

Alaska Judicial Council Application for Judicial Appointment

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

Date: July 20, 2022

I. Public Information (Questions 1-24)

Personal

1. (a) State full name* Michael Jude Pate
Name as it should appear on bar survey: Jude Pate
* 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? **
 29 years 1 months
Total 29 years 1 months
3. How long have you been engaged in the active practice of law immediately preceding the date of this application? **
 28 years months
Total 28 years 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.

University of Kansas, 1983-1989, B.S. Journalism
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** 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.

Lewis & Clark Northwestern School of Law, 1990-1993, J.D.

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.

1993 Cornelius Honor Society for leadership, scholarship, and community
1993 Steven Manas Scholar for environmental stewardship and community
1990-1993 Natural Resources Scholarship
1990 Co-founder of the Public Interest Law Project for loan repayment and summer stipends

- (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.

Annual Statewide Judicial Conference 2018 to present
Newer Judges Conference Planning Committee 2019 to present
The Red Door Program: Evolve Experience 2021
Coastal Judges Group educational programs 2019 & 2020.
Magistrate's Conference 2022 (3.25 hours on day two)

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.

I worked as a training assistant for people with disabilities at Center for Community in Sitka from 1993-1994.

I was a squad leader for a fire fighting crew for the U.S. Forest Service in the Wallowa-Whitman Forest in 1989.

While in college, I worked as a short-order cook for a half-dozen restaurants from 1983-1988.

I have also worked as a baker, house painter, film projectionist, bartender, construction worker, hotel maid, pizza delivery driver, and briefly as a strawberry field worker and as an attendant in a tanning salon.

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 - Superior Court Judge

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Presiding Judge Amy Mead

Current address of this person: Dimond Courthouse, 123 4th Street/P.O. Box 114100

City Juneau State Alaska Zip 99811

Dates and location of Employment: From April 2018 To present City Sitka State Alaska

Job title and description:

I currently preside over all criminal and civil matters for the Superior Court in Sitka, Wrangell and Angoon. Prior to May 2022, I served four years as judge for the Superior Court in Prince of Wales. Given the relatively small size of these courts, my caseload includes responsibilities that in larger courts would ordinarily be handled by district court and magistrate judges.

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

Employer: Alaska Public Defender Agency

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Samantha Cherot (served under Quinlan Steiner)

Current address of this person: 900 West 5th Avenue, Suite 200

City Anchorage State Alaska Zip 99501-2090

Dates and Location of Employment: From June 2006 To March 2018 City Sitka State Alaska

Job title and description: I was the supervisor of the Sitka office and trial attorney for all criminal and civil matters until August 2017. From September 2017 to March 2018 I worked remotely for the appellate unit of the Agency.

Reason for Leaving: I took my current position with the Alaska Court System.

Employer: Law Offices of Jude Pate and David A. Voluck

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: David A. Voluck

Current address of this person: P.O. Box 6384

City Sitka State Alaska Zip 8=99835

Dates and Location of Employment: From 2004 To 2006 City Sitka State Alaska

Job title and description: I shared office space and costs with Mr. Voluck. My caseload was an equal mix of civil and criminal matters. I carried long-term contracts with the Office of Public Advocacy and Sitka Tribe.

Reason for Leaving: I took a position with the Alaska Public Defender Agency.

Previous Employers (continued)

Employer: Law Office of Michael Jude Pate
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: self
Current address of this person: 703 Lake Street
City Sitka State Alaska Zip 99835
Dates and Location of Employment: From 1999 To 2004 City Sitka State Alaska
Job title and description: I was in solo private practice. My caseload was an equal mix of civil and criminal matters. I carried long-term contracts with the Office of Public Advocacy and Sitka Tribe.
Reason for Leaving: I began sharing office space and costs with David A. Voluck.

Employer: Sitka Tribe of Alaska
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Alicia Gassman, General Manager
Current address of this person: 204 Siginaka Way
City Sitka State Alaska Zip 99835
Dates and Location of Employment: From 1994 To 1999 City Sitka State Alaska
Job title and description: I served as in-house legal counsel on all matters: tribal court, ordinance drafting, tax and employment issues, and self-governance compact negotiations.
Reason for Leaving: _____

Employer: Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Rob Lothrop/Laurie Jordan
Current address of this person: 700 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 1200
City Portland State Oregon Zip 97232
Dates and Location of Employment: From 1993 To 1994 City Portland State Oregon
Job title and description: I was a paid legal-intern on matters related to fishing treaty rights, salmon mortality, water quality and fish passage through dams.
Reason for Leaving: I graduated from law school and moved to Sitka, Alaska.

Employer: _____
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: _____
Current address of this person: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Dates and Location of Employment: From _____ To _____ City _____ State _____
Job title and description: _____
Reason for Leaving: _____

Employer: _____
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: _____
Current address of this person: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Dates and Location of Employment: From _____ To _____ City _____ State _____
Job title and description: _____
Reason for Leaving: _____

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

(a) Percent of your practice that was: Civil 40
Criminal 55
Other 5
= 100%

Comment: The "other" practice involved appellate work and administrative cases.

