainants and witnesses and took statements at the direction of defense attorneys.

d. Research historian, U.S. Marine Corps Division of History and Museums, Washington, D.C., winter 1976. Unpaid internship. Researched ships' logs and other documents in support of USMC historical publications.

e. Laboratory technician, Gerber Products Company, Fremont, Michigan, summer 1974 and summer 1975. Worked in research laboratory developing new food products and improving existing ones.

Legal Experience

9. Describe chronologically your legal employment since admission to law school. **Please provide dates and location of employment, name of employer, name AND CURRENT ADDRESS OF supervisor or person who can verify AND COMMENT ON YOUR employment, the reason you left the position, and a brief description of type of practice (i.e., insurance defense, criminal, appellate, general, litigation, etc.) for each position listed below.** IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY A TRIAL COURT JUDGE, PLEASE LIST YOUR PRESIDING JUDGE. FOR PAST JUDGESHIPS, PLEASE LIST THE JUDGE WHO LAST PRESIDED DURING YOUR TIME ON THE BENCH.

The Council will ask for comments from your current and former employers about your employment and your judicial qualifications. You may choose to list other persons as character and professional references in response to Question 20 of this application.

If the supervisor or contact person asks (in writing) that the letter be shared with the governor, the Council will send designated letters for each nominee. The applicant should not request a copy of the letter from the reference. References or letters not solicited by the Council are considered public (with few exceptions) and will be sent to the governor for all nominees.

Current Employer: Ingaldson, Maassen & Fitzgerald, P.C.

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: William H. Ingaldson

Current address of this person: 813 West 3rd Avenue

City Anchorage State Alaska Zip 99501

Dates and location of Employment: From June 1994 To present City Anchorage State Alaska

Description:

Partner in general civil firm representing individuals, businesses, government entities, and non-profits in litigation

Previous Employers: *(In chronological order, most recent first)*

Employer: Burr, Pease & Kurtz, P.C.

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Thomas P. Owens III

Current address of this person: 810 N. Street, Suite 300

City Anchorage State Alaska Zip 99501

Dates and Location of Employment: From Feb. 1990 To June 1994 City Anchorage State Alaska

Description: Partner in general civil practice involving natural resources, commercial litigation, insurance defense, and class actions

Reason for Leaving: Opportunity to start my own firm with an old friend

Employer: Bishop, Cook, Purcell & Reynolds, LLC (now part of Winston & Strawn)

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Peter K. Dykema

Current address of this person: Winston & Strawn, 1700 K Street NW

City Washington State D.C. Zip 20006-3817

Dates and Location of Employment: From Nov. 1988 To Sept. 1989 City Washington State D.C.

Description: Associate in diverse practice firm involving federal administrative law, property condemnation, contract, and tort

Reason for Leaving: Moved back to Alaska at close of wife's stint in State's D.C. office

Previous Employers (continued)

Employer: Office of General Counsel, U.S. Department of Commerce
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: George Maden, Section Chief
Current address of this person: I cannot locate Mr. Maden or other supervisors
City Washington State D.C. Zip _____
Dates and Location of Employment: From Jan. 1988 To Oct. 1988 City Washington State D.C.
Description: Agency advice and litigation practice involving bankruptcy, banking, and real estate issues
Reason for Leaving: Offer of employment by Bishop, Cook (see above)

Employer: Burr, Pease & Kurtz, P.C.
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Thomas P. Owens III
Current address of this person: 810 N Street, Suite 300
City Anchorage State Alaska Zip 99501
Dates and Location of Employment: From Jan. 1980 To Oct. 1987* City Anchorage State Alaska
Description: Law clerk (1980) then associate (1981-87) in general litigation practice
Reason for Leaving: Moved to Washington, D.C. *(See continuation sheet re BPK tenure.)

Employer: Maun, Green, Hayes, Simon, Murray & Johannesen (now defunct)
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Robert E. Salmon
Current address of this person: Meagher & Geer, PLLP, 33 S. Sixth St., Suite 4400
City Minneapolis State MN Zip 55402-3788
Dates and Location of Employment: From June 1979 To Aug. 1979 City St. Paul State MN
Description: Law clerk in general litigation practice
Reason for Leaving: Summer employment during law school

Employer: _____
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: _____
Current address of this person: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Dates and Location of Employment: From _____ To _____ City _____ State _____
Description: _____
Reason for Leaving: _____

Employer: _____
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: _____
Current address of this person: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Dates and Location of Employment: From _____ To _____ City _____ State _____
Description: _____
Reason for Leaving: _____

10. For the past five years, please indicate (approximately) the following:

(a) Percent of your practice that was: Civil 100
Criminal _____
Other _____
= 100%

Comment: _____

(b) Percent: State 90
Federal 10
Other _____
= 100%

Comment: _____

(c) Of practice in state courts, percent: Supreme Court 30
Court of Appeals _____
Superior Court 65
District Court 5
= 100%

Comment: _____

(d) Frequency of appearance in court:
 Regularly Occasionally Infrequently Not at All

Comment: _____

(e) Number of trials (by court or jury) you conducted in the past 5 years:
 None 1-5 6-15 16-30 31 or more

Comment: Most of my civil cases were resolved by motion or settlement.

