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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

Date: 12/28/21

I. Public Information (Questions 1-24)

Personal

1. (a) State full name* Ian Wheelles
Name as it should appear on bar survey: _____
* 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? **

	<u>39</u> years	<u>0</u> months
Total	<u>39</u> years	<u>0</u> months
3. How long have you been engaged in the active practice of law immediately preceding the date of this application? **

	<u>13</u> years	<u>8</u> months
Total	<u>13</u> years	<u>8</u> 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 Alaska Anchorage (2002-04) Bachelor of Arts - Political Science (5/04)
 Dean's list; Political Science departmental honors
 Pi Sigma Alpha honor society

Illinois Institute of Technology (2001-02)

** 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 Idaho, College of Law
2004-07
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.

Pro Bono Service Award - one of 5 graduates out of my class to receive this distinction for completing at least 40 hours of pro bono during 3rd year of law school.
Dean's list
National Moot court competition team 2006
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance team leader to rural Alaska 2007

(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.

See attached page.

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.

CLE courses completed in past 5 years:

2017

- Family Law and the Military
- Danger of a Digital Legacy: Estate Planning in digital age
- Just another day at the firm: Ethics/Professionalism

2018

- Representing Children in Youth and CINA cases
- Real property transfers in Alaska: Beyond the Warranty Deed and the Quitclaim Deed
- Reaching out: Ethics/Professionalism

2019

- Deposition Dos and Don'ts and Cross Examination
- The Hotline: Ethics and Professionalism

2020

- Becoming a Judge - Selection Process
- Constitutional Law - How to Litigate and Oral Arguments
- Strategies for Wellness: Avoiding Traps of Substance Abuse and Depression
- Pozner on Cross: Advanced Techniques

2021:

- Financial Planning for Attorneys
- (ANDVSA) Layers of Trauma
- (ANDVSA) Vicarious Trauma
- (ANDVSA) New Protective Order Online Petition Process
- Anchorage Superior Court: Off the Record
- Me Too: Sexism, Bias, and Sexual Misconduct in the Legal Profession
- ANCSA at 50
- Jury Trials During the Coronavirus Epidemic: Online, In-Person & Jury Selection
- Trial Practice: A Wee Treatise

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 for Spenard Builders Supply in the shipping dept. from 2002 to 2010 while I was at UAA and through law school. I drove trucks and forklifts, crated windows and doors, and performed a variety of jobs. After I was admitted to the Bar in 2008, I continued plowing snow part-time through the winter of 2010 because I enjoyed it so much.

I have owned a 4-plex and duplex and managed them myself, starting in 2009. I sold the 4-plex in 2018.

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 Ian Wheelles

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: self-employed; my associates or staff can verify (Aaron Jabaay)

Current address of this person: 601 E. 57th Place, Suite 101

City Anchorage State AK Zip 99518

Dates and location of Employment: From 10/2009 To present City Anchorage State AK

Job title and description:

Self-employed private, general practice litigation firm. Civil/criminal. I have had five associate attorneys work for me in 12+ years, who can speak to my qualifications and the experience working for me.

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

Employer: Law Office of Dan Allan and Associates

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Dan Allan

Current address of this person: 800 E. Dimond Blvd Suite 3-620

City Anchorage State AK Zip 99515

Dates and Location of Employment: From 1/2008 To 12/2009 City Anchorage State AK

Job title and description:

Associate attorney, practiced criminal defense and family law

Reason for Leaving: Started my own practice

Employer: Anchorage Municipal Prosecutor

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Vennie Nemecek

Current address of this person: 1031 W. 4th Ave, Suite 200

City Anchorage State AK Zip 99501

Dates and Location of Employment: From 5/2006 To 8/2006 City Anchorage State AK

Job title and description:

Summer intern for Muni Prosecutor. Conducted various daily misdemeanor hearings, and one jury trial.

Reason for Leaving: Returned to final year of law school

Previous Employers (continued)

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:

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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:

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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:

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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:

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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:

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Reason for Leaving: _____

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

(a) Percent of your practice that was: Civil 60
Criminal 10
Other 30
= 100%

Comment: Other: Probate, administrative, and transactional work

(b) Percent: State 99.9
Federal 0.1
Other _____
= 100%

Comment: I have had 3-4 federal cases in my career

(c) Of practice in state courts, percent: Supreme Court 1
Court of Appeals 0
Superior Court 94
District Court 5
= 100%

Comment: I have had 5-6 appeals in my career, one Superior Ct, the rest to AK Supreme Court.

