Alaska Judicial Council

Judicial Applicant Biographical Statement



Name: Lars Johnson

Position(s): Alaska Public Defender

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I graduated law school in 2009. I moved to Alaska for a judicial clerkship because I wanted to live somewhere with amazing mountains. I immediately realized I would want to do more than one year here, so I got a second clerkship before joining the Alaska Public Defender Agency in 2011. Though I did not expect to work in criminal defense long-term, I have been proud to dedicate most of my career to the Agency. I love the passion of my coworkers, the challenge and fun of the courtroom work, and the satisfaction I take in working with clients in very difficult situations. I take immense pride in my work at the Public Defender Agency.

A way from work, I love spending time with my partner along with outdoor recreation along with woodworking, baseball, and cooking.