(f) Percent of these trials which were: Jury 50 Non-Jury 50

Comment: _____

(g) Approximate number of appellate matters handled: 20

Comment: I handle appeals for other attorneys as well as my own cases.

(h) Approximate number of arbitrations or administrative hearings:
 None 1-5 6-15 16-30 31 or more

Briefly describe type of matters heard:

APOC and Personnel Board matters.

(i) Please briefly summarize any *pro bono* work that you have done and indicate whether the work was done through a *pro bono* legal service provider (e.g. Alaska Legal Services, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, etc.) during this period.

I take regular referrals from pro bono providers. Currently, on referral from ANDVSA, I represent a woman in an appeal from a domestic violence restraining order. On a recent referral from ALSC, I reached a negotiated settlement on behalf of a disabled and unemployed woman who had fallen behind on her condo association dues. On another ALSC referral I represented the owners of a car which an insurer had mistakenly identified as having caused an accident.

11. List all the courts and administrative tribunals in the United States or elsewhere to which you are or have been admitted to practice, and the dates of admission.

State of Alaska, 1981; U.S. District Court, District of Alaska, 1981; Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, 1988; U.S. Supreme Court, 1988; Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, 1990

Public Service

12. List bar associations, and sections and committees of which you are or have been a member or officer.

a. Alaska Bar Association: Board of Governors, 2009-present; treasurer, 2010-present; discipline liaison, 2011-present; various BOG subcommittees addressing discipline, admissions, staff insurance, other issues; Appellate Section; Bar Rag Committee (Editor in Chief, 1994-2000)
(continued on separate sheet)

13. List legal publications, if any (give title, subject and date of publications). Please include publications you have co-authored and the name(s) of the co-author(s).

[Empty box for legal publications]

14. Have you ever applied for a judgeship? Yes No
Please list dates and judgeships applied for, as well as whether you were nominated by the Judicial Council and appointed.

Judgeship	Date	Nominated By Council (Y/N)	Appointed By Governor (Y/N)
U.S. District Court	2010	N/A*	N/A
Alaska Supreme Court	2007	N	N
		*explained on	separate page

15. Have you ever held public or political office, elective or appointive? Yes No
If so, state office, manner selected, and when and where held.

16. Please provide the Council with information that you would like the Council to consider about other legal and nonlegal organizations and clubs of which you are a member, including civic, charitable, religious, educational, social and fraternal organizations. Please indicate whether you participate in the organization's activities, or simply hold a membership. Your involvement in the community is one of the criteria the Council uses in its evaluations. The Council does not use affiliation with a particular group as a criterion except to the extent that it might raise questions of conflict of interest or would affect an applicant's ability to impartially apply the law.

I have served on the Board of Directors of the Anchorage Youth Court since 2009, as secretary (2010-11) and currently as adult chair. (Each office is shared by a student and an adult.) I am strongly committed to its mission. AYC trains students to serve as attorneys and judges in a parallel justice system that provides an alternative for young offenders and features a low recidivism rate and a chance for teens to avoid a criminal record. Like most non-profits, the Board's activities, besides overseeing the program, involve a lot of fund-raising and trying to heighten public awareness of the organization. The past year has been particularly challenging for us Board members because of the departure of AYC's long-time executive director and the sudden resignation of her immediate successor.

In 2009 I was elected to the Alaska Bar Association Board of Governors. We oversee attorney discipline, admissions, continuing legal education, and other aspects of the Bar's public mission. I am serving my second year as treasurer and also act as the discipline liaison, which means that I review decisions of Bar Counsel as to whether attorney grievances should be pursued.

I am also a long-time member of the Nordic Ski Association and the Arctic Bike Club, but only as a supporter and race participant.

