March 24, 2021

RE: Utqiagvik Superior Court

Dear Member of the Alaska Bar Association:

The Alaska Judicial Council is seeking applicants for the Utqiagvik Superior Court due to the forthcoming retirement of Judge Nelson Traverso. This letter includes a detailed position description that provides essential information about the position. For more information, please contact the Alaska Judicial Council at 279-2526, or by e-mail at sdipietro@ajc.state.ak.us.

Superior court judges must meet the qualifications set out at AS 22.10.090. They must: be a citizen of the United States and of the State of Alaska; be a resident of Alaska for five years immediately preceding appointment; have engaged in the active practice of law, as defined in AS 22.05.070, for not less than five years immediately preceding appointment; and must be licensed to practice law in Alaska at the time of appointment. Superior court judges stand for retention at the first general election held more than three years after their initial appointment and every six years thereafter. Further information regarding the jurisdiction, authority, and duties of superior court judges may be found at AS 22.10.

An application form for the position may be obtained by writing or by calling the Alaska Judicial Council. Application forms may also be obtained online by visiting the Alaska Judicial Council’s website: www.ajc.state.ak.us. Completed applications for the position must be received by the Alaska Judicial Council no later than 3:00 p.m., April 23. Please note the special Covid-19 guidelines on the application instructions.

Sincerely,

Susanne DiPietro
Executive Director