

## Biographical Statement

**Name:** Colleen Baxter

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

Bethel District Court

**Date:** February 5, 2025



Born in Nome, Alaska, to public school teachers, I was raised in Alaska villages and received the bilingual-bicultural education that rural Alaskan children experience. While my Alaska Native language skills have faded, the broader lessons of rural Alaska - the importance of personal relationships and personal responsibility -- and my warm memories of the time spent in tight-knit rural communities, continue to have an outsized, positive influence on me.

While attending law school in Philadelphia, I was accepted to Temple's Moot Court and Law Review. Each summer I returned home to Alaska for internships with the Alaska Public Defender Agency and Kenai District Attorney's Office. Upon graduation, I returned to clerk for Judge Jonathan Link, Kenai Superior Court. During my 27 years as an attorney and judicial officer, I have represented and guided Alaskans through the judicial process. I would be honored to continue serving Alaskans on Bethel's District Court.