

# Alaska Judicial Council Application for Judicial Appointment

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

Date: 02/01/2023

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

### Personal

1. (a) State full name\* Amy Kate Welch

Name as it should appear on bar survey: Amy K. Welch

\* 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. Amy Kate Wilson (birth name)

2. How long have you been a resident of the State of Alaska immediately preceding the date of this application? \*\*      9 years      5 months  
Total      9 years      5 months

3. How long have you been engaged in the active practice of law immediately preceding the date of this application? \*\*      8 years      4 months  
Total      8 years      4 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 Arizona, Bachelor of Arts with a major in English and a minor in Spanish  
Dates of attendance: 2006-2010  
Summa cum laude with honors  
Phi Beta Kappa

\*\* 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.

University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, juris doctor  
Dates of attendance: 2010-2013

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.

Graduated magna cum laude  
Member, Utah Law Review  
Recipient of the Robert Schmid Natural Resources Writing Award (June 2012): Awarded to the student who writes the best paper on a natural resources-related topic. The faculty nominated papers and the Faculty Awards Committee chose the recipient.  
Recipient of the John Farr and Ann Clayson Larson Scholarship (April 2012): Awarded to a student who has an ongoing interest in family and/or juvenile law as demonstrated through course work, extracurricular activities, volunteer participation, and/or previous experience.  
William H. Leary Scholar (December 2011 and June 2012): Awarded to students whose grades place them in the top 20 percent of their class, based on the semester's grades.  
Student Director, Family Law Clinic  
Public Interest Law Organization member

- (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.

2022 Alaska Bar Convention: U.S. Supreme Court and Alaska Supreme Court updates, Building a Healthy Practice, Strategic Planning Workshop, Where is Your Data? Privacy, Security, and Your Ethical Obligations, Blogging, Tweeting, and LinkedIn, Oh My!, Panel Discussion re: VAWA with Professor Nourse  
In addition to the mandatory ethics CLE credits, I usually take CLE courses pertaining to a specific case or issue I am working on. For example, I had a dog bite case so I took a CLE course specifically addressing those types of cases. I also try to take technology/security CLEs once per year to stay on top of privacy and confidentiality issues as technology changes.

## 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.

My education continued straight from high school through law school without any breaks. During undergraduate studies I worked in the retail sector at a Hallmark store in Tucson, Arizona. I was a "key holder," so my job included opening and closing the store, counting out the registers at night, and being the team lead when no manager was on duty. I worked at Hallmark from April 2008 through June 2010.

I also held an administrative assistant job at the University of Arizona's Critical Languages Program from July 2008 through June 2010. In that position I was responsible for tracking student enrollment, organizing files, and providing assistance to students enrolled in the program. Those were my two significant non-legal work experiences.

## 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:** Law Office of Amy K. Welch, LLC

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Self-employed

Current address of this person: 516 2nd Avenue, Suite 413

City Fairbanks State AK Zip 99701

Dates and location of Employment: From 1/15/2022 To present City Fairbanks State AK

Job title and description:

Solo practitioner. My primary practice areas are criminal defense, including OPA contracts and CJA panel appointments, as well as family law, landlord/tenant issues, and other civil matters.

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

Employer: Law Offices of William R. Satterberg, Jr.

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Bill Satterberg

Current address of this person: 709 4th Avenue

City Fairbanks State AK Zip 99701

Dates and Location of Employment: From September 2014 To January 14, 2022 City Fairbanks State AK

Job title and description: Associate Attorney. My work primarily included criminal defense, personal injury, protective orders, and civil litigation as well as administrative matters.

Reason for Leaving: I wanted to start my own practice and take on family law cases, which Mr. Satterberg's office does not handle.

Employer: Law Offices of William R. Satterberg, Jr.

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Bill Satterberg

Current address of this person: 709 4th Avenue

City Fairbanks State AK Zip 99701

Dates and Location of Employment: From September 2013 To September 2014 City Fairbanks State AK

Job title and description: Legal Assistant (pending Bar admission). I was responsible for maintaining client files, certain client contact, drafting motions, and legal research.

