

# Alaska Judicial Council Application for Judicial Appointment

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

Date: October 27, 2023

**Print Application**

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

### Personal

1. (a) State full name\* Larry Raymond Woolford  
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? \*\*  
  24 years    9 months  
  Total 52 years    9 months
3. How long have you been engaged in the active practice of law immediately preceding the date of this application? \*\*  
  25 years    4 months  
  Total 25 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.

Yale University, 1988-1992  
BA, Archaeological Studies  
Summa Cum Laude  
Exceptional Distinction in the Major  
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.

Harvard Law School, 1992, 1993-1994.  
Seattle University School of Law, 1996-1998, JD.

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.

JD, Summa Cum Laude

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

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

Annual mandatory ethics CLE. Additional CLE credits on various topics including office technology and security, torts, and local Bench/Bar sessions.

**Military**

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

If so, please provide the following information:

- (a) Dates of service: \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Branch of service: \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Rank at time of discharge: \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) Type of military discharge: \_\_\_\_\_
- (e) Awards or citations:

(f) Have you ever been refused admission to or released from any of the armed services for reasons other than honorable discharge?  Yes  No If so, state the details.

## Nonlegal Employment

8. Describe major nonlegal working experience. If you had a business or association that has been discontinued, please note whether there are unpaid debts or claims pending litigation.

I had a Juneau Empire paper route as a kid, and book store and computer store jobs through junior high and school school, and I worked for the State for several months before college. I had a college work study job in the Department of Molecular Neurobiology. My sole proprietorship law practice was discontinued without any unpaid debts or pending claims.

## 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: Sanders Poulson Woolford, LLC

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Vance Sanders, Jack Garyth Poulson

Current address of this person: 636 Harris Street

City Juneau State AK Zip 99801

Dates and location of Employment: From January 2019 To Present City Juneau State AK

Job title and description:

**Member attorney of general civil practice, focused on accident and insurance claims and probate, responsible for client development and representation and office administration**

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

Employer: Poulson & Woolford, LLC

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Jack Garyth Poulson

Current address of this person: 636 Harris Street

City Juneau State AK Zip 99801

Dates and Location of Employment: From June 2000 To Present City Juneau State AK

Job title and description: **Member attorney of civil practice focused on accident and insurance claims, responsible for client development and representation and office administration**

Reason for Leaving: P & W, LLC became a member of Sanders Poulson Woolford, LLC

Employer: Law Offices of Larry R. Woolford

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

Current address of this person: 339 Distin Avenue

City Juneau State AK Zip 99801

Dates and Location of Employment: From January 1999 To May 2000 City Juneau State AK

Job title and description: **Attorney, general civil practice, responsible for client development and representation and office administration**

Reason for Leaving: Formed LLC with Jack Garyth Poulson

**Previous Employers (continued)**

Employer: Choate Law Firm  
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Mark Clayton Choate  
Current address of this person: 226 Seward Street  
City Juneau State AK Zip 99801  
Dates and Location of Employment: From November 1994 To June 1998 City Juneau State AK  
Job title and description: Law clerk and, ultimately, attorney for plaintiff's injury firm: research, writing, client contact and representation  
Reason for Leaving: Firm relocated to Hawaii

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 100  
Criminal \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_  
= 100%

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

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

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

(c) Of practice in state courts, percent: Supreme Court \_\_\_\_\_  
Court of Appeals \_\_\_\_\_  
Superior Court 90  
District Court 10  
= 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Jury 100

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

(g) Approximate number of appellate matters handled: 0

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:

Medicare reimbursement, Appeal of Substantiated Finding of Child Abuse or Neglect

(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.).

Our office routinely provides informal pro bono assistance.

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, U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska, 1998  
 United States Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit, 2000  
 U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida (Pro Hac Vice for MDL), 2020  
 Tribal Court, Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, 2023

**Public Service**

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

Alaska Bar Association  
 - Torts Section  
 - Fee Mediation Committee, 1st Judicial District  
 Juneau Bar Association

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)

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.

I've volunteered extensively in my children's classes in the Juneau School District, and served as a board member of a non-profit scholarship committee created by my JDHS graduating class. I'm also an alumni interviewer for my college.

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).