(b) Percent: State 98
Federal 1
Other 1
= 100%

Comment: The "other" practice involved litigation in the Sitka Tribal Court

(c) Of practice in state courts, percent: Supreme Court 2
Court of Appeals 3
Superior Court 65
District Court 30
= 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: _____

(f) Percent of these trials which were: Jury 30 Non-Jury 70

Comment: _____

(g) Approximate number of appellate matters handled: 25

Comment: This number includes my work as a litigator and as a judge sitting in review of district court and special master 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 included SSA benefits, IDEA, Human Rights Commission, and tribal employment and service matters.

(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.).

As a judge, I have not provided any *pro bono* legal services because the Code of Judicial Conduct prohibits judges from practicing law. As interpreted by the Public Defender Agency, *pro bono* work by public defenders is prohibited by statute. For this reason I did not perform any *pro bono* work as a lawyer during the 11+ years I served as an assistant public defender. Prior to employment with the public defender, I regularly performed *pro bono* work for low-income, private clients and through the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Alaska Legal Services, and the Alaska Pro Bono Program.

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.

State of Alaska (1994)
 Sitka Tribe of Alaska (1995)
 U.S. District Court for Alaska (1996)
 U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals (1997)

Public Service

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

Member of Sitka Bar Association, Alaska Bar Association, and Alaska Native Law Section.
 Chair, Newer Judges Conference Planning Committee; Member and Co-Chair of Color of Justice Program, Committee on Justice, Fairness, and Diversity; Member of Criminal Rule Committee, Judicial Conference Planning Committee, Workplace Conduct Committee, Coastal Judges Group, and ad hoc judicial officers Title 47 working group; Host of bench/bar meetings for Sitka and Prince of Wales; Member of the Three-Judge Panel; Deputy Presiding Judge for the First Judicial District; On call judge for petitions for quarantine/isolation in First Judicial District.

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)
Sitka Superior Court	6/9/07	Yes	No
Alaska Court of Appeals	5/17/12	Yes	No
Alaska Court of Appeals	8/29/16	Yes	No
Sitka Superior Court	9/20/17	Yes	Yes

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.

Student Body President, Lewis & Clark Law School, elected 1992-1993.

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.

Color of Justice at Mt. Edgecumbe High School: Together with Judge Pamela Washington, since 2018, I have helped coordinate this biennial, two-day educational program promoting diversity in the legal profession and judiciary. I have been a participant in Color of Justice since 2013.

I am an adopted member of the L'uknax.adi (Sitka Coho) clan by Ethel Makinen and Phil Nielsen, since 1996. My Tlingit name is "Kinda Shaakwa Eesh."

I have served as coach, assistant coach, and consultant to the Sitka High School mock trial team from 2010 to the present.

Baranof Barracuda Swim Club (board member, head of recycling program, and volunteer swim meet official) 2008 to the present.

Sitka Little League baseball coach, assistant coach, and parent helper from 2004 to 2014.

Alaska Native Brotherhood Camp #1 member and volunteer, 1995 to 2018.

KCAW Sitka Public Radio volunteer DJ, member and donor from 1994 to present.

Braveheart Volunteers, family respite/end of life care (donor).

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 \$50 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.

I had a speeding ticket in Oregon in October of 1992. The officer who issued the citation apparently failed to lodge it with the court because when I attempted to take care of the matter shortly thereafter, the court informed me that there was no record of the citation.

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).

I was a witness in a criminal trial in which a resident of my college dormitory was charged with attempted rape in 1983. I only remember that his first name was Alan. I testified about the amount of alcohol I had seen him drink that night.

(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: Thomas Clarke
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: Sitka, Alaska 99835 Phone: (907) 752-5030

Name: Alicia Gassman
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: Sitka, Alaska 99835 Phone: (907) 738-3722

- (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: Judge Amy Mead
Address: Dimond Courthouse, P.O. Box 114100
City/State/Zip: Juneau, Alaska 99811 Phone: (907) 463-4748

Name: Judge Trevor Stephens (retired)
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: Ketchikan, Alaska Phone: (907) 821-0063

Name: Judge Donald Hopwood (retired)
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: Anchorage, Alaska 99516 Phone: (907) 348-8350 or 306-3567

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:** 1PW-20-116 CR
v. Robert McLaughlin **Judge Name:** Jude Pate

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Anna Ambrose</u>	Name: <u>Kristian Pickrell</u>
Address: <u>P.O. Box 110216</u>	Address: <u>415 Main Street, Room 304</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Juneau, Alaska 99801</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Ketchikan, Alaska 99901-6396</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case Name: State of Alaska **Case Number:** 1PW-21-88 CR
v. Clinton Cook **Judge Name:** Jude Pate

