

Alaska Judicial Council Application for Judicial Appointment

Position(s) for which you wish to be considered:

Alaska Supreme Court Justice

Date: July 24, 2024

I. Public Information (Questions 1-24)

Personal

1. (a) State full name* Aimee Anderson Oravec
Name as it should appear on bar survey: Aimee Anderson Oravec
* 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. Aimee Cheri Anderson
2. How long have you been a resident of the State of Alaska immediately preceding the date of this application? **
25 years 4 months
Total 25 years 4 months
3. How long have you been engaged in the active practice of law immediately preceding the date of this application? **
25 years 9 months
Total 25 years 9 months

Nonlegal 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.

Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah August 1991 - May 1994
Bachelor of Arts in History, French Minor
Speech and Debate Scholarship (1991 - 1993)
2nd Place Phi Sigma Alpha Essay Contest (Utah Chapter), 1994
Summer Extern, Institute for Humane Studies, 1993
Cross Examination Debate Association ("CEDA") All American Debate Team, 1992
5th Place CEDA Team Debate, Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha Nationals, 1992
Various speech and debate awards at the tournament and regional level

College of Eastern Utah, Price, Utah August 1989 - May 1991
Associates of Arts
Speech and Debate Scholarship (1989 - 1991)
Silver Medal, Lincoln Douglas Debate, Phi Rho Pi Junior Nationals, 1991
Bronze Medal, CEDA Team Debate, Phi Rho Pi Junior Nationals, 1991
3rd Place, CEDA Team Debate, George Mason University Junior Nationals, 1990
Various speech and debate awards at the tournament and regional level

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

Legal Education

5. List all law schools, dates attended and degrees conferred. If you did not receive a degree from any law school, please indicate.

Washington University in St. Louis School of Law, August 1995 - May 1998 Juris Doctor

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.

I received the Order of the Barristers at graduation. I placed first with my teammate in the ABA Negotiation Competition and we represented the school at the regional competition (1997). I placed third with my teammate in the ABA Client Counseling Competition (1996). I participated in mock trial and moot court preliminaries as well.

- (b) Have you taken any CLE (continuing legal education) courses during the past five years?
 Yes No

Please describe or list. Please do not attach individual certificates of attendance.

I have received CLE credits in Ethics, for Supreme Court and Alaska updates, legal writing, and various topics related to corporate practice, including financial crimes. This training is ongoing and I attend in person, at the Alaska Bar Convention, or receive credit via video on demand. In 2023, I received credit for attending National Employment Law Institute (NELI) training and for corporate counsel training at the Women, Influence & Power in Law (WIPL) conference. In 2020, I served as a panelist with regard to becoming a judge in Alaska. In addition to CLEs, in my current role, I participate in subject matter training in areas such as respectful workplaces, safety, IT security, and leadership development.

Military

7. Have you served in the armed forces (reserves or otherwise)? Yes No

If so, please provide the following information:

- (a) Dates of service: _____
(b) Branch of service: _____
(c) Rank at time of discharge: _____
(d) Type of military discharge: _____
(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.

Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah. June 1994 - August 1995. Secretary; part time debate coach. I was hired to perform secretarial, administrative, and project support work for the Academic Grants Office and the Center for Faculty Excellence (a new multi-media lab to support faculty special projects). Due to the illness of the University's full time debate coach, I was asked to accept additional work as the traveling coach for the debate team. Coaching duties were for most of the season, about five months, during this time period.

Matrix, Cedar City, Utah. May 1993 - May 1994. Data entry clerk. Performed data entry for telemarketing sales office, and ensured that all sales data entered from paper sales had correct spelling and grammar when input into the computer. Volume of work included three sales locations (Cedar City, Salt Lake City, and Ogden).

ENUF International, Salt Lake City, Utah. May 1992 - August 1992. Laundry worker. Worked graveyard shift folding sweatshirts at a dye plant.

Manpower/Ballard Medical, South Jordan, Utah. May 1991 - August 1991. Line employee. Worked at a medical implement factory assembling neonatal catheters.

Data Unlimited, Portland, Oregon. May 1990 - August 1990. Performed market research surveys at the local mall.

