December 7, 2020

Re: Alaska Supreme Court, Justice Position

Dear Member of the Alaska Bar Association:

The Alaska Judicial Council invites qualified attorneys to apply for a vacancy on the Alaska Supreme Court created by the forthcoming retirement of Chief Justice Joel Bolger, effective June 30, 2021. This letter provides essential information about the position and the application deadline. For additional information, please contact the Judicial Council at 279-2526, or by e-mail at sdipietro@ajc.state.ak.us.

Alaska judges must conform their conduct to the Alaska Code of Judicial Conduct and the laws of Alaska and the United States. They must be familiar with Alaska law, procedure, and trial practice. A supreme court justice must meet the qualifications set out at AS 22.05.070. 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 eight years immediately preceding appointment; and must be licensed to practice law in Alaska at the time of appointment.

The annual salary of a supreme court justice is $205,179. Justices also receive personal leave as established by the Administrative Rules of Court, state-paid health and dental benefits, and judicial retirement system benefits.

An application form for this position may be obtained by visiting the Council’s website: www.ajc.state.ak.us. Application forms may also be obtained by writing or calling the Alaska Judicial Council. Completed applications for this position must be received by the Alaska Judicial Council no later than 3:00 p.m. on January 8, 2021.

Sincerely,

Susanne DiPietro
Executive Director