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Nicholas Polasky</u>	Name: <u>Kristian Pickrell</u>
Address: <u>3000 Vintage Blvd., Suite 190</u>	Address: <u>415 Main Street, Room 304</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Juneau, Alaska 99801</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Ketchikan, Alaska 99901-6396</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 3

Case Name: Caleb Toman **Case Number:** 1PW-17-33 CI
v. Megan Woods **Judge Name:** Jude Pate

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Katrina Larsen</u>	Name: <u>Michael Heiser</u>
Address: <u>P.O. Box 6715</u>	Address: <u>300 Mill Street, Suite 20</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Ketchikan, Alaska 99901</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Ketchikan, Alaska 99901</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	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

Case Name: State of Alaska **Case Number:** 1SI-19-235 CR
v. Michael White **Judge Name:** Jude Pate

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>David Seid</u>	Name: <u>Amy Fenske</u>
Address: <u>P.O. Box 110216</u>	Address: <u>304 Lake Street, Room 202</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Juneau, Alaska 99801</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Sitka, Alaska 99835</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case Name: Sabrina Stacy **Case Number:** 1KE-21-255 CI
v. Lisa Boles, Pacific Apartments **Judge Name:** Jude Pate

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Blake Chupka</u>	Name: <u>Daniel Coons</u>
Address: <u>306 Main Street, Suite 326</u>	Address: <u>1016 W. 6th Avenue, Suite 200</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Ketchikan, Alaska 99901</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, Alaska 99501-1963</u>
Name: <u>Heather Parker</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>8800 Glacier Highway, Suite 228</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Juneau, Alaska 99801 - 1096</u>	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 3

Case Name: Donald Kluting **Case Number:** 1SI-14-41 CI
v. Karen Kluting **Judge Name:** Jude Pate

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>James McGowan</u>	Name: <u>Ian Wheelles</u>
Address: <u>202 A Katlian Street</u>	Address: <u>601 E. 57th Place, Suite 101</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Sitka, Alaska 99835</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, Alaska 99518</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

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.

A bar complaint filed by Dustin O. Jones, ABA No. 2015D074, was dismissed without further investigation after the initial complaint. For an explanation, see letters dated July 3, 2015 and August 13, 2015, attached as Appendix B.

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 was born in Nuremberg, Germany, where my father was stationed while in the U.S. Army. My father's military service instilled in me a sense of duty for public service at an early age. We moved quite often while I was growing up, including stops at command posts in Kansas, California, Georgia and Virginia.

My high school years were spent in the Netherlands, where I attended AFCENT International, with children of other military families from Britain, Germany, Canada, Turkey, Norway, and Iceland. It was an experience for which I am grateful because it broadened my conception of my place in this world.

I received a journalism degree from the University of Kansas where working for both the student newspaper and radio station helped hone my skills of investigation, research, oral communication, and writing under deadline pressure.

Additional Comments (Continued)

I helped establish the Healing to Wellness Court, a joint state-tribal therapeutic court that offers alternatives to incarceration for non-violent offenders who suffer from substance abuse. The multi-disciplinary team accepted its first program participant this month (July 2022).

I chair a quarterly stakeholders mental commitment (Title 47) working group with hospital, health care/petitioners, and law enforcement personnel in Sitka. I previously chaired a similar stakeholders Title 47 working group in Prince of Wales.

I enjoy administering the Oath of Office to graduates of the State Trooper's Public Safety Training Academy - semiannually since 2018.

I received the Alaska Bar Association's professionalism award in 2017.

I received the Public Defender Agency's litigator of the year award in 2011.

I have devoted my career to the ideal of public service. It is my belief that public service, and in particular participation in the judicial system, is a sacred obligation. My experience is well-rounded, emphasizing both trial and appellate work, and includes litigation in federal, state and tribal courts.

It would be a great honor, and a tremendous responsibility, to serve as a Justice on the Alaska Supreme Court.

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 Jude Pate

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

Alaska Supreme Court

Please leave this area blank

Date: July 18, 2022

I was born in Nuremberg Germany, where my father was stationed in the Army. My childhood years were spent primarily in Kansas and high school years in the Netherlands.

I received a journalism degree from the University of Kansas. I attended law school at Lewis & Clark Northwestern School of Law.

I was counsel for the Sitka Tribe of Alaska from 1994 to 1999. In private practice from 1999 to 2006, my caseload was an equal mix of criminal and civil law. I served as an assistant public defender in Sitka from 2006 to 2018, both as a trial attorney and in the appellate unit.

I currently serve as judge for the Sitka Superior Court with primary responsibility for the communities of Sitka, Wrangell, and Angoon. Prior to May 2022, I served as the judge for the Prince of Wales Superior Court for the dozen communities on the Island. I have presided over a mixed criminal and civil docket.

Sitka has been my home since 1993. I married Christine Pate in 1997. We have two children. My family enjoys playing games, fishing, hunting, and gardening.