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: Doyon Utilities, LLC

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Lou Florence

Current address of this person: P.O. Box 74040

City Fairbanks State AK Zip 99707-4040

Dates and location of Employment: From June 2016 To Present City Fairbanks State AK

Job title and description:

General Counsel for company that owns and operates 12 regulated utilities on Fort Wainwright, Fort Greely, and JBER-Richardson pursuant to three 50-year contracts with the Department of Defense. (see attached)

Previous Employers: *(In chronological order, most recent first)*

Employer: Utility Services of Alaska, Inc.

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Oran Paul

Current address of this person: 3691 Cameron Street

City Fairbanks State AK Zip 99709

Dates and Location of Employment: From May 2014 To May 2016 City Fairbanks State AK

Job title and description: Vice President of Regulatory Strategy and Governance. (see attached)

Reason for Leaving: One particular utility required more direct assistance.

Employer: Oravec Law Group, LLC

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Scott Oravec

Current address of this person: c/o U.S. District Court, 101 12th Avenue, Room 332

City Fairbanks State AK Zip 99701

Dates and Location of Employment: From August 2008 To April 2014 City Fairbanks State AK

Job title and description: Member/Senior Attorney. (see attached)

Reason for Leaving: Learning and development opportunity.

Previous Employers (continued)

Employer: Self d/b/a Law Office of Aimee A. Oravec
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Self
Current address of this person: _____
City Anchorage State AK Zip 99515
Dates and Location of Employment: From 2005 To July 2008 City Anchorage State AK
Job title and description: Attorney. Provided guidance to clients with regard to employment issues, prepared employment handbooks, and drafted employment agreements; researched and drafted legal memoranda; retained to draft and argue complex administrative (rate regulation) appeal. Part time, <15 hours/week.
Reason for Leaving: Relocation to Fairbanks to begin full time practice

Employer: Richmond & Quinn, PC
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Dan Quinn
Current address of this person: 360 K Street, Suite 200
City Anchorage State AK Zip 99501
Dates and Location of Employment: From May 2007 To May 2008 City Anchorage State AK
Job title and description: Of Counsel/Contract Attorney. Discovery support for civil defense firm. Prepared discovery and dispositive motions on assignment; assisted with trial defense for class action wage and hour case.
Reason for Leaving: Relocation to Fairbanks to begin full time practice

Employer: Winfree Law Office, PC
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Daniel E. Winfree
Current address of this person: c/o Alaska Court System, 101 Lacey Street
City Fairbanks State AK Zip 99701
Dates and Location of Employment: From June 1999 To April 2005 City Fairbanks State AK
Job title and description: Associate attorney. (see attached)
Reason for Leaving: Relocation to Anchorage when my husband's duty station changed to Fort Richardson.

Employer: Schwartz, Herman & Davidson
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Bob Herman
Current address of this person: 10420 Capitol Place
City St. Louis State MO Zip 63131
Dates and Location of Employment: From June 1996 To March 1998 City St. Louis State MO
Job title and description: Law Clerk; Associate (10/97 - 3/98). For civil practice, prepared petitions, discovery, dispositive motions, and jury instructions. Drafted legal memoranda to support supervisor's civil rights litigation cases. Assisted municipality with zoning litigation, drafted ordinances, and worked with HR consultant to draft employee handbook and associated ordinances.
Reason for Leaving: Relocation to Fort Wainwright

Employer: Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Donna Harper
Current address of this person: c/o Sedey Harper Westhoff, PC, 2711 Clifton Avenue
City St. Louis State MO Zip 63139
Dates and Location of Employment: From January 1998 To April 1998 City St. Louis State MO
Job title and description: Student Extern. Researched and presented representation memorandum with respect to discrimination on the basis of national origin. Assisted lead attorney with document review in age discrimination class action case. (5 hours/week)
Reason for Leaving: Semester Ended

Current Employer: Doyon Utilities, LLC

As General Counsel, I advise the Management Committee and executives on legal matters; conduct and support contract negotiations for design, construction, and professional services; support environmental compliance and agency reporting; and assist Human Resources with investigations, policies, grievances, and personnel issues. I prepare and present general rate cases to the Regulatory Commission of Alaska ("RCA"), draft prefiled testimony and motion practice, and represent the Company at hearing and in settlement negotiations with the Department of Defense. I also manage an Associate General Counsel and external legal resources.

