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Alaska Judicial Council Application for Judicial Appointment

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2.		long have you b		100		Alaska im	mediately	preceding	the date of this
	applic	cation?** Total	12 years	0	months				
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3.		long have you b	een engaged i 18 years	n the a	nctive pract months	tice of la	w immedi	ately preced	ling the date of
	uns a	Total	18 years	4	months				
Nor	nlegal E	ducation							
4.		names and dates				4		ols (other th	an law schools)
Uni	versity o	f Mobile, 1998	3-2002, B.S. i	n Psy	chology				

^{**} See AS 22.10.090; see also 1984 Inf. Op. Atty. Gen. (July 19; 366-624-84).

Legal Education

5.		Il law schools, dates attended and degrees conferred. If you did not receive a degree from any chool, please indicate.						
Roge		ams University Ralph R. Pappito School of Law 2002-2005, J.D.						
Univ	-	of Georgia School of Law, Summer 2004 (no degree conferred- took 2 summer						
5.	(a)	Did you receive any honors in law school or belong to any honorary societies or groups? Yes No If yes, please give details.						
	(b)	Have you taken any CLE (continuing legal education) courses during the past five years? ∑Yes No						
		Please describe or list. Please do not attach individual certificates of attendance.						
Atto	rney's tute tra	gistrate's Conference, National Judicial College trainings, annual District Conference, local bar and online ethics trainings, National Computer Forensics aining, SART training, ChildFirst Interview training, Trial Advocacy training						
7.		you served in the armed forces (reserves or otherwise)?						
<i>/</i> .	•							
	-	please provide the following information:						
	(a)	Dates of service:						
	(b)	Branch of service:						
	(c)	Rank at time of discharge:						
	(d)	Type of military discharge: Awards or citations:						
	(e)	Awards of Citations.						
	(f)	Have you ever been refused admission to or released from any of the armed services for reasons other than honorable discharge? Yes No If so, state the details.						

Nonlegal Employment

3.	Describ	e major nonl	egal working	g experien	ce. If you h	ad a bus	iness or a	ssociation	that has	been
	disconti	nued, please	note whether	r there are	unpaid deb	ts or clai	ms pendir	ng litigatio	n.	
the	summer (of 2007. C5	nselor with (YF works w Leadership	ith high-p	otential yo	uth fron	n risk-fille			
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Legal Experience

9. Describe chronologically your legal employment since admission to law school. Please provide dates and location of employment, name of employer, name AND CURRENT ADDRESS OF supervisor or person who can verify AND COMMENT ON YOUR employment, the reason you left the position, and a brief description of type of practice (i.e., insurance defense, criminal, appellate, general, litigation, etc.) <u>for each position listed below</u>. IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY A TRIAL COURT JUDGE, PLEASE LIST YOUR PRESIDING JUDGE. FOR PAST JUDGESHIPS, PLEASE LIST THE JUDGE WHO LAST PRESIDED DURING YOUR TIME ON THE BENCH.

The Council will ask for comments from your current and former employers about your employment and your judicial qualifications. You may choose to list other persons as character and professional references in response to Question 20 of this application.

If the supervisor or contact person asks (in writing) that the letter be shared with the governor, the Council will send designated letters for each nominee. The applicant should not request a copy of the letter from the reference. References or letters not solicited by the Council are considered public (with few exceptions) and will be sent to the governor for all nominees.

