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ALASKA JUDICIAL COUNCIL

# Alaska Judicial Council Application for Judicial Appointment

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

Sitka Superior Court

Date: 9/20/17

## I. Public Information (Questions 1-24)

### Personal

1. (a) State full name\* Michael Jude Pate

Name as it should appear on bar survey: Jude Pate

\* 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? \*\*

24 years 3 months  
Total 24 years 3 months

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

23 years 2 months  
Total 23 years 2 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.

University of Kansas, 1983-1989, B.S. Journalism

\*\* 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.

Lewis & Clark Northwestern School of Law, 1990-1993 J.D.

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.

1993 Cornelius Honor Society for leadership, scholarship and community  
1993 Steven Manas Scholar for environmental stewardship and community  
1990-1993 Natural Resources Scholarship  
Co-founder of the Public Interest Law Project for loan repayment and summer stipends

- (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.

Alaska State/Tribal Court Improvement Program Conference; Alaska Bar Conference 2017; Diversity in the Judiciary; Holistic Defense; 4th Amendment Update by NACDL; Voir Dire on Race; Jury Selection in Sex Cases; Challenging the Constitutionality of Money Bail; Gotta Love Them - Compassion for Difficult Clients; Ethics requirements for the past 5 years.

## 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.

I worked as a training assistant for people with disabilities at Center for Community in Sitka from 1993-1994.

I was a squad leader for a fire fighting crew for the U.S. Forest Service in the Wallowa-Whitman Forest in 1989.

While in college, I worked as a short-order cook for a half-dozen restaurants from 1983-1988.

I have also worked as a baker, house painter, film projectionist, bartender, construction worker, hotel maid, pizza delivery driver, and briefly as a strawberry field worker and an attendant in a tanning salon.

## 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:** Alaska Public Defender Agency

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Quinlan Steiner

Current address of this person: 900 West 5th Avenue

City Anchorage State Alaska Zip 99501

Dates and location of Employment: From June 2006 To Present City Sitka State Alaska

Description:

Supervisor of the Sitka office and trial attorney for all criminal and civil matters. Beginning 9/25/17 I will shift to the appellate unit of the Agency.

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

Employer: Law Offices of Jude Pate and David A. Voluck

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: David A. Voluck

Current address of this person: P.O. Box 6384

City Sitka State Alaska Zip 99835

Dates and Location of Employment: From 2004 To 2006 City Sitka State Alaska

Description: Shared office space and costs with Mr. Voluck. Caseload was an equal mix of civil and criminal matters. Carried contracts with OPA and Sitka Tribe.

Reason for Leaving: I took my current position with the Public Defender Agency.

Employer: Law Office of Michael Jude Pate

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: self

Current address of this person: 703 Lake Street

City Sitka State Alaska Zip 99835

Dates and Location of Employment: From 1999 To 2004 City Sitka State Alaska

Description: Solo private practice. Caseload was an equal mix of civil and criminal matters. Carried contracts with OPA and Sitka Tribe.

Reason for Leaving: I began sharing office space and costs with Mr. Voluck.

**Previous Employers (continued)**

Employer: Sitka Tribe of Alaska  
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Alicia Gassman, General Manager  
Current address of this person: 456 Katlian  
City Sitka State Alaska Zip 99835  
Dates and Location of Employment: From 1994 To 1999 City Sitka State Alaska  
Description: Served as in-house attorney on all matters: tribal court, ordinance drafting, tax and employment issues, self-governance compact negotiations.  
Reason for Leaving: I entered private practice and kept Sitka Tribe as a client.

Employer: Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission  
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Rob Lothrop/Laurie Jordan  
Current address of this person: 700 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 1200  
City Portland State Oregon Zip 97232  
Dates and Location of Employment: From 1993 To 1994 City Portland State Oregon  
Description: Paid legal-intern on matters related to fishing treaty rights, salmon mortality, water quality and fish passage through dams.  
Reason for Leaving: I graduated from law school and moved to Alaska.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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. During your legal career, please indicate (approximately) the following:

(a) Percent of your practice that was:

Civil	<u>20</u>
Criminal	<u>77</u>
Other	<u>3</u>
	= 100%

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Percent:

State	<u>96</u>
Federal	<u>1</u>
Other	<u>3</u>
	= 100%

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Of practice in state courts, percent:

Supreme Court	<u>1</u>
Court of Appeals	<u>3</u>
Superior Court	<u>55</u>
District Court	<u>41</u>
	= 100%

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Comment: I am in court almost every day, several times a day.

