# Alaska Judicial Council Application for Judicial Appointment

	ion(s) for which you wish to be considered: ner District Court  Date: 05/03/2021
Pers	Print Application  I. Public Information (Questions 1-24)
	Amanda Lynn Browning
1.	(a) State full name* Arranda Lynn Browning  Name as it should appear on bar survey: Amanda L. Browning
	* Unless otherwise specified, this is how your name will appear on the bar survey.
	(b) Have you ever used or been known by any other names or pseudonyms? If so, please identify. No
2.	How long have you been a resident of the State of Alaska immediately preceding the date of this application?**  9 years 7 months  Total 9 years 7 months
3.	How long have you been engaged in the active practice of law immediately preceding the date of this application?** 15 years 10 months  Total 15 years 10 months
Non	legal Education
4.	State names and dates of attendance of all colleges and professional schools (other than law schools) ever attended and degrees and dates conferred. List any honors.
Univ	rersity of Mobile, 1998-2002, B.S. in Psychology

<sup>\*\*</sup> See AS 22.10.090; see also 1984 Inf. Op. Atty. Gen. (July 19; 366-624-84).

## Legal Education

lav	law school, please indicate.				
Roger W	/illiams University Ralph R. Pappito School of Law 2002-2005, J.D.				
Universit courses)	ty of Georgia School of Law, Summer 2004 (no degree conferred- took 2 summer				
6. (a)	Did you receive any honors in law school or belong to any honorary societies or groups?  Yes No If yes, please give details.				
(	Have you taken any CLE (continuing legal education) courses during the past five years?  Yes No				
National	Please describe or list. Please do not attach individual certificates of attendance. d annual Magistrate's Conference, National Judicial College Special Jurisdiction: ed course, annual District Attorney's Conference, local bar and online ethics trainings, Computer Forensics Institute training, SART training, ChildFirst Interview training, rocacy training				
 Military					
7. Hav	ve you served in the armed forces (reserves or otherwise)?				
	we you served in the armed forces (reserves or otherwise)? Yes No o, please provide the following information:				
(a)	Dates of service:				
(b)	Branch of service:				
(c)	Rank at time of discharge:				
(d)	m p 111. 11 4				
(e)	Awards or citations:				
(f)	Have you ever been refused admission to or released from any of the armed services for reasons other than honorable discharge? Yes No If so, state the details.				

# Nonlegal Employment

8. Describe major nonlegal working experience. If you had a business or association that has been discontinued, please note whether there are unpaid debts or claims pending litigation.  I worked as a camp counselor with C5YF Atlanta (formerly known as Camp Coca Cola) during the summer of 2007. C5YF works with high-potential youth from risk-filled environments. I assisted in the Paintrock Leadership Challenge with assigned youth.
I have worked as a lifeguard, swim instructor, summer camp counselor, waitress, childcare provider (both in a daycare setting as well as an in-home setting) and foster parent.

#### Legal Experience

9. Describe chronologically your legal employment since admission to law school. Please provide dates and location of employment, name of employer, name AND CURRENT ADDRESS OF supervisor or person who can verify AND COMMENT ON YOUR employment, the reason you left the position, and a brief description of type of practice (i.e., insurance defense, criminal, appellate, general, litigation, etc.) for each position listed below. IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY A TRIAL COURT JUDGE, PLEASE LIST YOUR PRESIDING JUDGE. FOR PAST JUDGESHIPS, PLEASE LIST THE JUDGE WHO LAST PRESIDED DURING YOUR TIME ON THE BENCH.

The Council will ask for comments from your current and former employers about your employment and your judicial qualifications. You may choose to list other persons as character and professional references in response to Question 20 of this application.

If the supervisor or contact person asks (in writing) that the letter be shared with the governor, the Council will send designated letters for each nominee. The applicant should not request a copy of the letter from the reference. References or letters not solicited by the Council are considered public (with few exceptions) and will be sent to the governor for all nominees.