Current Employer: Alaska Court System						
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Presiding Judge Thomas Matthews						
Current address of this person: 825 W. 4th Avenue						
CityAnchorage StateAK Zip99501						
Dates and location of Employment: From 10/2021 ToPresent CityAnchorage StateAK						
Job title and description:						
District Court Judge; handle misdemeanor criminal cases, district court civil matters, small claims, FED's, protective orders as well as other matters as pro tem Superior Court.						
Previous Employers: (In chronological order, most recent first)						
Employer: Alaska Court System						
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Retired Superior Court Judge William Morse						
Current address of this person: 825 W. 4th Avenue						
CityAnchorage StateAK Zip99501						
Dates and Location of Employment: From 02/2020 To 10/2021 City Kenai State AK						
Job title and description: Magistrate Judge IV; handle misdemeanor criminal cases, dissolutions, protective orders, traffic cases as well as other matters as special master.						
Reason for Leaving: Appointed to the District Court in Palmer, AK						
Employer:Alaska Court System						
Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Retired Superior Court Judge Trevor Stephen						
Current address of this person: PO Box 9445						
City Ketchikan State AK Zip 99901						
Dates and Location of Employment: From 09/2018 To02/2020 City Sitka State AK						
Job title and description: Magistrate Judge IV; handle misdemeanor criminal cases, dissolutions, protective orders, traffic cases as well as other matters as special master.						
Reason for Leaving: Transferred within the Alaska Court System to Kenai Court						

Employer: Department of Law- Sitka District Attorney's Office Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Angie Kemp Current address of this person: PO Box 110300 CityJuneau StateAK Zip99811 то09/2018 Dates and Location of Employment: From 07/2017 CitySitka Job title and Assistant District Attorney; handled all levels of cases for Sitka, Kake and description: Petersburg Reason for Leaving: Accepted position as Magistrate Judge Employer: Alaska Department of Law- Kenai District Attorney's Office Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Scot Leaders Current address of this person: 120 Trading Bay Road, Suite 200 State AK City **Kenai** Zip99611 Dates and Location of Employment: From 10/2011 To 07/2017 City Kenai StateAK Job title and Assistant District Attorney; handled all levels of cases in Kenai, Homer and Seward description: Reason for Leaving: Transfer within the Department of Law to Sitka Employer: State Attorney's Office Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Circuit Court Judge Brandon Young Current address of this person: 20859 East Central Avenue Zip32424 City Blountstown State FL Dates and Location of Employment: From 01/2010 To 10/2011 City Bonifay Job title and Assistant State Attorney; handled felony, misdemeanor and juvenile cases description: Reason for Leaving: Accepted position with the Kenai District Attorney's Office Employer: Florida Department of Children and Families Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Michael Lee Current address of this person: 2383 Phillips Road Zip32308 City Tallahassee State FL Dates and Location of Employment: From 04/2008 To 01/2010 City Bonifay StateFL Job title and Senior Attorney; represented the Department in dependency cases. description: Reason for Leaving: Accepted position with the State Attorney's Office Employer: Guardian Ad Litem Program Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Dan Burke Current address of this person: 1506 Jackson St. Zip32303 City Tallahassee To04/2008 City Panama City Dates and Location of Employment: From 08/2007 Job title and Program Attorney; represented the interest of abused, neglected and abandoned description: children Reason for Leaving: Accepted position with the Department of Children and Families

Previous Employers (continued)

(a)	Percent of your practice that was:	Civil Criminal Other	30 70					
	Comment:		= 100%					
(b)	Percent:	State Federal Other	<u>100</u> = 100%					
	Comment:							
(c)	Of practice in state courts, percent:	Supreme Cou Court of App Superior Cou District Court	eals 50					
	Comment:							
(d)	Frequency of appearance in court (select one): Regularly Occasionally Infrequently Not at All Comment: I am in court daily, several times a day; weekend/holiday duties as well							
(e)	Number of trials (by court or jury) y None 1-5 6-1. Comment:	5 🔲 16-	30					
(f)	Percent of these trials which were: Jury 90 Non-Jury 10 Comment:							
(g)	Approximate number of appellate m Comment:	atters handled:	2					
(h)	Approximate number of arbitrations None	5 🔲 16-						
(i)	(i) Please briefly summarize any <i>pro bono</i> work that you have done and indicate w work was done through a <i>pro bono</i> legal service provider (e.g. Alaska Lega Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, etc.).							
	As a prosecutor, my caseloads we engaged in pro bono work.	were focused	on public service and I have not					

or have been admitted to practice, and the dates of admission.

