Alaska Judicial Council

Judicial Applicant Biographical Statement



Name: Liz (Elisabeth) Mering

Position(s): Nome & Kotzebue Superior Court

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I am originally from Maryland but consider Alaska home and have lived here for almost 10 years. I have lived in Fairbanks, Anchorage, and Homer.

I am currently an Assistant Public Advocate at OPA's Rural Defense Section where I represent individuals in CINA and criminal matters. Previously, I worked for the Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP) in the Tribal Child Welfare, Tribal Justice, and Legal departments. I also worked for ALSC as a Native Law Attorney handling CINA cases and tribal court support and occasionally landlord tenant, native allotments, and domestic violence protective orders. I have a demonstrated committed to serving rural Alaska.

I have been active with the court systems Court Improvement Project and recently joined the board for Facing Foster Care in Alaska to support efforts to improve our foster care system.

I would be honored to continue serving Alaskans on the Nome or Kotzebue Superior Court.