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Alaska Judicial Council

# Alaska Judicial Council Application for Judicial Appointment

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

Anchorage Superior Court  
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Date: January 18, 2019

## I. Public Information (Questions 1-24)

### Personal

1. (a) State full name\* Peter Robert Ramgren  
Name as it should appear on bar survey: Peter Ramgren

\* 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 name? If so, please identify.  
N/A

2. How long have you been a resident of the State of Alaska immediately preceding the date of this application? \*\*  
14 years 8 months  
Total 16 years 6 months

3. How long have you been engaged in the active practice of law immediately preceding the date of this application? \*\*  
21 years 0 months  
Total 21 years 0 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.

Condordia College, Moorhead, MN. January 1985 - May 1989:

BA Political Science, Minors in History and Economics.

North Park University, Chicago, IL. August 1984 - October 1984: No Degree

\*\* 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.

Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA. August 1984 - May 1997: Juris Doctorate.

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.

Research and Teaching Assistant: Researched substantive and procedural criminal law issues. Assisted first-year law students with writing projects in Criminal Justice course.

- (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.

Magistrate Judges' Conference for the years 2012 -2015 and 2017 (the conference was not held in 2016). The MJ Conference is an intensive four day training event covering a wide range of topics and provides attendees extensive CLE credits to include mandatory ethics credits.  
03/31/14 - 04/05/14 I attended the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges' Institute for New Juvenile and Family Law Judges.

## 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.

Question 6(b): CLE Courses (continued)

June 6 – June 9, 2018: I attended the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, “Compassionate Family Court Systems: *The Role of Trauma-Informed Jurisprudence*” in Washington D.C.

October 27 – October 31, 2018: I’m scheduled to attend “BASIC Family Mediation” Training in Anchorage. It is 40 hours of mediation training focused on family law mediation in particular.

December 3 – December 4, 2018: I’m scheduled to attend training co-sponsored by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts and the University of Baltimore School of Law, entitled “Parenting Coordination: Essential Tools for Conflict Resolution” in Baltimore, MD.

I participate in monthly bench/bar meetings as well as additional CLE events.

## 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.

No significant post undergraduate, nonlegal experience.

After graduating from college I worked as a paralegal for the Minneapolis firm of Oppenheimer, Wolff & Donnelly. In 1991 I relocated to Anchorage to work researching oil and gas markets and oil transportation costs as a paralegal for Wilson Condon at Condon, Partnow and Sharrock. In early 1993 I moved to San Francisco to continue to work on oil and gas litigation with Spencer Hosie at Hosie, Wes, McLaughlin & Sacks. I started law school at Northeastern University in the fall of 1994.

## 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: Hon. William Morse

Current address of this person: Nesbett Courthouse, 825 W 4th Ave.

City Anchorage State AK Zip 99501

Dates and location of Employment: From 01/12/12 To Present City Anchorage State AK

Description:

Magistrate Juge, IV. I serve as both a Magistrate Judge and a Superior Court Master. Primary duties include CINA, Delinquency, Domestic Violence and Criminal.

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

Employer: Ingaldson, Maassen and Fitzgerald

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: William Ingaldson &/or Kevin Fitzgerald

Current address of this person: Ingaldson Fitzgerald, 813 W 3rd Ave.

City Anchorage State AK Zip 99501

Dates and Location of Employment: From 01/07/08 To 01/09/12 City Anchorage State AK

Description: Criminal and civil litigation. I was primarily responsible for my own caseload and assisted firm members with their litigation needs.

Reason for Leaving: To accept the Magistrate Judge position with the Alaska Court System.

Employer: Large & Associates

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: William Large

Current address of this person: 201 Heymann Blvd., Suite 24

City Lafayette State LA Zip 70503

Dates and Location of Employment: From 03/01/07 To 12/31/07 City Anchorage State AK

Description: Civil litigation with a limited amount of criminal defense work.

Reason for Leaving: The firm closed and Mr. Large moved out of state.

**Previous Employers (continued)**

Employer: Municipality of Anchorage, Department of Law, Criminal Division  
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Bruce Roberts  
Current address of this person: TSA Office of Chief Counsel, 410 N 44th St., Suite 300  
City Phoenix State AZ Zip 85008  
Dates and Location of Employment: From 06/07/04 To 02/28/07 City Anchorage State AK  
Description: Member of the general trial unit. Prosecuted crimes committed in the Municipality of Anchorage.  
Reason for Leaving: To pursue private practice with William Large.