Alaska State Courts- 2012
Florida State Courts- 2006 (inactive)
Alabama State Courts- 2005 (inactive)
US District Court, Southern District of Alabama- 2005

List all the courts and administrative tribunals in the United States or elsewhere to which you are

Public Service

11.

12. List bar associations, and sections and committees of which you are or have been a member or officer.

Sitka Bar Association- 2017 Kenai Bar Association- 2011 Alaska Bar Association- 2012 Florida Bar Association- 2006 (inactive) Alabama Bar Association- 2005 (inactive)

13. List publications, if any (give title, subject and date of publications). Please include online publications such as blogs or websites, and any publications you have co-authored and the name(s) of the co-author(s).

None	
14.	Have you ever applied for a judgeship? XYes No
	Please list dates and judgeships applied for, as well as whether you were nominated by the Judicial
	Council and appointed.

Judgeship	Date	Nominated By Council (Y/N)	Appointed By Governor (Y/N)
Kenai Superior Court	09/2022	N	N
Palmer District Court	05/2021	Υ	Υ
Palmer District Court	11/2019	Y	N
Kenai District Court	11/2019	Υ	N

15.		you ever held public or political office, elective or appointive? XYes No state office, manner selected, and when and where held.
Elect		e Chair of Honor Board, 2004-2005, Roger Williams University
16.	legal a religion the org one of particu	provide the Council with information that you would like the Council to consider about other and nonlegal organizations and clubs of which you are a member, including civic, charitable, ous, educational, social and fraternal organizations. Please indicate whether you participate in ganization's activities, or simply hold a membership. Your involvement in the community is the criteria the Council uses in its evaluations. The Council does not use affiliation with a ular group as a criterion except to the extent that it might raise questions of conflict of interest all affect an applicant's ability to impartially apply the law.
activ	ities. I	community involvement is through my child's educational and extra-curricular participate in educational activities with my child and assist with fundraisers for sports.
l hav	e serv	ed as a foster parent in Florida and Alaska.
2019 tean	and N n. In the	Inteered with the Color of Justice program at Mount Edgecumbe High School in lovember 2023. I have acted as a judge for the Sitka High School Mock Trial e fall of 2022, I connected with a social studies teacher for Colony High School to veloping a Mock Trial team.
orga	nizatio	ided legal training to law enforcement agencies as well as community ns such as local domestic violence shelters. I have served as a member of the linary child protection team in Seward.
17.	Indica	te (Yes or No) whether you have ever:
	(a)	been arrested, charged with, pled guilty or <i>nolo contendere</i> to, or been convicted of the violation of any law or ordinance, or been requested to appear before any prosecuting or investigative agency in connection with any matter in any jurisdiction, including all traffic offenses, unless the fine was less than \$50 and there were no other sanctions? Yes No
	(b)	failed to answer any summons or other legal process served upon you personally at any time? Yes
	(c)	as a member of any armed forces, been the subject of any charges which may have resulted in disciplinary action or court martial? Yes No

(a)	incompetent? Yes No If your answer is "yes" to any part of this question, state the facts in detail. Give the nar and place of the court or agency, dates of the beginning and end of any action or proceeding the court or agency.
	case numbers, and the judgment or other disposition.
(a)	Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by federal, stoor local authorities? Yes No In particular, have you been the subject of any proceeding, criminal or civil, initiated against
	you by the Internal Revenue Service or a State Tax Office? Yes No If so, give particulars, including case numbers.
(b)	Have you ever been sued by a client? Yes No
	If so, give particulars, including case numbers.
(c)	Have you ever been a party in any other legal proceeding? Yes No If so, give the particulars. Include all legal proceedings in which you were a party interest, including petitioner or respondent in dissolution or divorce proceedings; a mate witness; a named co-conspirator or correspondent; and subject or witness in any grand j proceedings. Do not list proceedings in which you were sued only in a representate capacity (e.g. guardian ad litem, or as Commissioner of Natural Resources).

