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Judicial Nominees
Ketchikan District Court

The Alaska Judicial Council met via Zoom on September 1, 2022, to interview applicants for a position on the Ketchikan District Court. Following its meeting, the Alaska Judicial Council announced that Kristian B. Pickrell and Amanda M. Schulz were nominated as the most qualified applicants to fill the judicial vacancy. The governor now has 45 days in which to make the appointment from among these nominees.

The Judicial Council is required to nominate the most qualified applicants applying for a judicial vacancy. (The framers of our Constitution referred to this standard as the "best available timber.")

The Council is a citizens’ commission created by the Alaska Constitution composed of three attorneys, three non-attorneys, and the Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court. The Council completes an extensive investigation and evaluation of judicial applicants. The Council reviews each applicant's education, experience, bar discipline and credit records, participation in community activities, and other records. It asks members of the Alaska Bar to evaluate the applicants, encourages the public to submit comments, and interviews the applicants.

Nominees for the Ketchikan District Court are:

Kristian B. Pickrell: Mr. Pickrell has been an Alaska resident for 24½ years and has practiced law for 17 years. He graduated from Ohio State University Moritz College of Law in 2004 and is currently an assistant district attorney in Ketchikan.

Amanda M. Schulz: Magistrate Judge Schulz has been an Alaska resident for 21 years and has practiced law for 20 years. She graduated from the University of Idaho, College of Law in 2001 and is currently a magistrate judge in Ketchikan.

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