Employer: Swomley & Associates  
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: John Swomley  
Current address of this person: Swomley and Tennen, 50 Congress St., Suite 600  
City Boston State MA Zip 02109  
Dates and Location of Employment: From 01/01/99 To 05/02/04 City Boston State MA  
Description: Criminal and civil litigation. Represented criminal clients across Massachusetts. Assisted in civil litigation.  
Reason for Leaving: Relocated to Anchorage

Employer: Hale & Dorr  
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Michelle D. Miller (Retired Partner)  
Current address of this person: WilmerHale, 60 State St.  
City Boston State MA Zip 02109  
Dates and Location of Employment: From 02/01/98 To 12/31/98 City Boston State MA  
Description: I was employed as a contract attorney through the Wallace Law Registry to work exclusively on s complex, class-action insurance matter.  
Reason for Leaving: To take a position as an Associate Attorney with Swomley & Associates

Employer: Governor William Weld, Office of Legal Counsel  
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Hon. Michael J. Pomarole  
Current address of this person: Cambridge District Court, 40 Thorndike St.  
City Cambridge State MA Zip 02141  
Dates and Location of Employment: From 03/03/97 To 05/17/97 City Boston State MA  
Description: Northeastern Co-op: Researched and wrote legal memoranda analyzing legislative proposals. See Attached Co-op Evaluation.  
Reason for Leaving: Limited internship as part of the Northeastern Law School Program

Employer: Posternak, Blankstein & Lund, LLP  
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Steven S. Broadley  
Current address of this person: PB&L, The Prudential Tower, 800 Boylston Street  
City Boston State MA Zip 02199  
Dates and Location of Employment: From 11/18/96 To 02/28/97 City Boston State MA  
Description: Northeastern Co-op: Researched and wrote legal memoranda for the firm's litigation department. See Attached Co-op Evaluation.  
Reason for Leaving: Limited internship as part of the Northeastern Law School Program

Question 9: Previous Employers (continued)

**Employer:** United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire

**Supervisor:** Hon. Paul Barbadoro

**Address:** U.S. District Courthouse, 55 Pleasant St., Concord, NH 03301

**Dates and Location:** 05/28/1996 to 08/17/1996, Concord, NH

**Description:** Northeastern Co-op -- Conducted research and drafted orders for Judge Barbadoro. See Attached Co-op Evaluation.

**Reason for Leaving:** Limited internship as part of the Northeastern Law School Coop Program.

**Employer:** Massachusetts Attorney General's Office (Victim Compensation Division)

**Supervisor:** Sean J. Kealy

**Address:** Boston University School of Law, 765 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA 02215

**Dates and Location:** 08/29/1995 to 11/18/1995, Boston, MA

**Description:** Northeastern Coop --prosecuted victim compensation claims on behalf of crime victims. See Attached Co-op Evaluation.

**Reason for Leaving:** Limited internship as part of the Northeastern Law School Co-op Program.

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

(a) Percent of your practice that was: Civil 45  
Criminal 55  
Other 0  
= 100%

Comment: As a MJ/Sup.Ct.Master I currently preside over 80% civil

(b) Percent: State 95  
Federal 5  
Other 0  
= 100%

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Of practice in state courts, percent: Supreme Court 0  
Court of Appeals 0  
Superior Court 60  
District Court 40  
= 100%

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Comment: As a Magistrate Judge/Master I spend most days in court.

(e) Number of trials (by court or jury) you conducted:  
 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: 6 or less

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

(h) Approximate number of arbitrations or administrative hearings:  
 None       1-5       6-15       16-30       31 or more

Briefly describe type of matters heard:

Represented individuals before the MA SORB. Handled a few worker's comp.

(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.).

Per the Code of Judicial Conduct Canon 4G, judges (including magistrate judges) are prohibited from practicing law. Additionally, Administrative Rule 2 prohibits employees of the Alaska Court System from practicing law in Alaska Courts. As an Anchorage Municipal Prosecutor I was similarly restricted from taking on any pro bono work that could potentially create a conflict.

I have taught Youth Court, presented in various Youth Court classes and provided the commencement speech at Youth Court Graduation.

While in private practice I handled a couple of matters pro bono for military personnel.



