Alaska Judicial Council
Application for Judicial Appointment

Position(s) for which you wish to be considered:
Bethel District Court Judge

Date: November 06, 2025

I. Public Information (Questions 1-24)

Personal

1. (a) State full name* David Raymond Boyer

Name as it should appear on bar survey: David R. Boyer

* 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 names or pseudonyms? 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?** 8 years 2 months

Total ____ years ____ months

3. How long have you been engaged in the active practice of law immediately preceding the date of this application?** 25 years 6 months

Total ____ years ____ 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.

1992 - Brigham Young University - Bachelor's of Science - Psychology
1994 - University of Utah - Alternative Dispute Resolution - Certification

** 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.

Creighton University College of Law; 1997-1998
Brigham Young University - J. Reuben Clark Law School; 1998-1999 - Juris Doctorate

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.

J. Reuben Clark - Brigham Young University Education and Law Journal

(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.

Department of Law Conference - January 2025 -
Appellate Opinions in Children's Cases - 2024 Year in Review - 2025
Ethics - Executive Branch Ethics Act - Professional Conduct for State Attorneys. - May 2024
Child Welfare Summit - 2023
Reasonable Efforts Training - October 2023

See Addition Page

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.

Legal Education

6. (b)

Alaska CINA Court Improvement Program - 2022

NAGTRI Mobile Trial Advocacy for Child Protection and Welfare - 2022

Clearbrief- Alaska DOL Attorney Pilot User Group Training -2022

District Attorney Bethel / Palmer Conference - 2021

Strangulation Response Investigation Prosecution - 2021

District Attorney Conference - 2020

Alaska Prosecutor Institute - 2020

Statewide Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Training - 2020

Suspect Kits Session of the Sexual Assault Summer Training Series - Search Warrants-2020

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.

1992- 1997: Case Worker - State of Utah Office of Recovery Services - child support services

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: State of Alaska - Department of Law - Child Protection Section

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Carla Erickson

Current address of this person: 1031 West 4th Avenue, Suite 200

City Anchorage State Alaska Zip 99501

Dates and location of Employment: From 12/21/2021 To Present City Bethel State Alaska

Job title and description:

Assistant Attorney General - Child Protection Section
As an attorney in the Child Protection Section I provide legal advice and representation to the Department of Family and Community Services

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

Employer: State of Alaska - Department of Law - Bethel District Attorney's Office

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Mark Clark

Current address of this person: 204 Chief Eddie Hoffman Hwy

City Bethel State Alaksa Zip 99559

Dates and Location of Employment: From 8/1/2019 To 12/21/2021 City Bethel State Alaska

Job title and description: Assistant District Attorney -
As an Assistant District Attorney I prosecuted criminal cases in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta.

Reason for Leaving: Lateral Transfer within the Department of Law to the Child Protection Section

Employer: State of Alaska - Department of Law - Child Protection Section

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Carla Erickson

Current address of this person: 1031 West 4th Avenue, Suite 200

City Anchorage State Alaska Zip 99501

Dates and Location of Employment: From 9/5/2017 To 8/1/2019 City Anchorage State Alaska

Job title and description: Assistant Attorney General - Child Protection Section
As an attorney in the Child Protection Section I provide legal advice and representation to the Department of Family and Community Services

Reason for Leaving: Lateral Transfer within the Department of Law to the the Bethel District Attorney Office

Previous Employers (continued)

Employer: Alpine Ridge Law Office, LLC

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Self Empoyed - Solo Legal Practitioner

Current address of this person: P.O. Box 2694

City Bethel State Alaska Zip 99559

Dates and Location of Employment: From 07/2014 To 09/2017 City Provo State Utah

Job title and description: Defense Attorney - Solo practitioner
Focus of practice was legal defense persons charged with Drug Charges and Sexual Assault

Reason for Leaving: Accepted a Job with the State of Alaska as an Assistant Attorney General - Child Protection Section

Employer: Utah County Public Defender's Association

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment:

Current address of this person:

City Provo State utah Zip 84606

Dates and Location of Employment: From 2007 To 2014 City Provo State Utah

Job title and description: Assistant Utah County Public Defender - Legal defense of adults charged in Juvenile court with child abuse and neglect; and legal defense of children charged civilly with crimes

Reason for Leaving: I opened a solo practitioner law office

Employer: Boyer Law Office, LLC

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Self Employed - Legal Practitioner

Current address of this person: P.O. Box 2694

City Bethel State Alaska Zip 99559

Dates and Location of Employment: From 2001 To 2007 City Provo State Utah

Job title and description: Plaintiff counsel for personal injury cases and contract, public defender legal representation of parents charged in Juvenile Court with abuse and or neglect of children, and legal representation of children charged with crimes.