Reason for Leaving: Admitted to the Alaska Bar Association as a practicing attorney.

**Previous Employers (continued)**

Employer: Fontenot Spevak (formerly known as Fontenot Law)  
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: William Fontenot  
Current address of this person: 1596 South 500 West, Ste. 101  
City Woods Cross State UT Zip 84010  
Dates and Location of Employment: From September 2012 To May 2013 City Salt Lake City State UT  
Job title and description: Law Clerk. I prepared pleadings and motions and conducted legal research. The primary practice areas were family law, personal injury, and protective orders.  
Reason for Leaving: I graduated law school, began studying for the Bar, and prepared to move to Alaska.

Employer: U.S. Department of Justice Executive Office for Immigration Review  
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Corey Graff (Court Administrator)  
Current address of this person: 300 West Congress, Suite 300  
City Tucson State AZ Zip 85701  
Dates and Location of Employment: From June 2012 To August 2012 City Tucson State AZ  
Job title and description: Legal intern. The internship was with the Tucson Immigration Court. I assisted in the drafting of legal opinions, conducted legal research, and attending hearings. I worked with Judges Sean H. Keenan and Thomas O'Leary.  
Reason for Leaving: This was a temporary summer internship.

Employer: Office of the Guardian ad Litem  
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Cheri Stringham  
Current address of this person: 8080 S Redwood Rd., Ste. 1200  
City West Jordan State UT Zip 84114  
Dates and Location of Employment: From June 2011 To April 2012 City West Jordan State UT  
Job title and description: Clinical intern. Under the supervision of several guardians ad litem, I conducted research, interviews, and reviewed files to help prepare recommendations for the court in abuse, neglect, and high-conflict divorce cases.  
Reason for Leaving: This clinical internship was connected to my law school and I reached the maximum allowed time.

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 45  
Criminal 50  
Other 5  
= 100%

Comment: The other category includes administrative cases, such as Title IX and OCS appeals.

(b) Percent: State 90  
Federal 10  
Other \_\_\_\_\_  
= 100%

Comment: I have handled civil matters in Federal court and recently began accepting CJA appointments.

(c) Of practice in state courts, percent: Supreme Court 5  
Court of Appeals 5  
Superior Court 45  
District Court 45  
= 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 93    Non-Jury 7

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

(g) Approximate number of appellate matters handled: 16

Comment: These primarily include responding to Petitions for Review, Hearing, or Original Applications filed by a single litigant.

(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:

I have handled at least two OCS appeals, two Title IX appeals, and one USPS Board of Contract Appeals case.

(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.).

I handled one landlord/tenant pro bono case at the request of Alaska Legal Services. I have also handled civil matters pro bono at my own discretion. I currently am handling one custody case pro bono because it involves significant domestic violence and I feel my client needs the representation they could not otherwise afford.

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 Association (September 2014)  
 Federal District of Alaska (November 2014)  
 Utah Bar Association (October 2013)  
 9th Circuit Court of Appeals (April 2021)

**Public Service**

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

Tanana Valley Bar Association  
 Criminal Pattern Jury Instructions Panel  
 Law Related Education Committee  
 Torts Law Section

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).

N/A

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)

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.

In the summer of 2022 I was nominated and selected to be the president of the Tanana Valley Bar Association. While ours is a relatively small and casual Bar, it has been a fun experience organizing our summer and winter events as well as becoming acquainted with more members of the local Bar. I am also responsible for disseminating information, including updates from the court, employment opportunities, and volunteer opportunities, to local practitioners.

I have also volunteered for Supreme Court Live! the two most recent times that it has come to Fairbanks. That program involves attorneys going to high school classes to teach the students about a case before the Alaska Supreme Court. The students then attend the oral argument in person in Fairbanks. The goal of the attorneys' involvement is to familiarize students with the facts and issues so they have a better understanding of what is being discussed at the oral argument.

While not a membership, I do make it a point to try to volunteer at my child's school whenever possible.