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

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

(g) Approximate number of appellate matters handled: 12

Comment: I will have 3 active, new appellate cases beginning 9/25/2017.

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

Briefly describe type of matters heard:

(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.).

As interpreted by the Public Defender Agency, the *pro bono* work of public defenders is limited by statute.

For this reason I have not performed any *pro bono* work as a lawyer in the past 11 years. Prior to my employment as a public defender, I regularly performed *pro bono* work for low-income, private clients and through the following organizations:

- Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault;
- Alaska Legal Services; and
- Alaska Pro Bono Program.

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 1994; Sitka Tribe of Alaska 1995; U.S. District Court for Alaska 1996; U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals 1997.

**Public Service**

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

Sitka Bar Association  
 Alaska Bar Association  
 Alaska Native Law Section

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).

None.

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)
Sitka Superior Court	6/9/07	Yes	No
Alaska Court of Appeals	5/17/12	Yes	No
Alaska Court of Appeals	8/29/16	Yes	No

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.

Student Body President, Lewis & Clark Law School, elected 1992-1993.

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.

Sitka High School Mock Trial (coach, asst. coach & consultant)- 2010 to present.

Baranof Barracuda Swim Club (board member, head of recycling program and volunteer swim meet official and advisor) - 2008 to present.

Sitka Little League Baseball (coach, asst. coach, & parent helper) - 2004 to 2014.

Adopted member of the Sitka Coho Clan - My Tlingit name is "Kinda Shaakwa Eesh" - 1996 to present.

Alaska Native Brotherhood Camp #1 (volunteer and member, but my dues have lapsed) - 1995 to present.

KCAW Sitka Public Radio (volunteer DJ, member and donor) - 1994 to present.

Color of Justice Program (volunteer) - 2013 to present.

Braveheart Volunteers, family respite/end of life care (donor).

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.

I had a speeding ticket in Oregon in October of 1992. The officer who issued the citation apparently failed to lodge it with the court because when I attempted to take care of the matter shortly afterwards, the court informed me there was no record of the citation.

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).

I was a witness in a criminal trial in which a resident of my college dormitory was charged with attempted rape in 1983. I only remember that his first name was Alan. I testified about the amount of alcohol I had seen him drink that night.

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: Louise Brady  
Address: 2716 Halibut Point Road #10  
City/State/Zip: Sitka, Alaska 99835 Phone: (907) 738-1075

Name: Thomas Clarke  
Address: 1910 Cascade Creek Road  
City/State/Zip: Sitka, Alaska 99835 Phone: (907) 752-5030

- (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: Judge Trevor Stephens  
Address: 415 Main Street, Room 400  
City/State/Zip: Ketchikan, Alaska Phone: (907) 225-3141

Name: Judge David George  
Address: 304 Lake Street, Room 203  
City/State/Zip: Sitka, Alaska 99835 Phone: (907) 747-6271

Name: Vance Sanders  
Address: 636 Harris Street  
City/State/Zip: Juneau, Alaska 99801 Phone: (907) 321-3682

**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:** State of Alaska **Case Number:** 1SI-16-179 CR  
**v.** Brandon Ledbetter **Judge Name:** Judge David George

**Attorneys Involved:**

Name: <u>James Scott (retired)</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>P.O. Box 34785</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Juneau Alaska 99803</u>	City, State, Zip: _____
<u>(907) 821-8222</u>	
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

**Case Number 2**

**Case Name:** State of Alaska **Case Number:** 1SI-14-69 CR  
**v.** Michael Mattingly **Judge Name:** Judge David George

**Attorneys Involved:**

Name: <u>Jean Seaton (retired)</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>P.O. Box 243</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Gardiner, Montana 59030</u>	City, State, Zip: _____
<u>(907) 419-0562</u>	
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