Current Employer: Alaska Court System					
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Presiding Judge William Morse					
Current address of this person: 825 W. 4th Avenue					
City Kenai State AK Zip 99501					
Dates and location of Employment: From 02/2020 To Present City Kenai	State_AK				
Job title and description:					
Magistrate Judge IV; handle misdemeanor criminal cases, dissolutions, protective traffic cases as well as other matters as special master.	ve orders,				
Previous Employers: (In chronological order, most recent first)					
Employer: Alaska Court System					
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Presiding Judge Trevor Stephens					
Current address of this person: 415 Main Street, Room 400	***************************************				
City Ketchikan State AK Zip 99901					
	State AK				
Job title and Magistrate Judge IV; handle misdemeanor criminal cases, dissolutions, protective					
description: orders, traffic cases as well as other matters as special master.					
Reason for Leaving: Transferred within the Alaska Court System to Kenai Court	•				
Employer: Department of Law- Sitka District Attorney's Office					
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Angle Kemp					
Current address of this person: P.O. Box 110300					
City Juneau State AK Zip 99811					
Dates and Location of Employment: From 07/2017 To 09/2018 City Sitka	State AK				
Job title and Assistant District Attorney; handled all levels of cases for Sitka, Kake and					
description: Petersburg					
Reason for Leaving: Accepted position as Magistrate Judge					

#### Previous Employers (continued) Employer: Department of Law- Kenai District Attorney's Office Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Scot Leaders Current address of this person; 120 Trading Bay Road, Suite 200 <sub>Citv</sub> Kenai State AK Zin 99611 To 07/2017 Dates and Location of Employment: From 10/2011 City Kenai State AK Job title and Assistant District Attorney; handled all levels of cases in Kenai, Homer and Seward description: Reason for Leaving: Transfer within the Department of Law to the Sitka DA's Office Employer: State Attorney's Office Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Brandon Young Current address of this person: 201 N. Oklahoma Street., Suite 206 City Bonifay State FL Zip 32425 To 10/2011 Dates and Location of Employment: From 01/2010 City Bonifay State FL Job title and Assistant State Attorney; handled felony, misdemeanor and juvenile cases description: Accepted position with Kenai DA's Office Reason for Leaving: Employer: Florida Department of Children and Families Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment; Michael Lee Current address of this person. 2383 PhillipsRoad City Tallahassee Zip 32308 State FL To 01/2010 City Bonifay Dates and Location of Employment: From 04/2008 State FL Job title and Senior Attorney; represented the Department in dependency cases. description: Reason for Leaving: Accepted position with the State Attorney's Office Employer: Guardian Ad Litem Program Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Dan Burke Current address of this person: City State Zip Dates and Location of Employment: From 08/2007 To 04/2008 City Panama City State FL

description:	children					
Reason for L	eaving: Accepted	position with the [	Department of Chil	dren and Families		
Employer: S	tate Attorney's Off	ce				
•		•	mployment: Jennie F	Pistole		
Current addı	ress of this person:	PO Box 12726				
City Pensa	icola	State FL	Zip 32591			
Dates and Lo	ocation of Employme	nt: From 06/2006	To 06/2007	City Pensacola	State_FL	
		Attorney; prose domestic violend		nor and felony case	eload to include	

Job title and Program Attorney; represented the interest of abused, neglected and abandoned

Reason for Leaving: Resigned and moved to Georgia

### APPENDIX B

# LEGAL EXPERIENCE CONTINUED (SEE QUESTION 9)

Employer: Judge Joseph S. Johnston (Retired)

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: <u>Judge Joseph Johnston</u>

Current address of this person:

City: State: Zip:

Dates and Location of Employment: From <u>08/2005</u> to <u>06/2006</u> City: <u>Mobile</u> State: <u>AL</u> Description: <u>Judicial Law Clerk</u>; completed legal research and drafted memoranda on cases pending before the court.