My family also attends True North Church, but not regularly. Neither my husband nor I actively participate in the operation of the church, nor do we volunteer. Our participation is limited to occasional attendance at church services.

In law school I was the student director of the Family Law Clinic. The FLC was a clinic held every other week at the Salt Lake City courthouse where family law practitioners and students would work together to provide pro bono advice to individuals. My role as the student director was to coordinate student and practitioner attendance. I was also involved in the immigration clinic and the Public Interest Law Organization.

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).

Please see attached.

(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: Michelle Pickel

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Helen Adami

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

- (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: Michael MacDonald

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Bethany Harbison

Address: Alaska Court of Appeals 101 Lacey St.

City/State/Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99701 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Jennifer Hite

Address: 100 Cushman St., Ste. 201

City/State/Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99701 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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:** 4FA-19-00564CR  
**v.** Jacob Dobbs **Judge Name:** Brent Bennett

#### Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Andrew Baldock</u>	Name: <u>Bill Satterberg</u>
Address: <u>510 2nd Avenue, Ste. 200</u>	Address: <u>709 4th Avenue</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Fairbanks, AK 99701</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Fairbanks, AK 99701</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

### Case Number 2

**Case Name:** State of Alaska **Case Number:** 4FA-20-03437CR  
**v.** Elizabeth Hood **Judge Name:** Paul Lyle

#### Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Renner St. John</u>	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

### Case Number 3

**Case Name:** State of Alaska **Case Number:** 4FA-19-01433CR  
**v.** Christopher Knopp **Judge Name:** Earl Peterson

#### Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Kathryn Mason</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>510 2nd Avenue, 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)

(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:** Charles Hamby **Case Number:** 4FA-21-02524CI  
**v.** Amanda Hamby **Judge Name:** Brent Bennett

#### Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Rita Allee</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>750 8th 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 2

**Case Name:** Camille Lesko **Case Number:** 4FA-22-01481CI  
**v.** Andrue Shepersky **Judge Name:** Paul Lyle

#### Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Jason Weiner</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>1008 16th Avenue, 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: _____

### Case Number 3

**Case Name:** State of Alaska **Case Number:** 4FA-21-01984CR / 4FA-21-03008CR  
**v.** Abigail Carlson **Judge Name:** Earl Peterson

#### Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Elizabeth Crail</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>510 2nd Avenue, 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: _____

## 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.

My history of practice has touched upon nearly every type of case that is heard in the superior court. I will bring a strong, well-rounded background to the bench. I have handled cases that run the gamut of a superior court judge's docket including unclassified felonies, divorce and custody, CINA, personal injury cases, general civil litigation, administrative appeals, and superior court appeals. I understand the nature, severity, sensitivity, and difficulty inherent in handling such issues. My experience touching upon nearly every kind of case that comes before the superior court has prepared me for this position.

Since beginning my own practice one year ago, I began accepting OPA contract work. This work has been highly rewarding and has opened my eyes to the different issues that clients who cannot afford to hire attorneys tend to face in their day-to-day lives. Working with many of these clients has familiarized me with issues experienced by many who come before the court in Fairbanks, to include addictions, homelessness, and mental health matters. In my opinion, understanding the struggles faced by individuals appearing before the court is a critical step in helping them to feel heard and respected by the court. While these issues oftentimes may not excuse certain behavior, understanding the underpinnings of a person's problems can provide assistance in reaching just decisions based upon the facts and circumstances of a particular situation.

**Additional Comments (Continued)**

I have not yet had the opportunity to physically appear in a court off the road system, but I have represented clients from villages such as Huslia, Galena, and Ruby in both criminal and civil matters. I am familiar with some of the hurdles faced by litigants and the court when conducting proceedings in more remote areas.

Two internships that I engaged in during law school also helped to shape my legal abilities. The first was an 11-month externship with the Guardians ad Litem in West Jordan, Utah. There, I worked on cases on behalf of minor children. That experience taught me necessary skills in addressing abuse, neglect, and high-conflict divorce cases. In representing the children, I was expected to assist my supervisors in evaluating the cases from a neutral perspective in order to provide the court with a recommendation. The ability to neutrally weigh facts in order to reach a conclusion was a critical skill that I learned which will be necessary on the bench.

