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Re: Homer Superior Court, Valdez Superior Court,
Kenai District Court, Palmer District Court

Dear Member of the Alaska Bar Association:

The Alaska Judicial Council is seeking applicants for vacancies on the recently authorized **Homer** and **Valdez Superior Courts** (formerly District Court positions) and for impending vacancies on the **Kenai** and **Palmer District Courts**. This letter provides essential information about the positions and the application deadline. Applicants interested in the Homer or Valdez superior court vacancy are advised to consult the enclosed position descriptions for information about how the duties associated with these seats may differ from other superior court positions. For more 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 superior court judge must meet the qualifications set out at AS 22.10.090. He or she 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.

A district court judge must meet the qualifications set out at AS 22.15.160. He or she must: be a citizen of the United States and of the State of Alaska; be at least 21 years of age; be a resident of Alaska for at least five years immediately preceding appointment; and either (1) have engaged in the active practice of law, as defined in AS 22.05.070, for not less than three years immediately preceding appointment and be licensed to practice law in Alaska at the time of appointment, or (2) have served for at least seven years as a magistrate in the state. In addition, Administrative Rule 19.1 requires that a magistrate who seeks appointment as a district court judge be a graduate of a law school accredited or approved by the Council of Legal Education of the American Bar Association or the Association of American Law Schools.

The annual salary of a superior court judge in Homer is \$189,720 and in Valdez is \$200,724. The annual salary of a district court judge in Kenai is \$160,848 and in Palmer is \$160,848. Judges 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 these positions may be obtained by writing or calling the Alaska Judicial Council. Application forms may also be obtained on-line by visiting the Council's Internet site: www.ajc.state.ak.us. **Completed applications for these positions must be received by the Alaska Judicial Council no later than 3:00 p.m. on July 10, 2019.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susanne DiPietro". The signature is written in a cursive style with a distinct loop at the end of the last name.

Susanne DiPietro
Executive Director

Enc: Judicial Position Descriptions