

Alaska Judicial Council

Judicial Applicant Biographical Statement

Name: Samuel Glenn Vandergaw

Position(s): Anchorage District Court

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I was born and raised in Anchorage. I decided to attend law school while serving as a volunteer with the U.S. Peace Corps in the Republic of Kiribati. After attending Gonzaga School of Law I served as a public defender for 8 years in Arizona. I moved home to Anchorage in 2018 to raise my son outdoors with a fishing pole in his hands. I then served as a Deputy Public Defender for another year upon my arrival in AK before moving to the Office of Special Prosecutions where I have now been for 5-1/2 years. I have a federal grant as a part of the Raven Initiative to focus on prosecuting violent crimes in rural Alaska.