17. Indicate (Yes or No) whether you have ever:
- (a) been arrested, charged with, pled guilty or *nolo contendere* to, or been convicted of the violation of any law or ordinance, or been requested to appear before any prosecuting or investigative agency in connection with any matter in any jurisdiction, including all traffic offenses, unless the fine was less than \$50 and there were no other sanctions?
 Yes No
 - (b) failed to answer any summons or other legal process served upon you personally at any time? Yes No
 - (c) as a member of any armed forces, been the subject of any charges which may have resulted in disciplinary action or court martial? Yes No

- (d) had any proceedings brought to have you declared a ward of any court or adjudged an incompetent? Yes No
If your answer is "yes" to any part of this question, state the facts in detail. Give the name and place of the court or agency, dates of the beginning and end of any action or proceeding, case numbers, and the judgment or other disposition.

18. (a) Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by federal, state or local authorities? Yes No
In particular, have you been the subject of any proceeding, criminal or civil, initiated against you by the Internal Revenue Service or a State Tax Office? Yes No
If so, give particulars, including case numbers.

- (b) Have you ever been sued by a client? Yes No
If so, give particulars, including case numbers.

- (c) Have you ever been a party in any other legal proceeding? Yes No
If so, give the particulars. Include all legal proceedings in which you were a party in interest, including petitioner or respondent in dissolution or divorce proceedings; a material witness; a named co-conspirator or correspondent; and subject or witness in any grand jury proceedings. Do not list proceedings in which you were sued only in a representative capacity (e.g. guardian ad litem, or as Commissioner of Natural Resources).

1. Gruenstein, Hickey & Stewart v. Burr, Pease & Kurtz, 3AN-97-06866 CI: Suit for declaratory judgment over allocation of attorney's fee.

2. DeNardo v. Maassen, 3AN-07-07645 CI; DeNardo v. Maassen, 3AN-06-11245 CI; and DeNardo v. Maassen, 3AN-05-14472 CI: Redundant cases alleging civil rights violations and abuse of process, brought by pro se plaintiff based on my representation of clients in lawsuits he had brought against them; complaints against me by this plaintiff were later made subject to pre-litigation screening on "vexatious litigant" grounds.

19. State the nature and disposition of any of the following actions which apply to you:

- (a) Are there any unsatisfied judgments against you? Yes No
Have you ever defaulted in the performance of any court-imposed obligation, including payment of alimony or child support or compliance with another court order or decree?

Yes No

In each case, list the name and address of the creditor, the court which rendered the judgment, the case number, the date, the amount of the judgment, and the circumstances on which such claim was based.

Has property owned by you been either judicially or non-judicially foreclosed?

Yes No

Please state the circumstances and outcome of any such unsatisfied or default judgment, or of any foreclosure.

- (b) Have you ever made an assignment for the benefit of creditors? Yes No
Have you ever filed any petition in bankruptcy? Yes No
If so, state the circumstances, case number, and the outcome.

References and Counsel Questionnaires*

- * **Please Note:** Letters of reference from these persons are confidential and will not be given to the applicant. If the reference asks (in writing) that the letter be shared with the governor, the Council will send designated letters and counsel questionnaires for each nominee. The applicant should not request a copy of the letter from the reference. (You **should not** list the Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court.)

References or letters not solicited by the Council are considered public (with few exceptions) and will be sent to the governor for all nominees.

20. (a) List the names, addresses, **including zip codes**, and **phone numbers** of two persons whom the Judicial Council may contact who can discuss your general character and background.

Name: Nelson G. Page

Address: 810 N Street

City/State/Zip: Anchorage, Alaska 99501 Phone: (907) 276-6100

Name: Judge David Stewart (retired)

Address: P.O. Box 989

City/State/Zip: Ashland, Oregon 97520 Phone: (541) 778-4450

- (b) List the names, addresses, **including zip codes**, and **phone numbers** of three other persons whom the Judicial Council may contact who can discuss your professional competence and qualifications for a judicial position.

Name: Justice Robert Eastaugh (retired)

Address: 303 K Street, Suite 510

City/State/Zip: Anchorage, Alaska Phone: 264-0624 (contact number)

Name: James N. Leik

Address: 1029 West 3rd Avenue

City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 Phone: (907) 279-8561

Name: Peter Gruenstein

Address: 3846 N. River Hills Drive

City/State/Zip: Tucson, Arizona 85759 Phone: (907) 258-4338

References and Counsel Questionnaires (continued)

(c) List the names, addresses, **including zip codes, and suite numbers where applicable**, and phone numbers of each attorney involved in your three most recent cases that have gone to trial. Please do not list cases pending in the trial courts. (Applicants who are currently judges should list the three most recent trials they presided over.) List only those cases that have gone to trial within the past three years. Please include the judge's name and case names and numbers. (*Attach additional pages if necessary.*)