**Case Number 3**

**Case Name:** State of Alaska **Case Number:** 1AG-13-01 CR  
**v.** Joshua Cole **Judge Name:** Judge David George

**Attorneys Involved:**

Name: <u>Jean Seaton (retired)</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>P.O. Box 243</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Gardiner, Montana 59030</u>	City, State, Zip: _____
<u>(907) 419-0562</u>	
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:** State of Alaska **Case Number:** 1SI-09-84 CR  
**v.** Wilburn Dean Jackson **Judge Name:** Judge Leonard Devaney

**Attorneys Involved:**

Name: <u>Jenna Gruenstein</u>	Name: <u>Christopher Orman (retired)</u>
Address: <u>310 K Street, Suite 601</u>	Address: <u>48 11th Ave</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, Alaska 99501-2064</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Helena, Montana 59601</u>
<u>(206) 697-0004</u>	<u>(907) 723-8250</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

### Case Number 2

**Case Name:** ITMO E.B. & A.B. **Case Number:** 1SI-14-7 & 1SI-16-4 CN  
**v.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Judge Name:** Judge Leonard Devaney

**Attorneys Involved:**

Name: <u>Johanna Sebold</u>	Name: <u>Teka K. Lamade</u>
Address: <u>P.O. Box 110300</u>	Address: <u>202 B. Katlian Street</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Juneau, Alaska 99811</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Sitka, Alaska 99835</u>
<u>(907) 957-2205</u>	<u>(907) 623-0327</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

### Case Number 3

**Case Name:** State of Alaska **Case Number:** 1SI-14-363 CR  
**v.** Quentin White **Judge Name:** Judge David George

**Attorneys Involved:**

Name: <u>Amanda Browning</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>304 Lake Street, Room 202</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Sitka, Alaska 99835</u>	City, State, Zip: _____
<u>(907) 747-5851</u>	
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	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.

A bar complaint filed by Dustin O. Jones, ABA No. 2015D074, was dismissed without further investigation after the initial complaint. For an explanation, see letters dated July 3, 2015 and August 13, 2015, attached as Appendix B.

### 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.

I was born in Nuremberg, Germany, where my father was stationed while in the U.S. Army. My father's military service instilled in me a sense of duty for public service at an early age. We moved quite often while I was growing up, including stops at command posts in Kansas, California, Georgia and Virginia.

My high school years were spent in the Netherlands, where I attended AFCENT International with the children of other military families from Britain, Germany, Canada, Turkey, Norway and Iceland. It was an experience for which I am grateful because it broadened my conception of my place in the world.

I received a journalism degree from the University of Kansas where working for both the student newspaper and radio station helped hone my skills of investigation, research, oral communication and writing under deadline pressure.

## Additional Comments (Continued)

I have devoted my career to the ideal of public service. It is my belief that public service, and in particular participation in the judicial system, is a sacred obligation.

My experience is well-rounded and includes litigation in all areas of practice that are within the general jurisdiction of the Sitka Superior Court. I have litigated and performed legal services in all communities in Southeast Alaska, and specifically those communities most often served by the Sitka Superior Court - the Prince of Wales Island communities, Angoon, Wrangell, Juneau and Ketchikan.

It would be a great honor, and a tremendous responsibility, to serve as the Superior Court Judge for the community of Sitka.

Beginning September 25, 2017, I will be shifting positions to the appellate unit of the Public Defender Agency. My office will remain in Sitka at the same address.

I received the Public Defender Agency's litigator of the year award in 2011.

I received the Alaska Bar Association's professionalism award in 2017.

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 five photographs of yourself with your application.

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

# Biographical Statement

Name Jude Pate

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

Sitka Superior Court  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Please leave this area blank*

Date: September 20, 2017

I was born in Nuremberg, Germany, where my father was stationed in the Army. My childhood years were spent primarily in Kansas and high school years in the Netherlands.

I received a journalism degree from University of Kansas. I attended law school at Lewis & Clark Northwestern School of Law.

I was counsel for the Sitka Tribe of Alaska from 1994 to 1999. In private practice from 1999 to 2006, my caseload was an equal mix of criminal and civil law. I have been an assistant public defender in Sitka since 2006.

My experience includes all areas within the jurisdiction of the Sitka Superior Court. I have served most communities in Southeast Alaska, including Prince of Wales Island communities, Angoon, Wrangell, Juneau and Ketchikan.

Sitka has been my home since 1993. I married Christine Pate in 1997. We have two children. My family enjoys playing games, fishing, hunting and gardening.