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## Press Release

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## Announcing Applicants

### *Alaska Supreme Court*

Seven attorneys have applied to the Alaska Judicial Council for a position on the Alaska Supreme Court. Applicants for the judgeship will be evaluated by the Council's seven members (the chief justice, three non-attorney members, and three attorney members). Comprehensive background investigations, a survey of Alaska Bar members, and personal interviews with the applicants are all part of the evaluations, according to the Council's Executive Director, Susanne DiPietro. Interviews with applicants and a public hearing will be held in May 2021. The Council will select two or more nominees to send to the governor. The governor will have 45 days to make appointments from the Council's nominees after the Council makes its nominations.

### **The applicants are:**

**Dani Crosby:** Judge Crosby has been an Alaska resident for 24½ years, and has practiced law for 24½ years. She graduated from Gonzaga University School of Law in 1996, and is currently a superior court judge in Anchorage.

**Jennifer Stuart Henderson:** Judge Henderson has been an Alaska resident for 17½ years, and has practiced law for 17½ years. She graduated from Yale Law School in 2001, and is currently a superior court judge in Anchorage.

**Yvonne Lamoureux:** Judge Lamoureux has been an Alaska resident for 16½ years, and has practiced law for 17½ years. She graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law in 2003, and is currently a superior court judge in Anchorage.

**Margaret Paton Walsh:** Ms. Paton Walsh has been an Alaska resident for 16½ years, and has practiced law for 15½ years. She graduated from Harvard Law School in 2004, and is currently the Chief Assistant Attorney General, Special Litigation Section, in Anchorage.

**Paul A. Roetman:** Judge Roetman has been an Alaska resident for 48½ years and has practiced law for 19 years. He graduated from Regent University School of Law in 1999, and is currently a superior court judge in Kotzebue.

**Ben Whipple:** Mr. Whipple has been an Alaska resident for 27 years, and has practiced law for 27 years. He graduated from the University of San Diego School of Law in 1992, and is currently in private practice in Palmer.

**Jonathan A. Woodman:** Judge Woodman has been an Alaska resident for 21 years, and has practiced law for 27 years. He graduated from the Ohio State University College of Law in 1993, and is currently a superior court judge in Palmer.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THESE APPLICANTS IS ENCOURAGED DURING THE EVALUATION PHASE OF THE COUNCIL'S WORK. TO COMMENT, OR FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT SUSANNE DIPIETRO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ALASKA JUDICIAL COUNCIL, 510 L STREET, SUITE 450, ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99501-1295, (907) 279-2526.

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