Case Number 1

Case Name: Peggie Wynne

Case Number: 3AN-09-6242 CI

v. Chi Cu

Judge Name: Judge Frank Pfiffner

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Jeff Barber

Name: _____

Address: 821 N Street, Suite 103

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

City, State, Zip: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case Name: John Gibbons

Case Number: 3KN-08-634 CI

v. Crystal Kean

Judge Name: Judge Carl Bauman

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Greg Grebe

Name: _____

Address: 1400 W. Benson Blvd. Suite 120

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99503

City, State, Zip: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 3

Case Name: (I had only two cases go to

Case Number: _____

v. trial in the past 3 years.)

Judge Name: _____

Attorneys Involved:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

References and Counsel Questionnaires (continued)

(d) List the names, addresses, including zip codes, and suite numbers where applicable, and phone numbers of each attorney involved in your three most recent cases that did not go to trial but in which you did significant work. Please do not list cases pending in the trial courts. (Applicants who are currently judges should list the three most recent cases they presided over that did not go to trial but in which they did significant work.) Please include the judge's name and case names and numbers. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Case Number 1

Case Name: Emily Davenport **Case Number:** 3AN-10-9812 CI
v. Calista Corporation **Judge Name:** Elaine Andrews (Arbitrator)

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Douglas S. Parker Name: James Juliussen
Address: 310 K Street, Suite 200 Address: 701 West 8th Ave., Ste. 800
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501
Name: _____ Name: _____
Address: _____ Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case Name: Willow Sherrill **Case Number:** 3SW-08-10 CI
v. Jeffrey Joseph **Judge Name:** Judge Charles Huguelet

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Dennis Mestas Name: James Wilkins
Address: 745 West 4th Avenue, Suite 306 Address: 500 L Street, Suite 200
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501
Name: _____ Name: _____
Address: _____ Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 3

Case Name: Bezek Durst Seiser, Inc. **Case Number:** 3AN-09-11718 CI
v. Architects & Engineers Ins. **Judge Name:** Judge Andrew Guidi

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Gary A. Zipkin Name: James E. Torgerson
Address: 510 L Street, 7th Floor Address: 510 L Street, Suite 500
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501
Name: Brian M. Doherty Name: _____
Address: 1029 West 3rd Avenue, Ste. 500 Address: _____
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501-1982 City, State, Zip: _____

Writing Sample

21. Attach one example of a brief, memorandum of law, or legal opinion or similar example of legal writing (10-20 pages in length; 15-25 pages for appellate positions) prepared solely by you within the last five years. Please choose a sample that reflects your ability to do legal research and analysis. If you do not have a good sample of this length, include an excerpt from a longer writing. Make sure the sample contains sufficient facts to make it understandable. (Some reply briefs may not meet these requirements.)

Please do not submit: (a) coauthored writing samples, (b) samples with confidential information unless redacted to remove such information, (c) longer writing samples.

22. Has any **public** sanction been imposed against you in response to a complaint, charge or grievance brought against you as an attorney or a judge? Yes No
Have formal grievance procedures been brought against you? Yes No
See Bar Rule 22(b) & (e) concerning public bar grievance procedures against attorneys, and AS 22.30.011(b) and .060(b)(3) concerning public disciplinary grievance procedures against judges.
Have you ever been held in contempt of court? Yes No
Have you ever been fined or otherwise sanctioned by a judge? Yes No
In each case, state in detail the circumstances and the outcome.

Additional Comments (Non-Confidential)

23. Please make any additional comments that you wish to bring to the Council's attention about your experience and suitability for this judgeship.

Two aspects of my career that especially suit me for the Supreme Court are the diversity of my client base and the breadth of my appellate practice. I have represented oil companies and gold miners, consumer classes, the Alaska Court System, non-profits, public employee unions, and many small businesses and individuals. My appeal work just over the past few years has involved, among other things, domestic violence orders, partnership disputes, bank lending practices, workers' compensation, spoliation of evidence, the Wage and Hour Act, and many subsidiary issues of evidence and procedure. I am gratified when colleagues call me for appellate advice (and even more gratified when I can give it) and am honored when I'm asked to pursue an appeal in a case that another lawyer tried below.

A significant part of my practice has been insurance defense. One aspect of this work that sets it apart from others is the dual nature of the representation. On the one hand, I'm working with claims professionals who deal with litigation for a living and can be very objective about its costs and risks. On the other hand, my clients are often homeowners or business people who have never been sued before,

Additional Comments (Continued)

are apprehensive about the process, and more than anything need assurance that their case is in competent hands and that the system works. Guiding the layperson through the process to a just (if not always happy) conclusion, and explaining why it happened the way it did so that the client can live with the result, is a fundamental part of every general civil practice, and it is an experience that I would remember on the bench.

