

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.

William Mitchell College of Law, J.D.
2007-2010

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.

Recognized for achievement in volunteer public service by the Minnesota Justice Foundation.

- (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 attended the annual Judicial Conference, the Newer Judges' Conference (during my first three years on the bench), a two week general jurisdiction judicial training at the National Judicial College, a three day CINA CIP conference on reasonable efforts, and a number of specialized conferences focused on a variety of topics such as judicial ethics, CINA, and evidence.
Prior to taking the bench I also attended a one week drug court conference as a member of the Bethel Therapeutic Court.

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.

During high school and college, I coached youths at baseball camps put on by my high school and college teams. While in law school I also coached youths in baseball and softball at Blue Chip Baseball & Softball academy in Burnsville, MN.

Also while in high school and college, I worked as a landscaper. A typical job site required removing/clearing/cleaning a portion of a homeowner's yard, filling in the cleared area with appropriate soils, planting a new garden, and finishing off the garden with decorative touches.

During the Minnesota State Fair, I worked as an Iceman for Gopher State Ice. My job duties included setting up ice chests for the various vendors, delivering ice to the vendors via a pull cart, and picking up the ice chests at the conclusion of the fair.

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 Court System

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Candice Duncan

Current address of this person: 101 Lacey Street

City: Fairbanks State AK Zip 99701

Dates and location of Employment: From Aug 2018 To Present City Bethel State AK

Job title and description:

District Court Judge and Superior Court Judge, pro tempore. Preside over all criminal and civil matters in District Court. As well as criminal, CINA, probate, juvenile and domestic relations matters in the Superior Court.

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

Employer: Office of Public Advocacy

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Rick Allen

Current address of this person: 515 E Dahlia Ave., Suite 100

City: Palmer State AK Zip 99645

Dates and Location of Employment: From March 2013 To Aug 2018 City Bethel State AK

Job title and description: Assistant Public Advocate. I represented clients in criminal, CINA, juvenile, and probate matters at both the trial court and appellate levels.

Reason for Leaving: Appointed to the Bethel District Court.

Employer: Alaska Court System

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Judge Michael MacDonald

Current address of this person: 101 Lacey Street

City: Fairbanks State AK Zip 99701

Dates and Location of Employment: From July 2012 To Feb 2013 City Fairbanks State AK

Job title and description: Law Clerk for Judge Michael MacDonald. Conducted legal research; drafted bench memorandums; and prepared jury instructions.

Reason for Leaving: Hired by the Office of Public Advocacy as an Assistant Public Advocate in Bethel.

Previous Employers (continued)

Employer: Alaska Court System

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Natalie Alexie

Current address of this person: PO Box 130

City Bethel State AK Zip 99559

Dates and Location of Employment: From April 2011 To July 2012 City Bethel State AK

Job title and description:

<u>Law clerk for Judge Marvin Hamilton III. Conducted legal research; drafted bench memorandums; and prepared jury instructions. (continued)</u>

Reason for Leaving: Judge MacDonald hired me to be his law clerk in Fairbanks.

Employer: Nichols Kaster, PLLP

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Michele R. Fisher, Managing Partner

Current address of this person: 4700 IDS Center 80 South Eighth Street

City Minneapolis State MN Zip 55402

Dates and Location of Employment: From Aug. 2010 To March 2011 City Minneapolis State MN

Job title and description:

<u>Document review for 30,000+ class-action lawsuit against a major telecommunications provider, motion work, and legal research.</u>

Reason for Leaving: I moved to Alaska to clerk for Judge Hamilton.

Employer: Legal Rights Center

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Trudell Guerue

Current address of this person: 1062 Hall Ave.

City West St. Paul State MN Zip 55118

Dates and Location of Employment: From Aug 2008 To Aug 2010 City Minneapolis State MN

Job title and description:

<u>Student Certified Attorney. Represented indigent defendants in criminal proceedings.</u>

Reason for Leaving: Hired by Nichols Kaster, PLLP.

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:

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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 _____

Job title and description:

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Reason for Leaving: _____

PREVIOUS EMPLOYERS

Alaska Court System, Law Clerk for Judge Marvin Hamilton III

Judge Hamilton unexpectedly passed away while I was clerking for him. His bench remained vacant for over a year and during that time I clerked for several judges that were handling his case load. The judges I clerked for included: Judge Douglas Blankenship, Judge Jane Kauvar, Judge Ray Funk, Judge Natalie Finn, Judge Harold Brown, Judge Ethan Windahl, and Judge Dale Curda.

During my time as a law clerk in Bethel I received the Alaska Court System's Customer Service Award, first quarter 2012.

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

(a) Percent of your practice that was: Civil 33
Criminal 67
Other _____
= 100%

Comment: As an attorney my case load was a 50/50 split between civil and criminal.