Reason for Leaving: Accepted position with State Attorney's Office

10.	Duri	ng your legal career, please indicate (a	pproximately) th	ne following:
	(a)	Percent of your practice that was:	Civil Criminal Other	30 70
		Comment: Civil practice consists of de	ependency cases	= 100% and work as a Magistrate Judge
	(b)	Percent:	State Federal Other	100
		Comment:		= 100%
	(c)	Of practice in state courts, percent:	Supreme Court Court of Appea Superior Court District Court	60 40
		Comment:		= 100%
	(d)	Frequency of appearance in court (s  Regularly Occasional  Comment: I am in court daily, several time	ly 🔲 Infre	quently Not at All noliday duties as well
	(e)	Number of trials (by court or jury) y None 1-5 6-1: Comment:	$5 \qquad \boxed{16-36}$	0 🔀 31 or more
	(f)	Percent of these trials which were: J	ury <u>90</u> No	on-Jury 10
	(g)	Approximate number of appellate macComment:	atters handled: 2	
	(h)	Approximate number of arbitrations  None1-56-1:  Briefly describe type of matters heard	5 🔲 16-3(	
	(i)	Please briefly summarize any pro bowork was done through a pro bond Alaska Network on Domestic Violer As a prosecutor, my caseloads hot engaged in pro bono work.	legal service pace and Sexual A	rovider (e.g. Alaska Legal Services Assault, etc.).

11.	List all the courts and administrative tribunals in the United States or elsewhere to which you are or have been admitted to practice, and the dates of admission.				
Alask	a State Courts- 2012	iu tile dates	or admission.		
1	da State Courts- 2006				
ı	ama State Courts- 2005				
US D	istrict Court, Southern District of A	Nabama- 20	005		
<u> </u>					
Publi	c Service				
12.	List bar associations, and sections a officer.	and committe	ees of which you are	e or have been a m	ember o
1	Bar Association- 2017				
1	Bar Association- 2011				
1	a Bar Association- 2012				
1	a Bar Association- 2006 (inactive)				
Alaba	ma Bar Association- 2005 (inactiv	e)			
None	List publications, if any (give title publications such as blogs or website name(s) of the co-author(s).				
14.	Have you ever applied for a judgeshi	ip? XYes	No		****
	Please list dates and judgeships appli	-		ere nominated by the	. Indicial
	Council and appointed.	cu 101, as we	in as whether you we	ore nonlinated by the	Judicia
	Judgeship	Date	Nominated By Council	Appointed By Governor	
	Palmer District Court	11/2019	(Y/N) Y	(Y/N) N	
			•	` .	
	Kenai District Court	11/2019	Υ	N	

15.	Have you ever held public or political office, elective or appointive? XYes No
<b>2</b> 000000000000000000000000000000000000	If so, state office, manner selected, and when and where held.
Elec	cted Vice Chair of Honor Board, 2004-2005, Roger Williams University
activ	Please provide the Council with information that you would like the Council to consider about othe legal and nonlegal organizations and clubs of which you are a member, including civic, charitable religious, educational, social and fraternal organizations. Please indicate whether you participate is the organization's activities, or simply hold a membership. Your involvement in the community is one of the criteria the Council uses in its evaluations. The Council does not use affiliation with particular group as a criterion except to the extent that it might raise questions of conflict of interest or would affect an applicant's ability to impartially apply the law.  Is of my community involvement is through my child's educational and extra-curricular vities. I participate in early education activities with my child and assist with fundraisers achool and sports. I currently serve on the Kangi Popingula Healey Association Development.
assi	school and sports. I currently serve on the Kenai Peninsula Hockey Association Board isting with registration.  ve served as a foster parent in Florida and Alaska.
I ha	we served as a loster parent in Florida and Alaska.  Ve volunteered with the Color of Justice program at Mount Edgecumbe High School and led as a judge for the Sitka High School Mock Trial team.
orga	ve provided legal training to law enforcement agencies as well as community anizations such as local domestic violence shelters. I have served as a member of the ti-disciplinary child protection team in Seward.
My 1	family regularly attends church at Peninsula Grace in Soldotna, Alaska.
17.	Indicate (Yes or No) whether you have ever:
	been arrested, charged with, pled guilty or <i>nolo contendere</i> to, or been convicted of the violation of any law or ordinance, or been requested to appear before any prosecuting of investigative agency in connection with any matter in any jurisdiction, including all trafficontenses, unless the fine was less than \$50 and there were no other sanctions?  Yes
	(b) failed to answer any summons or other legal process served upon you personally at any time? Yes
	(c) as a member of any armed forces, been the subject of any charges which may have resulted in disciplinary action or court martial? Yes No