Petitioner in divorce proceeding  
Woolford v. Didier  
Essex (MA) Probate and Family Court, 1992

Petitioner: Petition to Authorize a Single Transaction  
1JU-11-00113 PR

(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: Marna Schwartz  
Address: [REDACTED]  
City/State/Zip: Juneau, AK 99801 Phone: 907-723-5251

Name: Douglas Yates  
Address: [REDACTED]  
City/State/Zip: Duluth, MN 55803 Phone: 907-723-9806

- (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: Louis James Menendez  
Address: [REDACTED]  
City/State/Zip: Juneau, AK 99801 Phone: 907-723-7007

Name: Mike Hanson  
Address: 500 L Street, Suite 200  
City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501 Phone: 907-276-2999

Name: Wayne E. Watson  
Address: 203 N. LaSalle, Ste. 2050  
City/State/Zip: Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 907-351-0294

## 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:** Mecklenburg **Case Number:** 1JU-19-00495 CI  
**v. Fiehler** **Judge Name:** Daniel Schally

#### Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Daniel G. Bruce</u>	Name: <u>Vanessa Lamantia</u>
Address: <u>P.O. Box 32819</u>	Address: <u>1031 West 4th Avenue, Suite 200</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Juneau, AK 99801</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

### Case Number 2

**Case Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Case Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**v.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Judge Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### Attorneys Involved:

Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

### Case Number 3

**Case Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Case Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**v.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Judge Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### Attorneys Involved:

Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	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:** Gonzales **Case Number:** 1JU-18-00913 CI  
**v.** Tolero **Judge Name:** Daniel Schally

#### Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Robert E. Barton</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>One SW Columbia Street, Suite 800</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Portland, OR 97204</u>	City, State, Zip: _____
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

### Case Number 2

**Case Name:** State of Alaska **Case Number:** 1JU-20-00741 CI  
**v.** S&H Tract S1 **Judge Name:** Daniel Schally

#### Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Jane Mores</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>P.O. Box 110300</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Juneau, AK 99811</u>	City, State, Zip: _____
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

### Case Number 3

**Case Name:** Harris **Case Number:** 1JU-16-00690 CI (Consolidated)  
**v.** White Pass **Judge Name:** Jude Pate

#### Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Robert P. Blasco</u>	Name: <u>Roy Mason</u>
Address: <u>[REDACTED]</u>	Address: <u>223 Duke of Gloucester St.</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Craig, AK 99921</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Annapolis, MD 21401</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

## Writing Sample

21. Attach one example of a brief, memorandum of law, or legal opinion or similar example of legal writing (10-20 pages in length; 15-25 pages for appellate positions) prepared solely by you within the last five years. Please choose a sample that reflects your ability to do legal research and analysis. If you do not have a good sample of this length, include an excerpt from a longer writing. Make sure the sample contains sufficient facts to make it understandable. (Some reply briefs may not meet these requirements.)

Please do not submit: (a) coauthored writing samples, (b) samples with confidential information unless redacted to remove such information, (c) longer writing samples, (d) samples from open cases including cases on appeal.

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

Have formal grievance procedures been brought against you?  Yes  No

See Bar Rule 22(b) & (e) concerning public bar grievance procedures against attorneys, and AS 22.30.011(b) and .060(b)(3) concerning public disciplinary grievance procedures against judges.

Have you ever been held in contempt of court?  Yes  No

Have you ever been fined or otherwise sanctioned by a judge?  Yes  No

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

### 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.

### Additional Comments (Continued)

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 Larry R. Woolford

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

Juneau Superior Court

*Please leave this area blank*

Date: October 27, 2023

I was born and raised in Juneau and graduated from Juneau-Douglas High School. I studied archaeology at Yale University and attended law school at Harvard and Seattle University. While completing my degree at SU, I clerked full-time for a Juneau law firm, then returned to Alaska with my wife and raised a family.

For 25 years, I've practiced law in Juneau, just a few blocks from the hospital where I was born. I'm grateful to work with partners I enjoy and esteem, before judges I respect, and for clients who have often become friends.

Over the years, my civil practice has expanded to include estate matters, adoptions and guardianships, accident and insurance claims, and property and contract disputes. I learn something new every day by helping people find solutions to the wide variety of their legal issues.