(b) Percent: State 99
Federal 1
Other _____
= 100%

Comment: Federal experience while working at Nicholas Kaster, PLLP

(c) Of practice in state courts, percent: Supreme Court 1
Court of Appeals 1
Superior Court 49
District Court 49
= 100%

Comment: As an attorney my case load was 75/25 Superior Court vs. District Court

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

Comment: _____

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

Comment: As an attorney I conducted more than 31 trials. As a judge I have presided over 35 jury trials.

(f) Percent of these trials which were: Jury 60 Non-Jury 40

Comment: _____

(g) Approximate number of appellate matters handled: 10

Comment: _____

(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:

Parole board hearings as an Assistant Public Advocate.

(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.).

Not applicable due to my previous work as an Assistant Public Advocate and current role as a District Court Judge.

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, June 2012
 U.S. District Court - District of Alaska, October 2012

Public Service

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

Alaska Bar Association.
 Jury Improvement Committee, Chair.
 Judicial Advisory Committee - eFile (JACE), Co-Chair.
 Judicial Conference Planning Committee.
 Alaska Criminal Justice Data Analysis Commission, District Court Judge Representative.
 Magistrate Training Judge

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).

n/a

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)
Bethel Superior Court	2/2/2018	N	N
Bethel District Court	2/2/2018	Y	Y
Fairbanks Superior Court	12/30/2021	Y	N
Kenai Superior Court	10/14/2022	Y	N

PUBLIC SERVICE

Continued List of Pervious Judicial Applications

Judgeship	Date	Nominated By Council (Y/N)	Appointed By Governor (Y/N)
Fairbanks Superior Court	2/2/2023	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.

Bethel District Court, 2018 - present.
*Retained 2020

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.

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church - member

I coached youth baseball/softball in Bethel. However, the league fell apart due to lack of participation.

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.

Around Christmas of December 2005 or 2006 I drove home to my parents' house following baseball practice. I was pulled over for turning right at an intersection that had a "no turn on red" sign. I was unable to produce my driver's license for the officer because I left my wallet in my baseball locker on campus. I was also unable to produce proof of insurance because I drove my parents' car and was unable to find where they kept the insurance card. I was, however, able to produce the vehicle's registration. At the end of the day, I was cited for failure to provide a valid driver's license, proof of insurance, and a moving infraction for turning right on red. The citations for failure to provide a valid driver's license and proof of insurance were dismissed when I showed up to the courthouse the following day with both items in hand. I paid a fine for the moving violation, which was approximately \$75.

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).

Winter Montgomery v. United Services Automobile Association (USAA), 4BE-22-00435CI. This lawsuit involved an unpaid insurance claim due to severe water damage in December of 2019. The matter settled for full damages before the first hearing was held.

(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: Judge Nathaniel Peters

Address: PO Box 130

City/State/Zip: Bethel, AK 99559

Phone: (907) 543-1105

Name: Judge Daniel Doty

Address: 415 Main Street, Rm 400

City/State/Zip: Ketchikan, AK 99901

Phone: (907) 225-3141

- (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: Lori Bodwell

Address: PO Box 633

City/State/Zip: Clemmons, NC 27012

Phone: (907) 378-1007

Name: Bailey Woolfstead

Address: PO Box 110300

City/State/Zip: Juneau, AK 99811-0300

Phone: (907) 465-3924

Name: Justice Jude Pate

Address: PO Box 114100

City/State/Zip: Juneau, AK 99811-4100

Phone: (907) 463-4770

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: State of Alaska **Case Number:** 4BE-22-00132CR
v. Carl Pavilla **Judge Name:** William T. Montgomery

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Jackson Willard (907) 543-2055</u>	Name: <u>Richard Rodriguez (907) 334-4466</u>
Address: <u>PO Box 170</u>	Address: <u>900 W 5th Ave., Suite 200</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Bethel, AK 99559</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>
Name: _____	Name: <u>Abigail Cazel (907) 543-2488</u>
Address: _____	Address: <u>PO Box 10</u>
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: <u>Bethel, AK 99559</u>

Case Number 2

Case Name: State of Alaska **Case Number:** 4BE-21-00039CR
v. Justin Guy **Judge Name:** William T. Montgomery

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Jackson Willard (907) 543-2055</u>	Name: <u>Abigail Cazel (907) 543-2488</u>
Address: <u>PO Box 170</u>	Address: <u>PO Box 10</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Bethel, AK 99559</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Bethel, AK 99559</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 3

Case Name: State of Alask **Case Number:** 4SM-21-00033CR
v. John Wilde **Judge Name:** William T. Montgomery

