

Alaska Judicial Council

Application for Judicial Appointment

Position(s) for which you wish to be considered:
Alaska Court of Appeals

Date: January 30, 2026

I. Public Information (Questions 1-24)

Personal

1. (a) State full name* Patricia L. Haines
Name as it should appear on bar survey: _____
* Unless otherwise specified, this is how your name will appear on the bar survey.
(b) Have you ever used or been known by any other names or pseudonyms? If so, please identify. Trisha Haines
2. How long have you been a resident of the State of Alaska immediately preceding the date of this application? **
15 years 0 months
Total 15 years 0 months
3. How long have you been engaged in the active practice of law immediately preceding the date of this application? **
13 years 10 months
Total 13 years 10 months

Nonlegal Education

4. State names and dates of attendance of all colleges and professional schools (other than law schools) ever attended and degrees and dates conferred. List any honors.

University of Massachusetts Amherst, 2003-2007
- Bachelor of Business Administration, May 2007, summa cum laude
- Dean's List, eight consecutive semesters 2003-2007
- Management Department Faculty Award 2007
- Chancellors' Merit Scholarship
- David C. Knapp Scholar
- William F. Fields Scholar

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

Legal Education

5. List all law schools, dates attended and degrees conferred. If you did not receive a degree from any law school, please indicate.

Temple University Beasley School of Law, 2007-2010
- J.D., May 2010, cum laude

6. (a) Did you receive any honors in law school or belong to any honorary societies or groups?
☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, please give details.

Temple Law Review 2008-2010, Research Editor 2009-2010
Dean's List, six consecutive semesters 2007-2010
Technical Advisory Service for Attorneys Prize for Outstanding Performance in the Field of Evidence
Best Paper in Criminal Law, Fall 2007, and Best Paper in Evidence, Fall 2008
Distinguished Class Performance in Trial Advocacy I, Fall 2008, and Outstanding Oral Advocacy in Trial Advocacy II, Spring 2009
James E. Beasley Scholarship for academic excellence, 2007-2010, Honorable Louis C. Bechtle Scholarship, Fall 2008, and
Isadore A. Shrager Scholarship for outstanding academic performance, Fall 2009

- (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.

CINA Enhanced Resource Guidelines Training by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; The Red Door Program: Evolve Experience; a two-week general jurisdiction course at the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada; Best Practices for Judges Reviewing Placement of Youth in Treatment Facilities; Newer Judge Conference 2022, 2023, and 2024; Statewide Judicial Conference 2022, 2023, and 2024

Military

7. Have you served in the armed forces (reserves or otherwise)? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, please provide the following information:

- (a) Dates of service: _____
(b) Branch of service: _____
(c) Rank at time of discharge: _____
(d) Type of military discharge: _____
(e) Awards or 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

8. Describe major nonlegal working experience. If you had a business or association that has been discontinued, please note whether there are unpaid debts or claims pending litigation.

None

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.) for each position listed below. 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 Brent E. Bennett

Current address of this person: 101 Lacey St

City Fairbanks State AK Zip 99701

Dates and location of Employment: From April 2021 To present City Fairbanks State AK

Job title and description:

I am a Superior Court Judge with a mixed civil and criminal caseload. In addition to other trial court matters, I oversee the Centralized Competency Calendar for the Fourth and Second Judicial Districts.

Previous Employers: *(In chronological order, most recent first)*

Employer: Alaska Court of Appeals

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Chief Judge Marjorie K. Allard

Current address of this person: 303 K Street

City Anchorage State AK Zip 99501

Dates and Location of Employment: From June 2020 To April 2021 City Fairbanks State AK

Job title and description: I worked as a staff attorney for the court of appeals, conducting research, providing legal analysis, preparing memoranda, and drafting proposed decisions in select cases.

Reason for Leaving: I was appointed as a Superior Court Judge.