(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 3 Non-Jury 97

Comment: I have had 1 felony and 2 misdemeanor jury trials, all others were bench trials.

(g) Approximate number of appellate matters handled: 5-6

Comment: _____

(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:

4-5 admin. hrg officer appeals (Dept of Transportation, DMV, child support, Muni tax); 2-3 private arbitration 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.).

Pro bono cases (divorce, custody, DV) placed through ALSC and ANDVSA.
I have accepted family law cases pro bono at times on my own, and provided pro bono legal services to local non-profits by request.
Volunteered with court system's Early Resolution Project to mediate family law cases for pro se parties.
Volunteered at Bar Association's MLK Day
Volunteered at ALSC screening employment law cases (and attorney for the day)
Volunteered manning the ANDVSA pro bono hotline

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 State Courts 5/22/2008
 United Stated District Court - Alaska 10/9/2009

Public Service

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

Child Support Guidelines Review Committee (2015-present)
 Unbundled Law section
 Torts/Personal Injury section, Administrative Law section
 Business Law section, Corporate Counsel section
 Family Law section
 Mediation/Arbitration/ADR 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).

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 Superior Court	Oct 2019	N	N
Anchorage Superior Court	July 2021	N	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.

Changepoint Church - Elder/board member/(former secretary)
Anchorage Library Foundation - former board member
Volunteered in Guys Read program promoting reading in elementary aged boys
Anchorage Adult Baseball League - former board member
Anchorage Youth Court - former instructor (and student board member in high school)
University of Alaska Anchorage - scholarship founder, participate in various alumni capacities to advise on fundraising and community engagement
Cooper Landing Rifle and Sportsman's Club - member
Volunteered multiple times speaking to Dimond High School government classes regarding the judiciary, and legal profession

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.

1/20/04: I was driving a box van for SBS and was cited at the Glenn Hwy weigh station for an equipment issue with the truck (non-moving violation). I don't recall what the issue was and it was handled by the company, but in my name as I was the driver.

(3AN-04-04889MO)

In September (?) 2005: I was cited for speeding in Washington state. I don't recall the specifics and don't have any records of this any longer. I was maybe 6 mph over on I-90. In 2009 (?): I was cited in Anchorage for tinted windows in my car. I bought the car when I was in law school in 2007 and the tinting law in Idaho/WA was different than in Anchorage. I paid the ticket and then removed the tint to comply with the Anchorage ordinance.

18. (a) Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by federal, state or local authorities? Yes No

In particular, have you been the subject of any proceeding, criminal or civil, initiated against you by the Internal Revenue Service or a State Tax Office? Yes No

If so, give particulars, including case numbers.

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

If so, give particulars, including case numbers.

- (c) Have you ever been a party in any other legal proceeding? Yes No

If so, give the particulars. Include all legal proceedings in which you were a party in interest, including petitioner or respondent in dissolution or divorce proceedings; a material witness; a named co-conspirator or correspondent; and subject or witness in any grand jury proceedings. Do not list proceedings in which you were sued only in a representative capacity (e.g. guardian ad litem, or as Commissioner of Natural Resources).

In 2003 I was in a vehicle collision in Anchorage while driving a box van for SBS. I hydroplaned on wet roads and rear-ended the vehicle in front of me. I was not cited for this. I was later sued (in 2005), along with SBS, by the other motorist. The case was settled very quickly and I had little involvement other than responding to discovery requests. I was in Idaho in law school at that time. (3AN-05-11986 CI)

(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: Maricel Simmons

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK 99516 Phone: _____

Name: Adam Diaz

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: Kennewick, WA 99336 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: Hon. Jennifer S. Henderson

Address: 303 K. St.

City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 Phone: _____

Name: Hon. Gregory A. Miller

Address: 825 W. 4th Ave.