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Jason Conrad (907) 543-2055</u>	Name: <u>Courtney McKeen (850) 209-1084</u>
Address: <u>PO Box 170</u>	Address: <u>125 S Clark Street</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Bethel, AK 99559</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Chicago, IL 60603</u>
Name: _____	Name: <u>Dan Mizinov (907) 543-2488</u>
Address: _____	Address: <u>PO Box 10</u>
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: <u>Bethel, AK 99559</u>

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: State of Alaska **Case Number:** 4BE-19-01137CR
v. Mateo Gonzalo **Judge Name:** William T. Montgomery

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Timothy J. Davenport (907) 283-3131</u>	Name: <u>Leigh Ann Bauer (907) 770-7007</u>
Address: <u>120 Trading Bay Road, Suite 200</u>	Address: <u>821 N Street, Suite 202</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Kenai, AK 99611-6925</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case Name: State of Alaska **Case Number:** 4BE-20-00670CR
v. Archelaus Turrentine, Jr. **Judge Name:** William T. Montgomery

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Izaak Bruce (830) 703-2025</u>	Name: <u>Nathaniel Hainje (907) 543-2488</u>
Address: <u>111 East Broadway, Room A306</u>	Address: <u>PO Box 10</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Del Rio, Texas 78840</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Bethel, AK 99559</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 3

Case Name: State of Alask **Case Number:** 4BE-20-00775CR
v. Norman Echuck **Judge Name:** William T. Montgomery

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Victoria Sarant (vsarant@rensko.com)*</u>	Name: <u>Colleen Maney (907) 334-4400</u>
Address: <u>80 2nd Street</u>	Address: <u>900 W 5th Ave., Suite 200</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Troy, NY 12180</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>
Name: <u>Jackson Willard (907) 543-2055</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>PO Box 170</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Bethel, AK 99559</u>	City, State, Zip: _____

REFERENCES AND COUNSEL QUESTIONNAIRES (CONTINUED)

Case Number 3: SOA v. Norman Echuck, 4BE-20-00775CR

Ms. Sarant is no longer an attorney with the Bethel District Attorney's Office and no longer lives in Alaska. The only contact information provided for her on the Alaska Bar Association is her email address. That email address is associated with Rensselaer County in New York. The mailing address that I listed for Ms. Sarant is for the Rensselaer County District Attorney's Office. However, I do not know if she works for the Rensselaer County District Attorney's Office or a different government agency within Rensselaer County.

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.

I currently handle a busy and varied case load because I sit as both a District Court Judge and a Superior Court Judge, pro tempore. As a District Court Judge, I preside over all criminal and civil matters in the District Court. As a Superior Court Judge, pro tempore, I handle all C felonies in the YK-Delta, most B felonies, and by appointment on A and Unclassified felonies. In addition, I sit as a Superior Court Judge, pro tempore, on CINA, juvenile, probate, and domestic relations matters. I am also in charge of swearing-in the grand jury each month and taking the grand jury returns at the end of each day's session.

During my time on the bench I have presided over 37 jury trials. Of those jury trials, five were felony jury trials, four were in the village of Emmonak, and seven were done under the Court System's pandemic guidelines. I have also conducted bench trials in a wide variety of proceedings such as: domestic relations, CINA (including Emergency PC, Adjudication and Disposition, and Termination of Parental Rights), PCRs, isolation and quarantine hearings under AS 18.15.385, DVPOs, and small claims.

Additional Comments (Continued)

Prior to taking the bench I was an Assistant Public Advocate and ran the Bethel OPA Office. My caseload consisted of criminal (mostly Unclassified, A, and B felonies), CINA, juvenile, and probate matters. I also took on appellate work, arguing before both the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court.

I recognize that Bethel, Sitka, and to some extent Juneau are small and isolated communities. Having lived in Bethel for over 12 years, and being a judge in Bethel for over 5 years, I fully understand the challenges and logistics that come with living in a small and isolated community - both as a citizen and as a judge.

Given my personal and professional background, I believe I have all the tools necessary to hit the ground running.

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 William T. Montgomery

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

Sitka, Juneau, and Bethel Superior Court

Please leave this area blank

Date: September 25, 2023

I was born and raised in the Twin Cities. I played baseball at the University of St. Thomas and went to law school at William Mitchell College of Law.

After law school I moved to Alaska to clerk for Judge Hamilton in Bethel and then clerked for Judge MacDonald in Fairbanks. I returned to Bethel as an attorney for the Office of Public Advocacy.

In 2018, I was appointed to the Bethel District Court where I also sit as a Superior Court Judge, pro tempore. I preside over all criminal and civil matters in the District Court, as well as criminal, CINA, probate, and domestic relations matters in the Superior Court. I am the training judge for all of the magistrates in the YK-Delta and a mentor judge for newly appointed judges.

My wife is a JAG in the Air Force and we have two children.