Alaska Judicial Council

Judicial Applicant Biographical Statement



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I grew up in a small town in Texas and, like many Texans, was convinced there was no better place to call home. After law school, I accepted a one-year law clerkship in Utqiagvik, Alaska, expecting little more than a great adventure. But after taking a fishing charter out of Whittier, Alaska became home. When I'm not practicing law, I enjoy some of Alaska's greatest offerings: fishing, hiking, rock hounding, and a great cup of coffee. My elderly dog, however, prefers that we spend our free time doing absolutely nothing.