City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 Phone: _____

Name: Jacob Sonneborn

Address: 421 W. 1st Ave., Suite 220

City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 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: Mahfouz, Jarrod **Case Number:** 3AN-16-8133 CI
v. Adams, Kimberly **Judge Name:** Andrew Guidi

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Ryan R. Roley	Name: _____
Address: 8409 Mentra St.	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99518	City, State, Zip: _____
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case Name: Sterba, Andrew **Case Number:** 3AN-20-9963 CI
v. Sterba, Heidi **Judge Name:** Frank A. Pffifner

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Lindsey N. Dupuis	Name: _____
Address: 205 E. Benson Blvd.	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99503	City, State, Zip: _____
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 3

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

Attorneys Involved:

Name: James W. McGowan	Name: _____
Address: 202-A Katlian St.	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: Sitka, AK 99835	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: Gularte, Travis **Case Number:** 3AN-09-07992 CI
v. Marquez, Holly **Judge Name:** Andrew Guidi

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Brian D. Heady</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>205 E. Benson Blvd, Suite 102</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99503</u>	City, State, Zip: _____
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case Name: Fry, Jason **Case Number:** 3AN-19-11863CI
v. Clyne, Diana **Judge Name:** Thomas A. Matthews

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Blake F. Quackenbush</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>807 G Street, Suite 100</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: _____
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 3

Case Name: Ingalls, Alicia **Case Number:** 3AN-19-10060 CI
v. Keil, Robert **Judge Name:** Herman G. Walker, Jr.

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Richard A. Hlem</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>700 Hollywood Dr.</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</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.

I was born in Anchorage and have lived here my whole life, including two years at UAA. I am highly invested in our community and care deeply about serving it well. I have volunteered and supported Anchorage Youth Court for many years. I have been an active leader in my church for many years. I have volunteered at Royal Family Kids Camp for foster children through OCS. I support the cause of local libraries, serving previously on the foundation board, and in other capacities. I have made giving back the cornerstone of my law firm. My first year out of law school I founded a scholarship at UAA that has supported over 30 students now. I have had a diverse career experience that has prepared me well for this position. I spent time as a prosecutor during my internship, handling drug and vice cases. I have worked the full spectrum of criminal cases in 13 years in private practice, from DUIs and misdemeanor DV assaults, to felony drug and theft charges, sex offenses, and a murder case. I have tried misdemeanors and felonies before juries. I have handled all manner of civil cases from divorce and custody, to personal injury, contested probate and adoption, Child-in-need-of aid, business and contract disputes, employment matters, administrative law at the city and state level, tax, social security and elder law, estate planning, fish and game, and many other areas in between.

Additional Comments (Continued)

I have been in trial in Anchorage extensively, but also in nearly every urban and rural state court throughout Alaska. I have traveled to many of these communities for court (before the Zoom era) and understand the cultural and geographic challenges of Alaska very well. In 12+ years managing my own law firm, I have plenty of experience supervising other attorneys (5) and staff (most of whom were older than me). I believe I have earned the respect of my peers in the Alaska Bar and of my fellow citizens and neighbors because I treat everyone with kindness, dignity, and empathy. While our American justice system is an adversarial system, I always strive to remove the oppositional nature from my interactions with opposing counsel or opposing pro se parties. I believe firmly that the best resolution to every case is the one that opposing sides arrive at together, cooperatively. While this certainly cannot always be achieved, I have observed throughout my career that judges and attorneys have tremendous influence to enable parties to work together or to hinder them from doing so. Often it is a matter of compassionate communication. This is one of my strengths. I believe I am both a good listener and good at helping others to understand complex matters. I am extremely organized, with a high attention to detail, and always patient and calm. I am not rash or easily bothered, nor do I take things personally. I accept feedback and criticism humbly and seek to learn from every person and situation I encounter. I have a tireless work ethic, and will go the extra mile to always be prepared for the sake of others. All of these are traits I believe are needed to be a good judge, one whom the public can respect and trust, and to reflect well upon the judiciary.

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 two photographs of yourself with your application.

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

Biographical Statement

Name Ian Wheelles

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

Anchorage Superior Court

Date: 12/28/21

*please
re-use photo
from prior
app.*

I am a lifelong Alaskan, Dimond High grad. I studied architectural engineering at Illinois Tech in Chicago, on baseball and academic scholarships. As my big-league dreams faded, I instead pursued law, remembering my years in Anchorage Youth Court. I completed my bachelor degree back home at UAA and left for law school in Idaho. I won my first jury trial as an intern for the Anchorage Prosecutor. I also led a volunteer team of Idaho students to prepare tax returns in five villages near the Arctic Circle. After 15 months at an Anchorage firm learning the art of trial practice, I hung my shingle. I have hired and supervised five associate attorneys and numerous support staff since opening my firm in 2009. Our office focuses on family law, small business, and a mix of criminal and civil litigation. My wife and I love spending summers camping with our four children.