Former Employer: Utility Services of Alaska, Inc.

I was hired by a multi-utility owner to assist its affiliates throughout the U.S. At time of hire, I was external counsel for some of these utilities, and continued with direct representation before the RCA and, on request, with contracting and other transactional matters. Working with local counsel in other jurisdictions, I provided strategic advice with regard to regulatory position and rate case planning and execution. I suggested uniform policies for multi-jurisdictional regulated operations.

Former Employer: Oravec Law Group, LLC

My civil practice included frequent appearances at court and before agencies for hearings, trial and appeals. I represented small business and institutional clients with legal matters that arose, including terminations, employment and wage and hour issues, and legal compliance. I was lead counsel on a significant private nuisance case and several administrative appeals. I also represented utilities before the RCA and on appeal to the Superior Court.

Former Employer: Winfree Law Office, PC

I prepared civil cases for trial, including conducting discovery and drafting and arguing dispositive and other motions. I worked as co-counsel on a substantial multi-defendant sexual harassment case and was co-counsel and litigation support in a class action for unpaid overtime. I drafted and argued appeals before the Superior Court and Alaska Supreme Court. I tried contested issues in probate cases, including trust administration and statutory allowances. The work required court appearances typical for a civil attorney. I conducted employment audits, investigations, and training and I drafted employee handbooks, policies, and agreements.

Former Employer: Legal Services of Eastern Missouri/Catholic Legal Assistance Ministry

St. Louis, Missouri
Supervisor

January 1996 – May 1998
Marie Kenyon c/o Peace and Justice Commission
Archdiocese of St. Louis
20 Archbishop May Drive
St. Louis, MO 63119

Position/Description Work Study Law Clerk. Conducted intake interviews and drafted petitions in divorce, custody, and landlord-tenant matters for indigent clients. Worked with clients, prepared files for hearing and trial. Served Subpoenas.

Reason for Leaving Graduated Law School

10. During your legal career, please indicate (approximately) the following:

(a) Percent of your practice that was: Civil 65
Criminal _____
Other 35
= 100%

Comment: Other is administrative

(b) Percent: State 98
Federal 2
Other _____
= 100%

Comment: _____

(c) Of practice in state courts, percent: Supreme Court 5
Court of Appeals _____
Superior Court 80
District Court 15
= 100%

Comment: _____

(d) Frequency of appearance in court (select one):
 Regularly Occasionally Infrequently Not at All

Comment: _____

(e) Number of trials (by court or jury) you conducted (select one):
 None 1-5 6-15 16-30 31 or more

Comment: This number includes Superior Court trials and evidentiary hearings (primarily in probate court)

(f) Percent of these trials which were: Jury _____ Non-Jury 100

Comment: _____

(g) Approximate number of appellate matters handled: 15

Comment: Five reported Supreme Court cases, three Petitions for Review, and seven Superior Court appeals

(h) Approximate number of arbitrations or administrative hearings (select one):

None 1-5 6-15 16-30 31 or more

Briefly describe type of matters heard:

Administrative hearings before the RCA, EEOC, and University of Alaska. Other agency practice resolved prior to hearing. As a member of the Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar Association, I have heard two reinstatement, six disciplinary, and two character and fitness matters. I wrote the decisional document adopted by the Board in one of the character and fitness matters. I also served on one fee arbitration panel.

(i) Please briefly summarize any *pro bono* work that you have done and indicate whether the work was done through a *pro bono* legal service provider (e.g. Alaska Legal Services, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, etc.).

Through Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, I represented indigent clients in family court (Missouri). As an associate at Winfree Law Office, we undertook two ALSC pro bono referrals: a class action case related to student loan collection practices, and a landlord tenant matter. Associates at WLO also provided support work in the court-appointed CAPA litigation with regard to the disposition of funds for protected parties; our supervising attorney adjudicated those cases. Oravec Law Group supported the pro bono work of associates who accepted work from ANDSVA and performed other volunteer efforts.

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.