incompetent? Yes No  If your answer is "yes" to any part of this question, state the facts in detail. Give the name and place of the court or agency, dates of the beginning and end of any action or proceeding, case numbers, and the judgment or other disposition.
Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by federal, state or local authorities? Yes No In particular, have you been the subject of any proceeding, criminal or civil, initiated against you by the Internal Revenue Service or a State Tax Office? Yes No If so, give particulars, including case numbers.
Have you ever been sued by a client? Yes No If so, give particulars, including case numbers.
Have you ever been a party in any other legal proceeding? Yes No If so, give the particulars. Include all legal proceedings in which you were a party in interest, including petitioner or respondent in dissolution or divorce proceedings; a material witness; a named co-conspirator or correspondent; and subject or witness in any grand jury proceedings. Do not list proceedings in which you were sued only in a representative capacity (e.g. guardian ad litem, or as Commissioner of Natural Resources).

	(d)	Has a court ever found you to have provided ineffective assistance of counsel?  Yes No
г	***************************************	If so, provide the particulars including petitioner and case number.
L 19.	State	the nature and disposition of any of the following actions which apply to you:
		(a) Are there any unsatisfied judgments against you? Yes No Have you ever defaulted in the performance of any court-imposed obligation, including payment of alimony or child support or compliance with another court order or decree?  Yes No In each case, list the name and address of the creditor, the court which rendered the judgment, the case number, the date, the amount of the judgment, and the circumstances or which such claim was based.  Has property owned by you been either judicially or non-judicially foreclosed?  Yes No Please state the circumstances and outcome of any such unsatisfied or default judgment, or of any foreclosure.
	(b)	Have you ever made an assignment for the benefit of creditors? Yes No
	(0)	Have you ever made an assignment for the benefit of creditors?  Have you ever filed any petition in bankruptcy?  If so, state the circumstances, case number, and the outcome.  Yes No  Yes No

#### References and Counsel Questionnaires\*

Please Note: Letters of reference from these persons are confidential and will not be given to the \* applicant. If the reference asks (in writing) that the letter be shared with the governor, the Council will send designated letters and counsel questionnaires for each nominee. The applicant should not request a copy of the letter from the reference. (You should not list the Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court.)

References or letters not solicited by the Council are considered public (with few exceptions) and will be sent to the governor for all nominees.

20.	(a)	List the names, addresses, <b>including zip codes</b> , and <b>phone numbers</b> of <u>two persons</u> who the Judicial Council may contact who can discuss your <u>general character and backgroun</u>
		Name: Pam Burns
		Address:
		City/State/Zip:Phone:
		Name: Celeste Tydingco
		Address:
		City/State/Zip:Phone:
	(b)	List the names, addresses, <b>including zip codes</b> , and <b>phone numbers</b> of <u>three other person</u> whom the Judicial Council may contact who can discuss your <u>professional competence are qualifications</u> for a judicial position.  Name: Superior Court Judge M. Jude Pate
		Name: 304 Lake Street Room 203
		Address: 304 Lake Street, Room 203
		City/State/Zip: Sitka, AK 99835 Phone:
		Name: Superior Court Judge Jennifer K. Wells
		Address: 125 Trading Bay Road
		City/State/Zip: Kenai, AK 99611 Phone:
		Name: Magistrate Judge Amanda Schulz
		Address: 415 Main Street, Room 400
		City/State/Zin. Ketchikan, AK 99901 Phone:

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### References and Counsel Questionnaires (continued)

(c) List the names, addresses, **including zip codes, and suite numbers where applicable,** of each attorney involved in your three most recent cases that have gone to trial. Please do not list cases with any pending issues in the trial or appellate courts. (Applicants who are currently judges should list the three most recent trials they presided over.) List only those cases that have gone to trial within the past three years. If you have no cases that have gone to trial within the past three years, you may include cases that went to trial before that date, or may provide up to six cases in response to the next subsection, 20(d). Please include the judge's name and case names and numbers. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