	(d)	Has a court ever found you to have provided ineffective assistance of counsel? Yes No
Г		If so, provide the particulars including petitioner and case number.
19.	State	the nature and disposition of any of the following actions which apply to you:
		(a) Are there any unsatisfied judgments against you? Yes No Have you ever defaulted in the performance of any court-imposed obligation, including payment of alimony or child support or compliance with another court order or decree? Yes No
		In each case, list the name and address of the creditor, the court which rendered the judgment, the case number, the date, the amount of the judgment, and the circumstances of which such claim was based. Has property owned by you been either judicially or non-judicially foreclosed?
		Yes No Please state the circumstances and outcome of any such unsatisfied or default judgment, o of any foreclosure.
	(b)	Have you ever made an assignment for the benefit of creditors? Have you ever filed any petition in bankruptcy? If so, state the circumstances, case number, and the outcome.

References and Counsel Questionnaires*

* Please Note: Letters of reference from these persons are confidential and will not be given to the applicant. If the reference asks (in writing) that the letter be shared with the governor, the Council will send designated letters and counsel questionnaires for each nominee. The applicant should not request a copy of the letter from the reference. (You should not list the Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court.)

References or letters not solicited by the Council are considered public (with few exceptions) and will be sent to the governor for all nominees.

20.	(a)	List the names, addresses, including zip codes , and phone numbers of <u>two persons</u> whom the Judicial Council may contact who can discuss your <u>general character and background</u> .
		Name:Corrie Bosman
		Address: PO Box 1745
		City/State/Zip:Port Townsend, WA 98368 Phone: (907) 747-1060
		Name:Celeste Tydingco
		Address:
		City/State/Zip Phone: (907) 738-0923
	(b)	List the names, addresses, including zip codes , and phone numbers of <u>three other persons</u> whom the Judicial Council may contact who can discuss your <u>professional competence and qualifications</u> for a judicial position.
		Name:Supreme Court Justice M. Jude Pate
		Address: PO Box 114100
		City/State/Zip:Juneau, AK 99811 Phone:
		Name: Retired Superior Court Judge Trevor Stephens
		Address: PO Box 9445
		City/State/Zip:Ketchikan, AK 99901 Phone:
		Name: Retired Superior Court Judge William Carey
		Address: P.O. Box 8174
		City/State/Zip:Ketchikan, AK 99901 Phone:

References and Counsel Questionnaires (continued)

(c) List the names, addresses, **including zip codes**, and suite numbers where applicable, of each attorney involved in your three most recent cases that have gone to trial. Please do not list cases with any pending issues in the trial or appellate courts. (Applicants who are currently judges should list the three most recent trials they presided over.) List only those cases that have gone to trial within the past three years. If you have no cases that have gone to trial within the past three years, you may include cases that went to trial before that date, or may provide up to six cases in response to the next subsection, 20(d). Please include the judge's name and case names and numbers. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Case Number 1

Case Name: State of Alaska	Case Number:	3PA-22-00018CR
v. Marilyn Bergeron	Judge Name:	Amanda Browning
	Attorneys Involved:	
Name: Noah Roetman	Name:	Jacob Clark
Address: 222 West 7th Ave, Roc	om 253, #9 Address:	515 E. Dahlia Ave., Ste. 100
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99513	City, State, Zip:	Palmer, AK 99645
Name:	Name:	
Address:		
City, State, Zip:		
	Case Number 2	
Case Name: State of Alaska	Case Number:	3PA-21-01023
v. Tyrone Barr		Amanda Browning
	Attorneys Involved:	
Name: Noah Roetman	Name:	Kiana Rivers
Address: 222 West 7th Ave, Roc	om 253, #9 Address:	750 W 2nd Ave., Ste 104
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99513	City, State, Zip:	Anchorage, AK 99501
Name:	Name:	
Address:		
City, State, Zip:		
	Case Number 3	
Case Name: State of Alaska	Case Number:	3PA-20-00331CR
v. Michael Lipscomb	Judge Name:	Amanda Browning
	Attorneys Involved:	
Name: Noah Roetman	Name:	Henry Graper
Address: 222 West 7th Ave, Roc	om 253, #9 Address:	750 W 2nd Ave., Ste 104
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99513	City, State, Zip:	Anchorage, AK 99501
Name:	Name	
Address:		
City, State, Zip:	City. State. Zip:	