The second internship was a summer clerkship at the Executive Office for Immigration Review (Immigration Court) in Tucson, Arizona. There, I assisted the judges in researching and drafting decisions in various types of immigration matters such as deportation for criminal offenses and asylum petitions. This experience taught me not only how to write judicial opinions, but also that I truly enjoy the work. I was able to learn and appreciate the solemn duties of the judges, the importance of maintaining the credibility of the court, and the duty that the court has towards the people who come before it.

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 Amy K. Welch

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

Fairbanks Superior Court

*Please leave this area blank*

Date: 1/28/2023

I was born in Boston and raised between Rhode Island and Arizona. I received my B.A. (English, Spanish) from the University of Arizona. I received my J.D. from the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law in 2013. After sitting for the bar exam in Utah, I moved to Fairbanks to join my husband who was stationed at Fort Wainwright. Since then, Fairbanks has been home.

After being admitted to the Alaska Bar, I worked as an associate attorney at the Law Offices of William R. Satterberg, Jr. for seven years. In January 2022 I opened my own solo practice. My work has included criminal defense, personal injury, various civil disputes, administrative appeals, and family law.

If appointed, I would be honored to dedicate my career to serving the people of the Interior, from Fort Yukon, to Nulato, to Tok, and everywhere in between.



**Attached Response to 18(c): Party to Legal Proceedings**

1. *Childers et al. v. Law Offices of William R. Satterberg, Jr. et al.*, 4FA-18-02821CI.

Plaintiffs: Sidney Childers and Anxious Aggregate, LLC

Plaintiffs' Counsel: Brian Riekkola  
North Star Law Group, LLC  
4300 B St. Ste. 206 Anchorage, AK 99503  
(907) 205-4434

Defendants: Law Offices of William R. Satterberg, Jr., Amy Welch, William R. Satterberg, Jr.

Defendants' Counsel: Laura Farley  
Farley & Graves, PC  
807 G St. Ste. 250 Anchorage, AK 99501  
(907) 274-5100

Description: This case stemmed from Mr. Satterberg's and my representation of plaintiffs in *Fox Mining LLC et al. v. McIntosh et al.*, 4FA-16-01524CI. In the underlying case, our clients recorded a lien relating to the possession of a trommel and tailings being held by James McIntosh. The trommel and tailings were on land owned by Sidney Childers and/or Anxious Aggregate, LLC. Judge Lyle ultimately ruled that the Plaintiffs' recorded lien on Mr. Childers' property did not meet the statutory requirements and, as such, was invalid. Mr. Childers then sued Mr. Satterberg and me for malpractice. The matter was resolved.

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2. Cases involving Donald Tangwall, Barbara Tangwall, and Donna Uphues in which I have been a named party.

<b>Case number and name</b>	<b>Plaintiff(s)</b>	<b>Defendants</b>	<b>Description</b>
4FA-17-01675CI <i>Tangwall v. the Law Offices of William R. Satterberg, Jr. et al.</i>	1. Donald Tangwall	1. Amy Welch 2. The Law Offices of William R. Satterberg, Jr. 3. William R. Satterberg, Jr. 4. Thomas Temple 5. Stephen Ward 6. Phill Dees	This was a suit alleging that the Law Offices of William R. Satterberg, Jr. held an improper business license and that I improperly acquired Mr. Tangwall's social security number during a judgment debtor examination after the court ordered him to provide it. Mr. Tangwall also made a claim for improper use of the social security number.  This case resolved with a vexatious litigant order being entered against Mr. Tangwall by Judge McConahy and judgment in favor of the defendants.
4:17-cv-00004 <i>Tangwall v. Satterberg et al.</i>	1. Donald Tangwall	1. Amy Welch 2. William R. Satterberg, Jr., Law Firm 3. Ben A. Seekins	This was a complaint alleging a violation of 31 CFR S 1.32 relating to the court-ordered disclosure of Mr. Tangwall's social security number during a judgment debtor examination. Judge Burgess dismissed the case with prejudice and without leave to amend finding that Mr. Tangwall needed to challenge the decision in state court.
4:19-cv-00024 <i>Uphues v. Law Offices of William R. Satterberg, Jr., et al.</i>	1. Donna Uphues 2. Barbara Tangwall	1. Amy Welch 2. Law Offices of William R. Satterberg, Jr. 3. Thomas Temple	This was a complaint claiming a violation of the plaintiffs' civil rights due to the fact that they believed the Law Offices of William R. Satterberg, Jr. did not have a valid business license.  Judge Gleason dismissed the action with prejudice for lack of subject matter jurisdiction.

