

## Biographical Statement

**Name:** Mike Schwaiger

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

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I was born and raised in Anchorage. My father is a retired homebuilder and cabinetmaker; my mother is a homemaker and worked as a nurse. After college, I worked as a paralegal for a small DC law firm representing oil pipeline companies and non-profit organizations. I attended Duke for law school, where I also studied history.

After law school, I clerked for Superior Court Judge Bill Morse. I then worked for fourteen years at the Alaska Public Defender Agency, representing indigent clients in criminal trial and appellate matters. During that time, I served as a line attorney, a trial team leader, and the supervisor of the Anchorage trial section. In 2020, I became the first supervising attorney of the Office of Public Advocacy's newly created Rural Defense Section, handling criminal, CINA, guardianship, and juvenile matters throughout the state and especially in western Alaska. I enjoy Alaska history and the outdoors.