References and Counsel Questionnaires (continued)

(d) List the names, addresses, **including zip codes, and suite numbers where applicable**, of each attorney involved in your three most recent cases that did not go to trial but in which you did significant work. Please do not list cases with any pending issues in the trial or appellate courts. (Applicants who are currently judges should list the three most recent cases they presided over that did not go to trial but in which they did significant work.) Please include the judge's name and case names and numbers. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Case	Number 1			
Case Name: State of Alaska	Case Number:	3PA-11-00595CR		
v. Cody Lipse	Judge Name:	Amanda Browning		
	eys Involved:	–		
Name: Noah Roetman		Joshua Fannon		
Address: 222 West 7th Ave, Room 253, #9	Address:	550 S Alaska St		
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99513	City, State, Zip:	Palmer, AK 99645		
Name:				
Address:	Address:			
City, State, Zip:				
	Number 2			
Case Name: State of Alaska		3PA-22-02151CR		
v. Kyle Kester	Judge Name:	Amanda Browning		
	eys Involved:			
Name: Noah Roetman		Leigh Ann Bauer		
Address: 222 West 7th Ave, Room 253, #9	Address:	821 N St, Ste. 202		
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99513	City, State, Zip:	Anchorage, AK 99501		
Name:	Name:			
Address:	Address:			
City, State, Zip:	City, State, Zip:			
Case Number 3				
Case Name: State of Alaska	Case Number:	3PA-21-001769CR		
v. Kasey Malay	Judge Name:	Amanda Browning		
Attorne	eys Involved:			
Name: Noah Roetman		Benjamin Raker		
Address: 222 West 7th Ave, Room 253, #9	Address:	515 E. Dahlia Ave., Ste. 100		
City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99513	City, State, Zip:	Palmer, AK 99645		
Name:	Name:			
Address:	Address			
City, State, Zip:	City, State, Zip:			

Writing Sample

21.	Attach <u>one</u> example of a brief, memorandum of law, or legal opinion or similar example of legal writing (10-20 pages in length; 15-25 pages for appellate positions) prepared solely by you within the last five years. Please choose a sample that reflects your ability to do legal research and analysis. If you do not have a good sample of this length, include an excerpt from a longer writing. Make sure the sample contains sufficient facts to make it understandable. (Some reply briefs may not meet these requirements.)
	Please do not submit: (a) coauthored writing samples, (b) samples with confidential information unless redacted to remove such information, (c) longer writing samples, (d) samples from open cases including cases on appeal.
22.	Has any <u>public</u> sanction been imposed against you in response to a complaint, charge or grievance brought against you as an attorney or a judge? Have formal grievance procedures been brought against you? Yes \No See Bar Rule 22(b) & (e) concerning public bar grievance procedures against attorneys, and AS 22.30.011(b) and .060(b)(3) concerning public disciplinary grievance procedures against judges. Have you ever been held in contempt of court? Have you ever been fined or otherwise sanctioned by a judge? Yes \No In each case, state in detail the circumstances and the outcome.
dismi	complaint was filed ABA No. 2017D116. The complaint was ssed without further investigation after initial complaint.
23.	Please make any additional comments that you wish to bring to the Council's attention about your experience and suitability for this judgeship.
From	born in Baton Rouge, LA and grew up in Mobile, AL where my father served as a pastor. an early age, my parents taught me the importance of hard work, treating others fairly iving back to my community. I have devoted my career to these three important lessons.
protect about attorn satisf	e spent my legal career giving back to the community by working to seek justice and ct victims. Seeking justice is not about winning or losing a trial. Rather, seeking justice is protecting the rights of the accused as well as the protection of the general public. As an ley, I worked hard to find creative resolutions to cases that provided some level of action for all parties. Not all cases were able to be resolved pre-trial. In those cases set al, I worked hard to be prepared, efficient and respectful of all participants.
crimir	g my career, I have treated opposing counsel, law enforcement and litigants (whether nal defendants or parents in a dependency case) with dignity, fairness and respect. This asset that has served me well in my current position and will continue to serve me well