Employer: State of Alaska, Department of Law, Office of Criminal Appeals

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Tamara DeLucia

Current address of this person: 310 K Street, Suite 702

City Anchorage State AK Zip 99501

Dates and Location of Employment: From January 2017 To June 2020 City Anchorage State AK

Job title and description: As an Assistant Attorney General, I represented the State of Alaska in appellate litigation, including writing and filing briefs in cases on direct appeal, presenting oral argument, responding to petitions for hearing and petitions for review, and litigating habeas corpus matters in federal court.

Reason for Leaving: I accepted a position as a staff attorney with the Alaska Court of Appeals.

Previous Employers (continued)

Employer: State of Alaska, Department of Law, Fairbanks District Attorney's Office

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Joseph B. Dallaire

Current address of this person: 510 2nd Ave, Suite 200

City Fairbanks State AK Zip 99701

Dates and Location of Employment: From March 2012 To December 2016 City Fairbanks State AK

Job title and description: As an Assistant District Attorney, I prosecuted misdemeanor and felony cases, handled post-conviction relief and habeas corpus petitions, and served as the district attorney's office representative on the Fairbanks Wellness Court.

Reason for Leaving: I transferred to an appellate position at the Office of Criminal Appeals.

Employer: Alaska Court System

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Judge Michael A. MacDonald

Current address of this person: 101 Lacey Street

City Fairbanks State AK Zip 99701

Dates and Location of Employment: From January 2011 To March 2012 City Fairbanks State AK

Job title and description: As a superior court law clerk for the Honorable Michael A. MacDonald, I drafted memoranda and other legal documents for a diverse caseload, including criminal, civil, probate, child-in-need-of-aid, and delinquency matters, as well as appeals from district court.

Reason for Leaving: The clerkship ended, and I started work with the Fairbanks District Attorney's Office.

Employer: Temple University Legal Aid Office

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Spencer Rand

Current address of this person: [REDACTED]

City [REDACTED] State [REDACTED] Zip [REDACTED]

Dates and Location of Employment: From September 2009 To January 2010 City Philadelphia State PA

Job title and description: I worked as a certified legal intern, assisting low income clients in drafting estate planning documents, as well as with applying for disability benefits and appealing denials of benefits.

Reason for Leaving: The semester ended

Employer: Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Stephanie Brown

Current address of this person: 1735 Market Street, 51st Floor

City Philadelphia State PA Zip 19103

Dates and Location of Employment: From June 2009 To July 2009 City Philadelphia State PA

Job title and description: I worked as a summer associate, performing research on a variety of legal topics, including environmental law, white collar crime, labor law, real estate law, and HIPAA compliance.

Reason for Leaving: The summer associate program ended.

Employer: United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Magistrate Judge Timothy R. Rice

Current address of this person: 601 Market Street, Room 3029

City Philadelphia State PA Zip 19106

Dates and Location of Employment: From June 2008 To August 2008 City Philadelphia State PA

Job title and description: As a summer intern, I performed research to aid the judge in ruling on motions and trial issues. I also prepared a draft report and recommendation for an appeal of a denial of social security benefits.

Reason for Leaving: The summer internship ended.

10. During your legal career, please indicate (approximately) the following:

(a) Percent of your practice that was: Civil 20%
Criminal 70%
Other 10
= 100%

Comment: Prior to becoming a judge, my practice was almost entirely criminal. As a judge, I have a mixed caseload.

(b) Percent: State 99
Federal 1
Other 0
= 100%

Comment: _____

(c) Of practice in state courts, percent: Supreme Court 5
Court of Appeals 25
Superior Court 60
District Court 10
= 100%

Comment: _____

(d) Frequency of appearance in court (select one):
☒ Regularly ☐ Occasionally ☐ Infrequently ☐ Not at All

Comment: _____

(e) Number of trials (by court or jury) you conducted (select one):
☐ None ☐ 1-5 ☐ 6-15 ☐ 16-30 ☒ 31 or more

Comment: _____

(f) Percent of these trials which were: Jury 70 Non-Jury 30

Comment: All the trials I did as an attorney were jury trials. As a judge, I have presided over both jury and non-jury trials.