<p>4:20-cv-00040 <i>Tangwall v. Satterberg et al.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Barbara Tangwall</li> <li>2. Donna Uphues</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Amy Welch</li> <li>2. William R. Satterberg, Jr.</li> <li>3. Brent Bennett</li> <li>4. George E. Buscher</li> <li>5. Lois L. Buscher</li> <li>6. Paul R. Lyle</li> <li>7. Ruth Meier</li> <li>8. Christopher Zimmerman</li> <li>9. Zimmerman &amp; Wallace, PC</li> </ol>	<p>This was a complaint claiming that the plaintiffs were denied access to the state courts due to the existence of a vexatious litigant and pre-litigation screening order. Plaintiffs claimed that I intentionally inflicted emotional distress by stating in court that I would file a motion for order to show cause if Donald Tangwall, who was not a party, continued to file documents on behalf of Ms. Tangwall and Ms. Uphues in 4FA-18-01771CI. Judge Gleason dismissed the case for lack of jurisdiction with prejudice.</p>
<p>0:21-cv-35049 <i>Tangwall et al. v. Satterberg et al.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Barbara Tangwall</li> <li>2. Donna Uphues</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Amy Welch</li> <li>2. William R. Satterberg, Jr.</li> <li>3. Brent E. Bennett</li> <li>4. George E. Buscher</li> <li>5. Lois L. Buscher</li> <li>6. Paul R. Lyle</li> <li>7. Ruth Meier</li> <li>8. Christopher Zimmerman</li> <li>9. Zimmerman &amp; Wallace, PC</li> </ol>	<p>This was an appeal to the Ninth Circuit challenging Judge Gleason's denial of a motion to recuse herself in 4:20-cv-00040. The Ninth Circuit affirmed.</p>
<p>4FA-21-02538CI <i>Tangwall v. Satterberg et al.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Donald Tangwall</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Amy Welch</li> <li>2. William R. Satterberg, Jr.</li> <li>3. Thomas Temple</li> </ol>	<p>This was a complaint for "Defamation via Libel". The court dismissed the case prior to answers being filed and denied Mr. Tangwall's motion to reconsider that dismissal.</p>

<p>4FA-22-01027CI <i>Tangwall v. Welch et al.</i></p>	<p>1. Donald Tangwall</p>	<p>1. Amy Welch 2. Thomas Temple 3. William R. Satterberg, Jr.</p>	<p>This was a case that Mr. Tangwall attempted to file seeking to set aside judgments in 4FA-13-01586CI, 4FA-13-03022CI, and 4FA-17-01675CI, claiming that the court did not have jurisdiction.</p> <p>The court dismissed this case for Mr. Tangwall's failure to comply with the requirements of the prelitigation screening order entered by Judge Harbison.</p>
<p>S-18474 <i>Tangwall v. Welch, et al.</i></p>	<p>1. Donald Tangwall</p>	<p>1. Amy Welch 2. Thomas Temple 3. William R. Satterberg, Jr.</p>	<p>Mr. Tangwall filed an appeal of the dismissal in 4FA-22-01027CI. The Alaska Supreme Court denied Mr. Tangwall's Motion to Accept Late Filed Notice of Appeal and his request to have fees and costs waived. The appeal was closed.</p>