#### Case Number 1 Case Name: State of Alaska Case Number: 3KN-20-00730CR v. Cooper McCarthy Judge Name: Magistrate Amanda Browning Attorneys Involved: Name: ADA Walker Steinhage Name: John Revis Address: 120 Trading Bay Road, Suite 200 Address: 130 Trading Bay Road, Suite 390 City, State, Zip: Kenai, AK 99611 City, State, Zin: Kenai, AK 99611 City, State, Zip: City, State, Zip: Case Number 2 Case Name: State of Alaska Case Number: 3KN-20-00109CR v. Brittney Sparhawk Judge Name: Magistrate Amanda Browning Attorneys Involved: Name: ADA Jon lannaccone Name: Andy Pevehouse Address: 120 Trading Bay Road, Suite 200 Address: 130 Willow Street, Suite 3 City, State, Zip: Kenai, AK 99611 City, State, Zip: Kenai, AK 99611 City, State, Zip: City, State, Zip: Case Number 3 Case Name: State of Alaska \_\_\_\_\_\_ Case Number: 3KN-20-00655CR v. Daniel Rodgers Judge Name: Magistrate Amanda Browning Attorneys Involved: Name: ADA Walker Steinhage Name Matt Sanford Address: 120 Trading Bay Road, Suite 200 Address: 130 Trading Bay Road, Suite 390 City, State, Zip: Kenai, AK 99611 City, State, Zip: Kenai, AK 99611 Name: Lacey Jane Brewster Address: 130 Trading Bay Road, Suite 390 City, State, Zip: Kenai, AK 99611 City, State, Zip:

# References and Counsel Questionnaires (continued)

(d) List the names, addresses, **including zip codes**, **and suite numbers where applicable**, of each attorney involved in your three most recent cases that did not go to trial but in which you did significant work. Please do not list cases with any pending issues in the trial or appellate courts. (Applicants who are currently judges should list the three most recent cases they presided over that did not go to trial but in which they did significant work.) Please include the judge's name and case names and numbers. (*Attach additional pages if necessary*.)

		Case Number 1	
	State of Alaska	Case Number:	1SI-17-00077CR
ν	Reuben Yerkes	Judge Name:	Judge Trevor Stephens
Nama	Nathan Lockwood	Attorneys Involved:	
	1300 W. 7th Avenue #113		
	Anchorage, AK 99501	Address:	
		City, State, Zip:	
Name:		Name:	
Address:			
City, State, Zip:			
		Case Number 2	
Case Name: _	ITMO G.M.	Case Number:	1SI-19-35PR
ν			Magistrate Amanda Browning
	Osmis B	Attorneys Involved:	
	PO Box 6005		Pam Stahla-Kernin- Visitor
		······································	304 Lake Street, Room 203
City, State, Zip:	Olika, AN 99000	City, State, Zip:	Sitka, AK 99835
Name:		M	
Address:			
City, State, Zip:			
•		Case Number 3	
Case Name: S	State of Alaska		1SI-17-74CR
v. <u>G</u>	Sabriella Sprague		Judge David George (retired)
		Attorneys Involved:	3 ( 3 3 )
-	Nicholas Polasky	Name:	
-	3000 Vintage Blvd. #140		
City, State, Zip:	Juneau, AK 99801		
Name:			
Address:			
City, State, Zip:			
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#### **Writing Sample**

Attach one example of a brief, memorandum of law, or legal opinion or similar example of legal 21. writing (10-20 pages in length; 15-25 pages for appellate positions) prepared solely by you within the last five years. Please choose a sample that reflects your ability to do legal research and analysis. If you do not have a good sample of this length, include an excerpt from a longer writing. Make sure the sample contains sufficient facts to make it understandable. (Some reply briefs may not meet these requirements.) Please do not submit: (a) coauthored writing samples, (b) samples with confidential information unless redacted to remove such information, (c) longer writing samples, (d) samples from open cases including cases on appeal. Has any **public** sanction been imposed against you in response to a complaint, charge or grievance 22. brought against you as an attorney or a judge? Tyes No Have formal grievance procedures been brought against you? X Yes No See Bar Rule 22(b) & (e) concerning public bar grievance procedures against attorneys, and AS 22.30.011(b) and .060(b)(3) concerning public disciplinary grievance procedures against judges. Have you ever been held in contempt of court? Yes No Have you ever been fined or otherwise sanctioned by a judge? In each case, state in detail the circumstances and the outcome. A bar complaint was filed by Scott Hashemian, ABA No. 2017D116. The complaint was dismissed without further investigation after initial complaint. Additional Comments (Non-Confidential)

Please make any additional comments that you wish to bring to the Council's attention about your 23. experience and suitability for this judgeship.