In 2006, the Alaska Bar Association gave me the Board of Governors Professionalism Award, which purports to recognize "exemplary conduct in [my] association with the public, [my] colleagues and the legal community." I don't know what criteria, if any, exist for the award, but I hope that it reflects the notion that quite a few of my fellow lawyers have faith in my integrity, judgment, and commitment to the respectability of the profession. I have also been named as a "Best Lawyer" and "Super Lawyer" in several peer-selected lists published by different ranking organizations, which (I think) means that other lawyers feel comfortable referring their clients to me.

Finally, while I am not under any illusion that Supreme Court Justices have the luxury of sitting in their offices and writing clever things all day (not to say that they couldn't if they had the time), writing has always been one of my joys. I get great satisfaction from a well-researched and well-written pleading; particularly if, as an added bonus, my client's position is a strong one. I hope that on the Supreme Court I could convey a sense of a just result in readable form.

24. Please indicate whether you prefer to be interviewed in public session or in private session. Your choice of a public or private interview has no bearing on the Council's determination of your qualifications or on the questions the Council may ask. You may change your request in writing at any time before the interview starts.

Public Interview

Private Interview

25. Please prepare a brief biographical statement (**limited to 150 words**) about your background, legal education, and legal experience. Please do not list personal information about minor children. Your picture and a copy of this statement will be scanned and posted on the Council's website after the application deadline. In its bar survey, the Council will invite attorneys to review the information if they wish to become more familiar with your background and experience. Use the form on the following page for your biographical statement. Please leave the box at the top empty. The Council will use this space for your scanned picture. ***To be fair to all applicants, the Council will strictly enforce the 150 word limit.***

If you object to the posting of your picture on the Council's website, please indicate your objection below. If you object, we will not post your picture, although you still must submit twelve photographs of yourself with your application.

If you check this box we will not post your picture on the website.

Biographical Statement

Name Peter J. Maassen

Position(s) for which you wish to be considered:

Alaska Supreme Court Justice

Please leave this area blank

Date: January 25, 2012

I was raised in Michigan, the son of a minister and a music teacher. I was educated at Hope College and the University of Michigan Law School and came to Alaska in 1980 with my wife, Kay Gouwens, who is also a lawyer (though our professional paths rarely cross). I've been in private practice most of my career. I've represented individuals, businesses, public entities, classes of consumers and public pensioners, and non-profits. I am more likely to be drafting briefs or motions than picking a jury, though I've done that too. I serve on the Alaska Bar Association's Board of Governors and am co-chair of the Anchorage Youth Court Board of Directors. I'm a skier and a biker and the proud father of a college student. My only marketable skills, however, are writing and legal analysis, which I am eager to put to use in public service.

PETER MAASSEN'S CONTINUATION SHEET

6(b). CLE Courses (continued)

I do not keep a record of CLE attendance for over a year, but I am confident that I have obtained 12 or more credit hours annually since the VCLE rule was instituted. The following list is partial:

- 2009: Conflicts of Interest
Trial Advocacy
U.S. Supreme Court Opinion Update
Alaska Appellate Update

- 2010: U.S. Supreme Court Opinion Update
Alaska Appellate Update
Bad Faith Insurance Claims in Alaska (presenter)
Ethics at the 11th Hour

- 2011: How to Ethically Manage a Law Practice
U.S. Supreme Court Opinion Update
Alaska Appellate Update
Federal and State Discovery
Security and Civil Liberties in Wartime
Appellate Strategies: Department of Law Civil Division Retreat
(presenter)

9. Legal Experience (continued)

My first stint at Burr, Pease & Kurtz was interrupted in 1984-85, when I left to pursue some creative writing projects. At the same time I did occasional contract legal work for the firm as well as for Roger Holmes, Frank Nosek, and a few other Anchorage lawyers.

12. Committees (continued)

- b. American Bar Association
 - Fellow, American Bar Foundation, 2011-present
 - Alaska Editor, ABA Survey of Class Action law, 2003 and 2004
 - Tort & Insurance Practice Section
 - Litigation Section
- c. Alaska Supreme Court Advisory Civil Pattern Jury Instruction Committee
- d. Alaska Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Appellate Delay (2001-02)

14. Prior Applications (continued)

My name was one of three that Senator Mark Begich forwarded to the White House in 2011 for consideration for appointment to the federal district court.