

Alaska Judicial Council

Judicial Applicant Biographical Statement

Name: Joy Anderson

Position(s): Bethel District Court

Date: November 13, 2025



I was born and raised in rural East Texas, and later moved to Alabama. Since beginning my full-time legal career in 2013, I have resided, almost exclusively, in Bethel. I have represented Tribes (ALSC) and parents and children (Committee for Public Council Services, Massachusetts) in child welfare cases and served as general counsel for the Association of Village Council Presidents, a regional Tribal consortium in Western Alaska. Last year, I returned to ALSC to work with the developing Community Justice Worker program, which aims to increase access to justice in the State – particularly in Rural Alaska.

I enjoy traveling and exploring new places – both around the State and here in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta. I have traveled to several villages in the region (with many more to visit). I love living in Bethel and would be honored to serve our community further as a district court judge.