I was born in Baton Rouge, LA and grew up in Mobile, AL where my father served as a pastor. From an early age, my parents taught me the importance of hard work, treating others fairly and giving back to my community. I have devoted my career to these three important lessons.

I have spent my legal career giving back to the community by working to seek justice and protect victims. Seeking justice is not about winning or losing a trial. Rather, seeking justice is about protecting the rights of the accused as well as the protection of the general public. As an attorney, I worked hard to find creative resolutions to cases that provided some level of satisfaction for all parties. Not all cases were able to be resolved pre-trial. In those cases set for trial, I worked hard to be prepared, efficient and respectful of all participants.

During my career, I have treated opposing counsel, law enforcement and litigants (whether criminal defendants or parents in a dependency case) with dignity, fairness and respect. This is an asset that has served me well in my current position and will continue to serve me well

Δddi	itional Comments (Continued)
as a court hear whet outse is ha	District Court Judge. As a Magistrate, I have worked to make sure that all persons in the troom understand the nature of the proceeding, that they will be given an opportunity to be d and what will happen next. Whether someone is in the courtroom for the first time or ther they are in a situation where emotions are high, knowing what is happening at the et of the hearing allows them to better participate and understand. They may not like what ppening or the outcome of the hearing, but my goal is that they will walk away feeling like were heard and were treated fairly.
uniqı court work	eve my years in criminal prosecution and my time as a Magistrate Judge make me uely qualified for the position of Palmer District Court Judge. District Court is a very busy and requires someone who is efficient, organized and calm under stress. I am used to ing in stressful conditions with large caseloads and multiple competing deadlines while remaining respectful to staff and those appearing before the Court.
	uld be my honor, and a tremendous responsibility, to continue my public service as a ict Court Judge in Palmer.
24.	Please indicate whether you prefer to be interviewed in public session or in private session. Your choice of a public or private interview has no bearing on the Council's determination of your qualifications or on the questions the Council may ask. You may change your request in writing at any time before the interview starts (select one).
	Public Interview Private Interview
25.	Please prepare a brief biographical statement ( <i>limited to 150 words</i> ) about your background, legal education, and legal experience. Please do not list personal information about minor children. Your picture and a copy of this statement will be scanned and posted on the Council's website after the application deadline. In its bar survey, the Council will invite attorneys to review the information if they wish to become more familiar with your background and experience. Use the form on the following page for your biographical statement. Please leave the box at the top empty. The Council will use this space for your scanned picture. <i>To be fair to all applicants, the Council will strictly enforce the 150 word limit.</i>

If you check this box we will not post your picture on the website.

photographs of yourself with your application.

If you object to the posting of your picture on the Council's website, please indicate your objection below. If you object, we will not post your picture, although you still must submit two

# **Biographical Statement**

Name	
Position(s) for which you wish to be considered:  Palmer District Court	
	Please leave this area blank
Date: 05/06/2021	
I was born in Louisiana and primarily raised in A the University of Mobile and my law degree from	labama. I received my bachelors degree from Roger Williams University.
The majority of my legal career has been in the public service capacity in Florida. I moved to Ke two years. After just a short time in Kenai it beca 2011-2018, I had the privilege of serving the peo Seward, Sitka, Kake and Petersburg as an Assisthe people of the State of Alaska as a Magistrate	nai in 2011 with the idea of being in Alaska for ame apparent that Alaska is home. From ople of the State of Alaska in Kenai, Homer, stant District Attorney. I have continued to serve
It would be my honor to continue serving the per Judge.	ople of the State of Alaska as District Court