Alaska Judicial Council

Judicial Applicant Biographical Statement

Name: Julia D. Moudy

Position(s): Alaska Public Defender

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I am uniquely prepared to lead the Public Defender Agency because I have lived its mission at every level. Raised in Talkeetna, I graduated from Alaska Pacific University in 1991, joined the agency as a law-student intern in 1992, and became a public defender in 1995.While raising six children as a single mother, I represented clients at trial and on appeal, supervised a trial unit, served as training director for fifteen years, and helped build systems still used today. I bring institutional knowledge, statewide relationships, and an unwavering commitment to indigent defense. I understand what the agency needs: recruitment and retention, practical training and supervision, sustainable workloads, and leadership that supports staff while keeping clients central. I am ready to listen, address difficult problems, and make hard decisions, bringing stability, confidence, and renewed energy while inspiring people to reconnect with the mission that first brought them to public defense.