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.  
 Alaska Bar, September 2005; U.S. District Court, Alaska, February 2008;  
 Massachusetts Bar, December 1997; U.S. District Court, Massachusetts, May 1999.
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**Public Service**

12. List bar associations, and sections and committees of which you are or have been a member or officer.  
 Alaska Bar Association; Anchorage Bar Association;  
 Massachusetts Bar Association;  
 Family Law Section of the Alaska Bar Association;  
 Juvenile Justice Section of the Alaska Bar Association.
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13. List legal publications, if any (give title, subject and date of publications). Please include publications you have co-authored and the name(s) of the co-author(s).
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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)
Anchorage District Ct.	05/05/17	Y	N
Anchorage District Ct.	09/25/17	Y	N
Anchorage Superior Ct.	02/08/18	Y	N
Anchorage District Ct./Palmer Superior Ct.	10/12/18	Unknown	Unknown

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.

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.

From April of 2015 - April of 2016: I was appointed by the Director of the Department of Health and Social Services to the Resources and Practices subcommittee for the Robert F. Kennedy National Resources Center for Juvenile Justice's "Models for Change" initiative in Alaska. The committee met monthly for half day sessions focused on how to better coordinate between OCS and DJJ for dual status children.

I serve on the Court System's Security Committee that meets monthly.

President-Alaska Association of Magistrate Judges- Participate in annual meeting.

Anchorage Youth Court - Taught, appeared as a guest speaker and commencement speaker. I continue to support AYC.

National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges - past member.

American Swedish Institute - member and participant.

My wife and I are also supporters of the arts and sciences and hold memberships in various public media organizations, museums and local Alaska conservation groups. We're volunteers for Alaska Trails - an organization that maintains hiking trails.

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.

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).

3AN-12-09603CI, Clinton DesJarlais v. SOA, Sean Parnell, MOA, Daniel Sullivan, Peter Ramgren and Kevin Ehm. - I presided over a traffic trial, convicted the defendant and was later sued. The matter was dismissed after plaintiff failed to make proper service.

3AN-09-09118MO, I was cited for a broken headlight (13AAC04020(a)). Defaulted/paid in full.

3AN-07-08649MO - I received a citation for speeding (65 mph in a 55 mph zone). Defaulted/Paid in full.

3AN-08-05908SC - I settled this small claims matter directly with plaintiff.

MI07D0592DV1 Ramgren, Melissa and Ramgren, Peter, Joint petition for divorce filed in Middlesex County, Massachusetts Probate and Family Court - divorce granted in March of 2007.

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: Mark P. Melchert  
Address: Jermain Dunnagan & Owens, 3000 A St. Suite 300  
City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK 99503 Phone: (907) 563-8844

Name: Eric J. Holland  
Address: P.O. box 81866  
City/State/Zip: Fairbanks, AK Phone: (907) 699-3932

- (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: Hon. Jennifer K. Wells, Superior Court Judge  
Address: 125 Trading Bay Drive, Suite 100  
City/State/Zip: Kenai, AK 99611 Phone: (907)

Name: Hon. Eric A. Aarseth, Superior Court Judge  
Address: 825 W. 4th Ave.  
City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 Phone: (907) 264-0715

Name: Hon. Sidney Billingslea, Magistrate Judge  
Address: 825 W. 4th Ave.  
City/State/Zip: Achorage, AK 99501 Phone: (907) 264-0715

## References and Counsel Questionnaires (continued)

(c) List the names, addresses, **including zip codes, and suite numbers where applicable**, and phone numbers of each attorney involved in your three most recent cases that have gone to trial. Please do not list cases pending in the trial 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. Please include the judge's name and case names and numbers. (*Attach additional pages if necessary.*)

### Case Number 1

**Case Name:** James Day **Case Number:** 3AN-13-06722 CI  
**v.** Cheryl Day **Judge Name:** Peter Ramgren

#### Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Rhonda Butterfield, 331-6979</u>	Name: <u>Ryan Roley, 248-1405</u>
Address: <u>310 K St., Suite 200</u>	Address: <u>8409 Mentra St.</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99518</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

### Case Number 2

**Case Name:** Municipality of Anchorage **Case Number:** 3AN-12-08264 MO  
**v.** Pamela Robinson **Judge Name:** Peter Ramgren

#### Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>David Hammon, (907) 343-4250</u>	Name: <u>Yale Metzger (907) 258-4110</u>
Address: <u>632 W. 6th Ave. #210</u>	Address: <u>101 E. 9th Ave., Suite 7A</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