Reason for Leaving: To accept employment with the Utah County Public Defenders Association

Employer: Law Office of Abbott, Spencer and Smith, LLC

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Randy Spencer

Current address of this person: 3301 North University Ave.

City Provo State Utah Zip 84604

Dates and Location of Employment: From 5/2000 To 8/2001 City Provo State Utah

Job title and description: Associate Attorney - legal representation of parents charged in Juvenile Court with abuse or neglect of children and legal representation of persons facing involuntary civil commitment to a Stat Mental Hospital

Reason for Leaving: To start a law practice as a solo practitioner

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

Job title and description:

Reason for Leaving:

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

(a) Percent of your practice that was:

Civil	80
Criminal	15
Other	5
	= 100%

Comment: _____

(b) Percent:

State	100
Federal	0
Other	0
	= 100%

Comment: _____

(c) Of practice in state courts, percent:

Supreme Court	0
Court of Appeals	0
Superior Court	95
District Court	5
	= 100%

Comment: _____

(d) Frequency of appearance in court (select one):

☒ Regularly ☐ Occasionally ☐ Infrequently ☐ Not at All

Comment: I appear in Court on a Daily basis

(e) Number of trials (by court or jury) you conducted (select one):

☐ None ☐ 1- 5 ☐ 6-15 ☐ 16-30 ☒ 31 or more

Comment: _____

(f) Percent of these trials which were: Jury 1 Non-Jury 99

Comment: I have conducted many hundred non-jury trials and six trials to jury

(g) Approximate number of appellate matters handled: 1

Comment: The appellate department within the Department of Law handles child protection appeals.

(h) Approximate number of arbitrations or administrative hearings (select one):

☒ 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.).

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 - State Courts - September 2018
State of Utah - State Courts - May 2000

Public Service

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

Alaska Bar Association - September 2018
Utah Bar Association - May 2000

13. List publications, if any (give title, subject and date of publications). Please include online publications such as blogs or websites, and any publications you have co-authored and the name(s) of the co-author(s).

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)

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 am a member of Christian church and participate in their Sunday morning church services where I have served as a congregation leader, Sunday School Teacher, and youth leader. Each month I make charitable, financial contribution through the church which are used to provide for food, housing and clothing for those in need.

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 $100 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.

2022 - Speeding Ticket - Anchorage, Alaska - I paid the ticket of approximately $200 without contest.

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 the Petitioner in an Divorce in 2007. Neither party retained legal counsel. The uncontested divorce was granted that same year.

(d) Has a court ever found you to have provided ineffective assistance of counsel?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, provide the particulars including petitioner and case number.

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: Carla Erickson
Address: 1031 W. 4th Ave., Suite 200
City/State/Zip: Anchorage, Alaska Phone: 907-444-6374

Name: Nicholas Nauman
Address: [redacted]
City/State/Zip: [redacted] Phone: 1-319-512-2828

(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: William T. Montgomery
Address: PO Box 130 Bethel, Alaska 99559
City/State/Zip: Bethel, Alaska Phone: 907-543-1110

Name: Nathaniel K. Peters
Address: PO Box 130 Bethel, Alaska 99559
City/State/Zip: Bethel, Alaska Phone: 907-543-1119

Name: Natalie Alexie
Address: PO Box 130 Bethel, Alaska 99559
City/State/Zip: Bethel, Alaska Phone: 907-543-1113

References and Counsel Questionnaires (continued)

(c) List the names, addresses, **including zip codes, and suite numbers where applicable,** of each attorney involved in your three most recent cases that have gone to trial. Please do not list cases with any pending issues in the trial or appellate 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. If you have no cases that have gone to trial within the past three years, you may include cases that went to trial before that date, or may provide up to six cases in response to the next subsection, 20(d). Please include the judge's name and case names and numbers. (*Attach additional pages if necessary.*)

Case Number 1

Case Name: In the Matter of: ZCL, RAL, HL, EL
v.
Case Number: 4FA-21-00179CN
Judge Name: Patricia Haines

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Sara Simpson
Address: [redacted]
City, State, Zip: [redacted]

Name: Sandra Rolfe
Address: 714 Fourth Ave., Suite 200
City, State, Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99701

Name: Scott Sterling
Address: 851 E Westpoint Dr Ste 201
City, State, Zip: Wasilla, AK 99654

Name: Lance Wells
Address: 733 W 4th Ave, Suite 308
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

Case Number 2

Case Name: In the Matter of: A.M.
v.
Case Number: 4FA-21-00202CN
Judge Name: Patricia Haines

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Jennifer Hite
Address: 100 Cushman Street, Suite 201
City, State, Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99701