Federal District of Alaska, Admitted October 1999
 State of Alaska, Admitted October 1999
 State of Missouri, Admitted October 1998 (prior Bar No. 50500)

Public Service

12. List bar associations, and sections and committees of which you are or have been a member or officer.

Alaska Bar Association, Member since 1999
 Board of Governors, 2019 - 2020; 2021 - present. Secretary (October 2022 - Present). Member of Attorney Pipeline, Governance and Keller subcommittees
 Fee Arbitration Committee, 2010 - 2013; 2017 - 2024
 CLE Committee, 2003 - 2006
 Section Member (various dates) Employment Law, Corporate Counsel, Federal Contracts, and Administrative Law
 Tanana Valley Bar Association, Member since 1999
 President (2013); Vice President (2012); and Secretary (2010, 2011).

13. List publications, if any (give title, subject and date of publications). Please include online publications such as blogs or websites, and any publications you have co-authored and the name(s) of the co-author(s).

None.

14. Have you ever applied for a judgeship? Yes No

Please list dates and judgeships applied for, as well as whether you were nominated by the Judicial Council and appointed.

| Judgeship | Date | Nominated By Council (Y/N) | Appointed By Governor (Y/N) |
|------------------------------|------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Part Time U.S. Magistrate | 2003 | N/A | N/A |
| Alaska Supreme Court Justice | 2022 | Y | N |
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15. Have you ever held public or political office, elective or appointive? Yes No

If so, state office, manner selected, and when and where held.

I served on the Alaska Judicial Council from March of 2012 - February of 2018. I was elected to the position by members of the Alaska Bar Association, Second and Fourth Judicial Districts.

16. Please provide the Council with information that you would like the Council to consider about other 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 in 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 a 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.

United Way of the Tanana Valley, Member of the Board of Directors (2011 - 2015); Board Chair (2015 - 2016)

Team Manager, Hockey Club Fairbanks, Tier IV 10U (2014 - 2015); Tier III 12U (2016 - 2017); and Tier IV 14U (2017 -2018). Monroe Catholic High School ("MCHS") Hockey Team Manager (fall 2022). Ensured hockey "book" was up to date for each game and tournament; procured volunteers for box and scorekeeping; retained score sheets; staffed and participated in concession activities; planned travel to include hotels; and managed parents for the convenience of the coach.

Mustang Division Coordinator, Interior Youth Baseball (2015). Assigned late applicants to team; coordinated games, tournaments, and equipment; resolved disputes; and managed parents for the convenience of the coach.

Bronco Division Helper, Interior Youth Baseball (2016). Performed "back up" duties for the Bronco Division Coordinator (my spouse) when he traveled for Army Reserve.

Hospitality Team, MCHS Varsity Hockey (2018 - 2022). Provide lunch for team on game days. Chaperone and make food for team and coaching staff when we travel.

Washington University in St. Louis School of Law Women Lawyer Mentoring Event (September 2021).

17. Indicate (Yes or No) whether you have ever:
- (a) been arrested, charged with, pled guilty or *nolo contendere* to, or been convicted of the violation of any law or ordinance, or been requested to appear before any prosecuting or investigative agency in connection with any matter in any jurisdiction, including all traffic offenses, unless the fine was less than \$100 and there were no other sanctions?
Yes No
 - (b) failed to answer any summons or other legal process served upon you personally at any time?
Yes No
 - (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

- (d) had any proceedings brought to have you declared a ward of any court or adjudged an 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.

18. (a) 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.

- (b) Have you ever been sued by a client? Yes No

If so, give particulars, including case numbers.

- (c) 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).

In 1986 or 1987, I was the only witness to a hit and run accident involving a car moving at slow speed and a minor teen on a bicycle. I called the police and reported the event. Months later, I received a subpoena to appear as a witness in a small claims action for damage to the bike. The matter settled and I was not required to testify.

(d) Has a court ever found you to have provided ineffective assistance of counsel?

Yes No

If so, provide the particulars including petitioner and case number.

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 on 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

Have you ever filed any petition in bankruptcy? Yes No

If so, state the circumstances, case number, and the outcome.

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, **including zip codes**, and **phone numbers** of two persons whom the Judicial Council may contact who can discuss your general character and background.

Name: Martina Coiley
Address: P.O. Box 74291
City/State/Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99707 Phone: 907-378-5862

Name: Sydney Morgan
Address: [REDACTED]
City/State/Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99709 Phone: 907-388-7236

- (b) List the names, addresses, **including zip codes**, and **phone numbers** of three other persons whom the Judicial Council may contact who can discuss your professional competence and qualifications for a judicial position.