(g) Approximate number of appellate matters handled: 100

Comment: As an attorney, I filed approximately 60 briefs, plus petitions for review, petitions for hearing, and habeas matters.

(h) Approximate number of arbitrations or administrative hearings (select one):

☒ None ☐ 1-5 ☐ 6-15 ☐ 16-30 ☐ 31 or more

Briefly describe type of matters heard:

I handled a single administrative hearing as a certified legal intern in law school, but none since.

(i) Please briefly summarize any *pro bono* work that you have done and indicate whether the work was done through a *pro bono* legal service provider (e.g. Alaska Legal Services, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, etc.).

None. As a judge, the Code of Judicial Conduct, Canon 4G, prohibits the practice of law. Similarly, Alaska Rule of Administration 2(d) prohibits court system employees from directly or indirectly practicing law in Alaska courts. As an employee of the Department of Law, I did not perform any pro bono work due to concerns about pro bono activities that could conflict with my professional responsibilities. In law school, I volunteered with the Philadelphia Domestic Violence Assistance Project, assisting victims in applying for protection from abuse orders and accessing other resources. I also volunteered with the Campaign for Working Families Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, assisting low-income Philadelphia residents in preparing and filing state and federal income tax returns.

11. List all the courts and administrative tribunals in the United States or elsewhere to which you are or have been admitted to practice, and the dates of admission.

Massachusetts, November 2010
Alaska, July 2012
United States District Court for the District of Alaska, 2018
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 2019

Public Service

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

I serve as a member of the Workplace Conduct Committee, the Appellate Rules Committee, and the Criminal Pattern Jury Instructions Committee.

I am also a member of the Alaska Bar Association. Prior to becoming a judge, I served as a grader on the Law Examiners Committee. I was part of a subcommittee tasked with studying Alaska's cut score.

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).

"Your Papers, Please: Police Authority to Request Identification from a Passenger during a Traffic Stop in Alaska," 29 Alaska Law Review 261-287 (2012)

14. Have you ever applied for a judgeship? ☒ Yes ☐ 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)
Alaska Court of Appeals	2020	Y	N
Fairbanks Superior Court	2020	Y	Y

15. Have you ever held public or political office, elective or appointive? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, state office, manner selected, and when and where held.

16. Please provide the Council with information that you would like the Council to consider about other legal and nonlegal organizations and clubs of which you are a member, including civic, charitable, religious, educational, social and fraternal organizations. Please indicate whether you participate in the organization's activities, or simply hold a membership. Your involvement in the community is one of the criteria the Council uses in its evaluations. The Council does not use affiliation with a particular group as a criterion except to the extent that it might raise questions of conflict of interest or would affect an applicant's ability to impartially apply the law.

Have given "off-the-record" educational presentations to courthouse staff on the topics of the grand jury process, motion practice, and victim's rights in criminal cases.

Have given presentations and courthouse tours to home school groups and high school classes in Fairbanks, Delta Junction, and Tok

Addressed students participating in the Fairbanks District Attorney's Office's "Junior DA" program

Interacted with children and teens who attended the court system's "open house" events for National Adoption Month and National Foster Care Month

Member of Friends of Creamers Field

Member of Fairbanks Genealogical Society

17. Indicate (Yes or No) whether you have ever:

- (a) been arrested, charged with, pled guilty or *nolo contendere* 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 \$100 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 ☒ No

- (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

- (d) had any proceedings brought to have you declared a ward of any court or adjudged an incompetent? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If your answer is "yes" to any part of this question, state the facts in detail. Give the name and place of the court or agency, dates of the beginning and end of any action or proceeding, case numbers, and the judgment or other disposition.

In June 2020, my vehicle received a citation from Golden Heart Parking Service for expired registration. This appeared to have been an error. My registration was in fact current, and when I presented a copy to the parking authority, they voided the ticket.

