

# Alaska Judicial Council

## Judicial Applicant Biographical Statement

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**Name:** Margaret McWilliams

**Position(s):** Juneau District Court

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Margaret McWilliams is Deputy Director for the Office of Public Advocacy. She supports the agency in providing court-appointed attorneys for indigent Alaskans, Guardians ad litem for children, and public guardians for vulnerable adults. Prior to this role, she was the supervising attorney for OPA's Juneau Civil office, acting as Guardian ad litem for children in court cases and representing other GALs in trial court cases and on appeal. In addition to her OPA responsibilities, she also presents continuing education programs about new appellate opinions and children's legal issues.

After graduating from Harvard Law School in 1999, Margaret worked as a staff attorney for Alaska Legal Services in offices around the state. In 2004, she moved to Oregon to work for a criminal defense firm and the appellate defender's office. Margaret returned to Alaska to work for OPA in 2012. She lives in Douglas with her spouse and two children.