Name: Shelley Ebenal Greater Fairbanks Hospital Foundation
Address: P.O. Box 71396
City/State/Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99707 Phone: 907-458-5550

Name: Aaron Schutt Doyon, Limited
Address: 11500 Sukdu Way
City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK 99515 Phone: 907-375-4220

Name: Michael O'Brien Davis, Wright & Tremaine, LLP
Address: 188 West Northern Lights Blvd., Suite 1100
City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK 99503-3985 Phone: 907-257-5342

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: Eric Lanser **Case Number:** 4FA-11-3117CI
v. Robert Riddle d/b/a Fairbanks Pumping & Thawing **Judge Name:** Bethany Harbison

Attorneys Involved:

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| Name: <u>Bill Satterberg</u> | Name: <u>Shelby Mathis</u> |
| Address: <u>709 Fourth Avenue</u> | Address: <u>c/o 4300 East-West Hwy Suite 800-A</u> |
| City, State, Zip: <u>Fairbanks, AK 99701</u> | City, State, Zip: <u>Bethesda, MD 20814</u> |
| Name: _____ | Name: _____ |
| Address: _____ | Address: _____ |
| City, State, Zip: _____ | City, State, Zip: _____ |

Case Number 2

Case Name: Marc Poeschel **Case Number:** GC2010-0214 on remand from 4FA-11-1875CI
v. University of Alaska Fairbanks **Judge Name:** Donald Hopwood

Attorneys Involved:

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| Name: <u>Jason Weiner</u> | Name: _____ |
| Address: <u>1008 16th Avenue</u> | Address: _____ |
| City, State, Zip: <u>Fairbanks, AK 99701</u> | City, State, Zip: _____ |
| Name: _____ | Name: _____ |
| Address: _____ | Address: _____ |
| City, State, Zip: _____ | City, State, Zip: _____ |

Case Number 3

Case Name: In re: Estate of Mary Ghezzi **Case Number:** 4FA-11-0624PRE/E
v. _____ **Judge Name:** Michael MacDonald

Attorneys Involved:

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| Name: <u>Jason Weiner</u> | Name: <u>Zane Wilson</u> |
| Address: <u>1008 16th Avenue</u> | Address: <u>714 Fourth Avenue, Suite 200</u> |
| City, State, Zip: <u>Fairbanks, AK 99701</u> | City, State, Zip: <u>Fairbanks, AK 99701</u> |
| Name: <u>Jo Kuchle</u> | Name: <u>Danielle Gardner</u> |
| Address: <u>714 Fourth Avenue, Suite 200</u> | Address: <u>714 Fourth Avenue, Suite 200</u> |
| City, State, Zip: <u>Fairbanks, AK 99701</u> | City, State, Zip: <u>Fairbanks, AK 99701</u> |

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

Case Name: In re: DU Test Year 2020 **Case Number:** RCA Docket U-21-075 et al.
v. _____ **Judge Name:** ALJ Jim Walker

Attorneys Involved:

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| Name: <u>Kyle Smith, General Attorney</u> | Name: <u>Matthew Findley</u> |
| Address: <u>U.S. Army Legal Services Agency, 9275 Gunston Road</u> | Address: <u>1227 W 9th Ave Suite 200</u> |
| City, State, Zip: <u>Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-5546</u> | City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u> |
| Name: <u>Laura Fisher</u> | Name: <u>William Saupe</u> |
| Address: <u>1227 W 9th Ave Suite 200</u> | Address: <u>1227 W 9th Ave Suite 200</u> |
| City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u> | City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u> |

Case Number 2

Case Name: In re: DU Test Year 2014 **Case Number:** RCA Docket U-15-127 et al.
v. _____ **Judge Name:** ALJ JP Wood

Attorneys Involved:

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| Name: <u>Kyle Smith, General Attorney</u> | Name: _____ |
| Address: <u>U.S. Army Legal Services Agency, 9275 Gunston Road</u> | Address: _____ |
| City, State, Zip: <u>Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-5546</u> | City, State, Zip: _____ |
| Name: _____ | Name: _____ |
| Address: _____ | Address: _____ |
| City, State, Zip: _____ | City, State, Zip: _____ |