18. (a) Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by federal, state or 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 in interest, including petitioner or respondent in dissolution or divorce proceedings; a material witness; a named co-conspirator or correspondent; and subject or witness in any grand jury proceedings. Do not list proceedings in which you were sued only in a representative 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

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 on 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, or of any foreclosure.

(b) Have you ever made an assignment for the benefit of creditors? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Have you ever filed any petition in bankruptcy?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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 two persons whom the Judicial Council may contact who can discuss your general character and background.

Name: Cristina Billikopf

Address: [REDACTED]

City/State/Zip: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Name: Risa Leonard

Address: 101 Lacey Street

City/State/Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99701

Phone: [REDACTED]

- (b) List the names, addresses, **including zip codes**, and **phone numbers** of three other persons whom the Judicial Council may contact who can discuss your professional competence and qualifications for a judicial position.

Name: Hon. Bethany S. Harbison

Address: 101 Lacey Street

City/State/Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99701

Phone: [REDACTED]

Name: Michael A. MacDonald

Address: [REDACTED]

City/State/Zip: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Name: Patrick S. Hammers

Address: [REDACTED]

City/State/Zip: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

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

v. Brian Allen Kulik

Case Number: 4FA-23-00706CR

Judge Name: Patricia L. Haines

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Shaun Lucas

Address: 510 2nd Ave, Suite 200

City, State, Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99701

Name: William Satterberg

Address: [REDACTED]

City, State, Zip: [REDACTED]

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Name: Meredith Morse

Address: 709 4th Ave

City, State, Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99701

Case Number 2

Case Name: Kelsey Desrochers

v. Robert Desrochers

Case Number: 4FA-24-01021CI

Judge Name: Patricia L. Haines

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Margaret Rogers

Address: 100 Cushman Street, Suite 513

City, State, Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99701

Name: Eric Ringstad

Address: 300 Barnette St #101

City, State, Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99701

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 3

Case Name: State of Alaska

v. Brandon Dixon

Case Number: 4NE-24-00067CR

Judge Name: Patricia L. Haines

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Jeffrey Roe

Address: 510 2nd Ave, Suite 200

City, State, Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99701

Name: Hatton Greer

Address: 645 G Street, Suite 100 #558

City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

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: Christopher Trouth

Case Number: 4FA-25-01435CI

v. Monica Cooley

Judge Name: Patricia L. Haines

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Craig Partyka

Name: _____

Address: 714 Fourth Ave, Suite 200

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99701

City, State, Zip: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case Name: Jacob A. Howdeshell

Case Number: 4FA-13-02508CI

v. Heather M. Petrick

Judge Name: Patricia L. Haines

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Brittany Congdon

Name: _____

Address: 1016 W. 6th Avenue, Suite 403

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

City, State, Zip: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 3

Case Name: State of Alaska

Case Number: 4FA-22-02314CR

v. Jason Alvarez

Judge Name: Patricia L. Haines

Attorneys Involved:

Name: Katherine Gonsalves

Name: Moshe Zorea

Address: 510 2nd Ave, Suite 200

Address: P.O. Box 212043

City, State, Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99701

City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99521

Name: Michael Shaffer

Name: _____

Address: 1007 West 3rd Avenue, Suite 205

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

City, State, Zip: _____

Writing Sample

21. Attach one 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 **public** sanction been imposed against you in response to a complaint, charge or grievance brought against you as an attorney or a judge? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Have you ever been fined or otherwise sanctioned by a judge? ☐ Yes ☒ No

In each case, state in detail the circumstances and the outcome.

Additional Comments (Non-Confidential)

23. Please make any additional comments that you wish to bring to the Council's attention about your experience and suitability for this judgeship.

I came to Alaska fourteen years ago to work as a law clerk for the Honorable Michael A. MacDonald. What started out as a one-year clerkship has turned into a fulfilling career and a permanent home.

