

Alaska Judicial Council

Judicial Applicant Biographical Statement

Name: Matt Widmer

Position(s): Anchorage District Court

Court Date: April 16, 2025



When I attended law school in Virginia, I never expected to be practicing law in a courtroom in Bethel, Alaska. But that was my first job after graduation. I've lived in Bethel, Chugiak, and Anchorage, appearing in courthouses throughout the State, from Nome to Juneau, in state and federal court, and in criminal and civil law.

Public service has always been important to me. Before law school, I was an Eagle Scout. After law school, I coached youth soccer and practiced in indigent criminal defense. Now I serve on the Board of Junior Achievement of Alaska, teach and mentor with Anchorage Youth Court, and assist with the Alaska High School Mock Trial Competition.

Most Alaskans will interact with the legal system, if at all, through the lens of District Court. I would be humbled to be given the opportunity to continue my public service as a District Court judge.