### Case Number 3

**Case Name:** William Hughes **Case Number:** 3AN-17-00066 CI  
**v.** Eric Froelich **Judge Name:** Peter Ramgren

#### Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Patrick B. Gilmore, 276-1700</u>	Name: <u>Andrew Lambert, 276-2135</u>
Address: <u>420 L St., Suite 500</u>	Address: <u>750 W. 2nd, Suite 200</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</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**, and phone numbers 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 pending in the trial 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:** I.M.O. E.L. (Confidential) **Case Number:** 3AN-17-00072 DL  
**v.** SOA **Judge Name:** Peter Ramgren

#### Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Heather Nobrega, DA, 269-6300</u>	Name: <u>John Bernitz, PD, 334-4400</u>
Address: <u>310 K St. Suite 520</u>	Address: <u>900 W. 5th Ave., Suite 200</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>

Name: <u>Richard Millar, Juvenile P.O.</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>261-4360, 2600 Providence Dr.</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99508</u>	City, State, Zip: _____

### Case Number 2

**Case Name:** I.M.O. C.S. (Confidential) **Case Number:** 3AN-17-00361 CN  
**v.** SOA **Judge Name:** Peter Ramgren

#### Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Laura Hartz, AG, 269-5100</u>	Name: <u>Stewart Merrill, OPA, 274-3937</u>
Address: <u>1031 W. 4th Ave.</u>	Address: <u>900 W. 5th Ave., Suite 525</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>

Name: <u>Marika Athens, GAL, 269-3500</u>	Name: <u>Jonathon Torres, OPA, 274-3937</u>
Address: <u>900 W. 5th Ave., Suite 525</u>	Address: <u>900 W. 5th Ave., Suite 200</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>

### Case Number 3

**Case Name:** I.M.O. A.B. (Confidential) **Case Number:** 3AN-18-01454 PR  
**v.** SOA **Judge Name:** Peter Ramgren

#### Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Steven Bookman, AG, 269-5140</u>	Name: <u>Marie Scheperle, PD, 334-4400</u>
Address: <u>1031 W. 4th Ave.</u>	Address: <u>(907) 334-4400, 900 W 5th Ave</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</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.

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.

My position as a Magistrate Judge/Superior Court Master provides me with a broad view and understanding of the Anchorage District and Superior Courts; the Magistrate Judges are involved with a large portion of the civil and criminal matters that make their way into the Anchorage courts. The position has provided me with invaluable training and the opportunity to mature as a judicial officer. Although I practiced as both a prosecutor and a criminal defense attorney, and as counsel for both plaintiffs and defense in civil matters, nothing in my past has better prepared me for the Palmer Superior Court and the Anchorage District Court than my experience serving as a Magistrate Judge.

I preside over a wide variety of matters to include: criminal, minor offenses and traffic, fish and game, delinquency, domestic violence, child in need of aid, dissolutions, contested custody and visitation, mental commitments, adoptions, guardianship, and probate.



## Additional Comments (Continued)

In many of these cases the people appearing before the court are not represented, unfamiliar with the process and in a state of crisis.

Whether a party is represented or not, my role as the judicial officer is to administer justice while making sure each party is given a meaningful opportunity to be heard and - most importantly - that each party feels heard. To achieve these goals takes patience, a good ear, the ability to read nonverbal communication, and control of the courtroom. I have found that it takes practice to develop and hone these skills and experience to apply them consistently. I believe my years as a Magistrate Judge have provided me with the practice and experience necessary to better these essential skills.

It has been an honor to serve my community as a Magistrate Judge and, if appointed to the Superior Court or District Court, I will continue to serve the public to the best of my abilities.

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.

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 two photographs of yourself with your application.

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

# Biographical Statement

Name Peter Ramgren

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

Anchorage Superior Court

*Please leave this area blank*

Date: 01/18/19

Like so many Alaskan attorneys, I came for a temporary job and have since made Anchorage my home, having been overwhelmed by Alaska's beauty, the amiable people and the rich diversity of cultures.

I was raised and went to college in Minnesota. In 1991 I drove the Alaska Highway for a summer job and stayed several years to work as a paralegal. In 1997 I graduated from Northeastern University and practiced in Boston before returning to Alaska in 2004.

Since then I have practice as a municipal prosecutor, defense attorney and civil litigator. In 2012 I became a Magistrate Judge/Superior Court Master, a position that has helped me develop a richer understanding of the complex factors that influence the health, safety and welfare of the Anchorage community. If appointed, I look forward to continuing to serve Anchorage as a Superior Court Judge.