I have practiced before every level of court in Alaska, from district court to the Alaska Supreme Court, as well as the federal courts. My career started with nearly five years as a trial attorney in the Fairbanks District Attorney's Office, which allowed me to gain valuable experience with the day-to-day operations of the trial courts and the realities of trial practice. I prosecuted cases at all stages of trial litigation, including initial charging decisions, grand jury presentments, motion practice, negotiating plea deals with opposing counsel, and trial work. I also handled select appeals, post-conviction relief matters, and habeas corpus petitions. From 2013 to 2016, I served as the district attorney's office representative on the Fairbanks Wellness Court. I was also privileged to travel beyond Fairbanks to litigate cases around the state, including in Nenana, Delta Junction, Tok, Nome, Kotzebue, and Utqiagvik. In 2014, I received an award from the Farthest North Alaska Peace Officers Association for Criminal Justice Professional of the Year.

Additional Comments (Continued)

I then worked as an appellate attorney for the Office of Criminal Appeals, representing the State of Alaska in appellate matters before the Alaska Court of Appeals, the Alaska Supreme Court, the United States District Court of Alaska, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. My professional duties included writing and filing briefs in cases on direct appeal, responding to petitions for hearing and petitions for review, and litigating habeas corpus matters in the federal courts. I also presented oral arguments before the Alaska Court of Appeals and Alaska Supreme Court, provided legal research and recommendations on proposed legislation and other emerging legal issues, and advised trial attorneys on how to respond to novel or complex legal questions in an effort to forestall reversible error at the trial court level. In 2018, I received an award from the State of Alaska, Department of Law, Criminal Division for Brief of the Year.

In 2020, I accepted a position as a staff attorney for the court of appeals, which gave me a behind-the-scenes appreciation for the work of the court. In April 2021, I was appointed to the superior court and have been honored to serve as a superior court judge since that time. In this position, I preside over a great variety of cases that come before the superior court, including criminal, civil, probate, child-in-need-of-aid, and delinquency matters, as well as administrative appeals. I also preside over a centralized competency calendar for the Fourth and Second Judicial Districts, with the goal of reducing delays and improving efficiency in cases involving issues over a criminal defendant's competency to proceed. In October 2024, I gave a presentation at the statewide judicial conference on Alaska's competency laws and the recent changes enacted by HB 66.

I believe this balance of trial court and appellate experience gives me a well-rounded understanding of the criminal justice system in Alaska and the important role the appellate courts play in ensuring the integrity of convictions and promoting justice for all Alaskans.

24. 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 change your request in writing at any time before the interview starts (select one).

☐ Public Interview

☒ Private Interview

25. Please prepare a brief biographical statement (*limited to 150 words*) about your background, legal education, and legal experience. Please do not list personal information about minor children. Your picture and a copy of this statement will be scanned and posted on the Council's website after the application deadline. In its bar survey, the Council will invite attorneys to review the information if they wish to become more familiar with your background and experience. Use the form on the following page for your biographical statement. Please leave the box at the top empty. The Council will use this space for your scanned picture. *To be fair to all applicants, the Council will strictly enforce the 150 word limit.*

If you object to the posting of your picture on the Council's website, please indicate your objection below. If you object, we will not post your picture, although you still must submit a photograph of yourself with your application.

☐ If you check this box **we will not** post your picture on the website.

Biographical Statement

Name Patricia L. Haines

Position(s) for which you wish to be considered:

Alaska Court of Appeals

Please leave this area blank

Date: June 27, 2025

I was born and raised in Massachusetts. Shortly after graduating from Temple University Beasley School of Law, I moved to Fairbanks to work as a law clerk for the Honorable Michael A. MacDonald. Despite arriving in Alaska in the coldest and darkest part of the year, I fell in love with the state and have made my home here ever since.

I joined the Fairbanks District Attorney's office in 2012, where I gained valuable experience as a trial attorney. In 2017, I transferred to the Office of Criminal Appeals in Anchorage. I moved back to Fairbanks in 2020, where I worked as a staff attorney for the Alaska Court of Appeals before being appointed to the superior court in April 2021.

Alaska has opened up a wide range of adventures and opportunities for me, and I look forward to continuing to grow in my career of public service here.