Additional Comments (Continued)

as a Superior Court Judge. As a Judge, I have worked to make sure courtroom understand the nature of the proceeding, that they will be heard and what will happen next. Whether someone is in the courtre whether they are in a situation where emotions are high, knowing woutset of the hearing allows them to better participate and understains happening or the outcome of the hearing, but my goal is that they they were heard and were treated fairly.	e given an opportunity to be com for the first time or hat is happening at the and. They may not like what			
I believe my years in criminal prosecution, my time as a Magistrate Judge and my time as a District Court Judge make me uniquely qualified for the position of Superior Court Judge. The Superior Court is a very busy court and requires someone who is efficient, organized and calm under stress. I am used to working in stressful conditions with large caseloads and multiple competing deadlines while also remaining respectful to staff and those appearing before the Court. Additionally, I have experience as both a Special Master and as a Pro Tem Superior Court Judge handling Superior Court matters.				
It would be my honor, and a tremendous responsibility, to continue superior Court Judge.	my public service as a			
. Please indicate whether you prefer to be interviewed in public session or in private session. Your choice of a public or private interview has no bearing on the Council's determination of your				
qualifications or on the questions the Council may ask. You may cl any time before the interview starts (select one).	nange your request in writing at			
Public Interview Private Inte	rview			
25. Please prepare a brief biographical statement (limited to 150 words) education, and legal experience. Please do not list personal informat picture and a copy of this statement will be scanned and posted on application deadline. In its bar survey, the Council will invite attorn if they wish to become more familiar with your background and exfollowing page for your biographical statement. Please leave the box will use this space for your scanned picture. To be fair to all applied enforce the 150 word limit.	the Council's website after the neys to review the information operience. Use the form on the cat the top empty. The Council			
If you object to the posting of your picture on the Council's objection below. If you object, we will not post your picture, although photographs of yourself with your application.				
If you check this box we will not post your picture on the websi	ite.			

Biographical Statement

Name_Amanda L. Browning	
Position(s) for which you wish to be considered:	
Sitka Superior Court	Please leave this area blank
	-
Date: September 15, 2023	-
I was born in Louisiana and primarily raised in the University of Mobile and my law degree from	
The majority of my legal career has been in the public service capacity in Florida. I moved to Ke became apparent that Alaska is home. From 20 people of the State of Alaska in Kenai, Homer, Assistant District Attorney. I have continued to Magistrate Judge in Sitka and Kenai and as a Description.	enai in 2011 and after just a short time in Kenai it 011-2018, I had the privilege of serving the Seward, Sitka, Kake and Petersburg as an serve the people of the State of Alaska as a
It would be my honor to continue serving the pe Judge.	eople of the State of Alaska as a Superior Court
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APPENDIX B

LEGAL EXPERIENCE CONTINUED (SEE QUESTION 9)

Employer: State Attorney's Office

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Jennie Pistole

Current address of this person: PO Box 12726
City: Pensacola State: FL Zip: 32591

Dates and Location of Employment: From <u>06/2006</u> to <u>06/2007</u> City: <u>Pensacola</u> State: <u>FL</u> Description: Assistant State Attorney; prosecuted misdemeanor and felony caseload to include

working in the domestic violence unit

Reason for Leaving: Resigned and moved to Georgia

Employer: Judge Joseph S. Johnston (Retired)

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: <u>Judge Joseph Johnston</u>

Current address of this person:

City: State: Zip:

Dates and Location of Employment: From <u>08/2005</u> to <u>06/2006</u> City: <u>Mobile</u> State: <u>AL</u> Description: <u>Judicial Law Clerk</u>; <u>completed legal research and drafted memoranda on cases pending before the court.</u>

Reason for Leaving: Accepted position with State Attorney's Office