Case Number 3

Case Name: Ronald "Kelly" Wharton **Case Number:** ASCHR #J-18-028/J-18-127
v. Doyon Utilities, LLC **Judge Name:** Breanne Lee, Investigator

Attorneys Involved:

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| Name: <u>Ken Covell</u> | Name: _____ |
| Address: <u>1008 16th Ave. Suite 200</u> | Address: _____ |
| City, State, Zip: <u>Fairbanks, AK 99701</u> | City, State, Zip: _____ |
| Name: _____ | Name: _____ |
| Address: _____ | Address: _____ |
| City, State, Zip: _____ | City, State, Zip: _____ |

References and Counsel Questionnaires continued

Aimee Anderson Oravec
July 24, 2024

In re: Marc Poeschel v. University of Alaska Fairbanks
Case Number GC2010-0214 on remand from 4FA-11-1875CI

Donald Hopwood, Hearing Officer
Hopwood Mediation Services
P.O. Box 110674
Anchorage, AK 99511-0674

In re: Ronald "Kelly" Wharton v. Doyon Utilities, LLC
ASCHR #J18-028/J-18-127

Breanne Lee, Investigator
Alaska State Commission for Human Rights
800 A Street, Suite 204
Anchorage, AK 99501-3669

Writing Sample

21. Attach one example of a brief, memorandum of law, or legal opinion or similar example of legal 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.

22. Has any **public** sanction been imposed against you in response to a complaint, charge or grievance brought against you as an attorney or a judge? Yes No

Have formal grievance procedures been brought against you? 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? Yes No

In each case, state in detail the circumstances and the outcome.

Additional Comments (Non-Confidential)

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

I have worked solely in the private sector, working for myself, small firms, and Alaska-grown companies. I have built a small business and carried a payroll. I have represented individuals, companies, non-profit organizations, and governmental agencies. As I learned and grew in the law, I served on the Alaska Judicial Council and the Alaska Bar Association Board of Governors. Through all of this, I supported my spouse's career and his continuing service to the U.S. Army, and spent weekends as a sports volunteer and hockey mom.

My experience in civil law is broad and I have been able to work in depth on a variety of complicated matters. Currently, in any given week, I advise with respect to environmental regulations; wage and hour, employment, and labor law; contract law and compliance; regulatory law involving advanced accounting principles and the marriage of complicated 50 year contracts with the Alaska "regulatory model" for utility rate setting; and corporate governance. I have a substantial background in civil litigation acquired prior to my transition to in-house counsel and I continue to litigate before the Regulatory Commission of Alaska in utility rate setting matters.

Additional Comments (Continued)

In my current position, my primary role is to identify, and solve, complex problems that require the input of and collaboration with subject matter experts. I work with engineers, accountants, analysts, utility operators, executives, and IT personnel. We all come to the table with different views of the same facts, as informed by our experience and training. We then listen and consider the views of others to arrive at a final resolution within the bounds of the law. This type of collaboration is thrilling and engaging. It works to my strengths as a problem solver and collaborator. This is the process by which the Supreme Court makes decisions and with my background, I would contribute meaningfully to the work of the Court and enjoy the work as well.

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 (***limited to 150 words***) 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. ***To be fair to all applicants, the Council will strictly enforce the 150 word limit.***

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 a photograph of yourself with your application.

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

Biographical Statement

Name Aimee Anderson Oravec

Position(s) for which you wish to be considered:

Alaska Supreme Court Justice

Please leave this area blank

Date: July 24, 2024

I docked in Valdez in March of 1999, a newly minted Army wife on her way to Fort Wainwright. A serene bald eagle flew across the parking lot carrying a milk carton in its talons, and I knew I was home.

For fifteen years, I worked in private practice in Fairbanks and Anchorage, appearing before agencies and courts in civil, appellate, and probate cases. I have worked in-house since 2014. I represent the Company in rate litigation, provide legal advice, routinely prepare substantial memoranda, and volunteer for the bar and in my community. I like to write and learn.

Alaska has afforded me many opportunities to learn and grow as an attorney, and as a person. I have represented indigent clients; litigated civil, administrative, and appellate cases; and worked as a corporate, regulatory, and employment lawyer.

I have worked hard my entire life and I am ready for this challenge.