Name: Diana Wildland
Address: [redacted]
City, State, Zip: [redacted]

Name: Savannah Fletcher
Address: 516 2nd Ave, Suite 211
City, State, Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99701

Name: Katelyn Wright - Guardian ad Litem (Non-Attorney)
Address: 100 Cushman St., Suite 502
City, State, Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99701

Case Number 3

Case Name: In the Matter of: L.S., D.S., G.S.
v.
Case Number: 4FA-21-00050 / 051 / 052CN
Judge Name: Brent E. Bennett

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Valerie Tansey
Address: 100 Cushman St Ste 100A
City, State, Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99701

Name: Caitlin M. Davis
Address: 1000 W 6th St Ste 1
City, State, Zip: Pueblo, CO 81003-2389

Name: Kristin J. Farleigh
Address: 1008 16th Ave Ste 200
City, State, Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99701

Name: Sara Simpson
Address [redacted]
City, State, Zip [redacted]

References and Counsel Questionnaires (continued)

(d) List the names, addresses, **including zip codes, and suite numbers where applicable,** 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 with any pending issues in the trial or appellate 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: ITMO: T.E.J.E.
v.
Case Number: 4FA-22-00002CN
Judge Name: Patricia Haines

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Benjamin J. Bonner
Address: 100 Cushman St., Suite 500
City, State, Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99701

Name: Kristin J. Farleigh
Address: 1008 16th Ave Ste 200
City, State, Zip: Fairbank, AK 99701

Name: Megan Comolli
Address: 100 Cushman Street, Suite 100A
City, State, Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99701

Name: Caitlin M. Davis
Address: 1000 W 6th St Ste 1
City, State, Zip: Pueblo, CO 81003-2389

Case Number 2

Case Name: ITMO: K.A.S-H, H.T. S-H, Z.A.S-H
v.
Case Number: 4FA-20-00107 / 178 / 155CN
Judge Name: Kirk Schwalm

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Caitlin Davis
Address: 1000 W 6th St Ste 1
City, State, Zip: Pueblo, CO 81003-2389

Name: Valerie Tansey
Address: 100 Cushman St Ste 100A
City, State, Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99701

Name: Pearl E. Pickett
Address: 1016 W. 6th Ave, Suite 200
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

Name: Shawn Goggins - Guardian ad Litem (Non-Attorney)
Address: 100 Cushman St., Suite 502
City, State, Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99701

Case Number 3

Case Name: ITMO: S.S, T.A.S., H.S., T.A.S., T.J.S., A.A.S.
v.
Case Number: 4FA-22-00031 / 032/ 033/ 034/ 035/ 036CN
Judge Name: Patricia Haines

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Scott A Sterling
Address: 851 East Westpoint Drive, Suite 201
City, State, Zip: Wasilla, AK 99654

Name: Jennifer P. Hite
Address: 100 Cushman Street, Suite 201
City, State, Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99701

Name: Megan Comolli
Address: 100 Cushman Street, Suite 100A
City, State, Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99701

Name: Kristin J. Farleigh
Address: 1008 16th Avbenue, Suite 200
City, State, Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99701

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, (d) samples from open cases including cases on appeal.

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.

Diverse experiences and skills acquired over a 25 year legal career make me suitable for the Bethel District Court Judgeship. I have served as both a prosecutor and defense counsel. This unique experience of having evaluated cases from both perspectives has provided me with a detailed understanding of the justice system, due process, and the importance of impartiality and fairness to all parties.

Working in the judicial system has taught me the importance of maintaining the highest fidelity to integrity and honesty in communication whether it be to a tribunal, colleague or client. During my legal career a strong moral character for honesty, forthrightness and temperance have been invaluable in making accepted representations to courts, communication with opposing counsel and in the zealous representation of clients.

Additional Comments (Continued)

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 (select one).

☐ 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 a photograph of yourself with your application.

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

Biographical Statement

Name David R. Boyer

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

Bethel District Court Judge

Please leave this area blank

Date: November 12, 2025

I was born and raised in the small farming community of Keosauqua, Iowa, where I learned the value of honesty, integrity, hard work, early mornings, and service to others. After earning my Juris Doctor from Brigham Young University's J. Reuben Clark Law School in 1999, I was admitted to practice law in Utah in 2000, and in Alaska in September of 2017.

My career has encompassed service as both defense counsel and prosecutor, providing a balanced perspective on justice. For approximately seventeen years in Utah, I represented parents in child abuse and neglect cases and minors in delinquency matters and was instrumental in the development of Utah's Family Drug Court programs. In 2012, I was honored as Utah Trial Attorney of the Year, by the Parental Defense Alliance of Utah.

I moved to Alaska in 2017, where I have served in both the Attorney General's and District Attorney Offices.