

## Alaska Judicial Council Application for Judicial Appointment

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

Anchorage Superior Court

Palmer District Court

Date: November 12, 2024

### I. Public Information (Questions 1-24)

#### Personal

1. (a) State full name\* Patrick John McKay, Jr.  
Name as it should appear on bar survey: Patrick J. McKay, Jr.  
\* 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. \_\_\_\_\_
2. How long have you been a resident of the State of Alaska immediately preceding the date of this application? \*\*  
13 years 2 months  
Total 32 years 11 months
3. How long have you been engaged in the active practice of law immediately preceding the date of this application? \*\*  
13 years 2 months  
Total 13 years 2 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.

1. Humboldt State University; August 2001 - May 2002  
2. North Carolina State University; August 2002 - May 2004  
3. Wake Technical Community College; January 2005 - May 2005  
4. Cape Fear Community College; August 2005 - December 2006; A.A. Criminal Justice  
5. University of North Carolina - Wilmington; August 2007 - July 2008; B.A. History; Dean's List

\*\* 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.

Western State University College of Law; August 2008 - August 2011; J.D.

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.

Certificate with Distinction in Criminal Law Studies  
Certificate of Exemplary Public Service

- (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.

2017 - Strangulation training; Sexual Assault Response Team training.  
2018 - ATP's Arson for Prosecutors.  
2019 - National Computer Forensic Institute's (NCFI) Digital Evidence for Prosecutors; State of Alaska - Academy for Supervisors.  
2020 - Health Safety for Prosecutors and Court; NCFI Investigation Involving mobile and encryptions in prosecutions  
National District Attorney's Association - Direct on experts; cell phone records in court; Homicide 101; elder abuse;  
Creative visual closing argument; abusive head trauma;  
2021 - National Judicial College (NJC) - Ethics for Judges; Ex Parte Communication; NJC - Social media ethics  
2016 - 2024 District Attorney's annual conferences  
2023 - California Homicide Investigators Annual Conference

## 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.

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## 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.

While pursuing my undergraduate education, I worked during the summer and holiday breaks on the north slope for Nabors Alaska Drilling on drilling rigs as a roughneck. I also worked one summer for Arctic Slope Regional Corporation doing scaffolding and painting, and several other summers for various constructions companies in or around Palmer or Anchorage. During the school year, I worked for various restaurants in North Carolina as a server.

## 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:** State of Alaska, Anchorage District Attorney's Office

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Brittany Dunlop

Current address of this person: 310 K Street, Suite 520

City Anchorage State AK Zip 99501

Dates and location of Employment: From 01/2016 To present City Anchorage State AK

Job title and description:

Assistant District Attorney. I supervised the Major Crimes Unit from May 2019 until August 2024, supervising between 5-8 attorneys as well as 5-6 staff members. I recently joined a newly created homicide unit. I have also handled appellate litigation and post-conviction relief work. I am a Dept. of Law representative on the Alaska Pattern Criminal Jury Instructions Committee.

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

Employer: Farley & Graves, P.C.

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Cheryl Graves

Current address of this person: 807 G Street, Suite 250

City Anchorage State AK Zip 99501

Dates and Location of Employment: From 11/2012 To 01/2016 City Anchorage State AK

Job title and description: Associate Attorney. I handled a variety of complex civil litigation issues, including wrongful death, maritime, personal injury, workers' compensation, employment issues, and administrative claims. I also handled a few small claims cases.

Reason for Leaving: Accepted employment with Anchorage District Attorney's Office

Employer: Alaska Court System, Palmer Superior Court

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Retired Superior Court Judge Vanessa White

Current address of this person: PO Box 520376 Big Lake, AK 99652-0376

City Big Lake State AK Zip 99654

Dates and Location of Employment: From 08/2011 To 09/2012 City Palmer State AK

Job title and description: Superior Court Law Clerk. I was the law clerk for Deputy Presiding Superior Court Judge Vanessa White in Palmer. I conducted legal research, prepared legal memoranda and draft orders, and was involved in the day-to-day administrative workings of the courthouse. I also worked as a 1L legal intern for Judge White during the summer of 2008.

Reason for Leaving: Clerkship term ended

**Previous Employers (continued)**

Employer: Orange County District Attorney's Office

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Howard Gundy

Current address of this person: Mr. Gundy is often out of the country and requested contact via e-mail.

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Dates and Location of Employment: From 08/2010 To 06/2011 City Santa Ana State CA

Job title and description: 

3L Extern. I worked as a legal extern for the Orange County District Attorney's Office during my 3L year of law school. From August 2010 through December 2010, I worked for the Misdemeanor Unit out of the Fullerton office. From January 2011 through June 2011, I worked for the Homicide Unit out of the Santa Ana office. I performed legal research on complex criminal litigation, prepared memoranda and draft motions, and assisted in the preparing of trials.
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Reason for Leaving: Externship ended.

Employer: Palmer District Attorney's Office

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Roman Kalytiak

Current address of this person: 515 E. Dahlia Street, Suite 150

City Palmer State AK Zip 99645

Dates and Location of Employment: From 06/2009 To 08/2009 City Palmer State AK

Job title and description: 

2L Legal Intern. I worked as a summer intern for the Palmer District Attorney's Office. I performed research on both simple and complex criminal litigations, drafted memoranda and motions, and tried several jury trials (with the assistance of a supervising attorney) during this time. I also worked as an intern during the holiday break during the winter of 2009-2010.
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Reason for Leaving: Internship ended.

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Current address of this person: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Dates and Location of Employment: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Job title and description: 

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Reason for Leaving: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Current address of this person: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Dates and Location of Employment: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Job title and description: 

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Reason for Leaving: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Current address of this person: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Dates and Location of Employment: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Job title and description: 

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Reason for Leaving: \_\_\_\_\_

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

(a) Percent of your practice that was:

Civil	25
Criminal	75
Other	0
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	= 100%

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Percent:

State	99
Federal	1
Other	0
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	= 100%

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Of practice in state courts, percent:

Supreme Court	0
Court of Appeals	1
Superior Court	86
District Court	13
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	= 100%

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Frequency of appearance in court (select one):

Regularly       Occasionally       Infrequently       Not at All

Comment: I appear in court most days.

(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 95      Non-Jury 5

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

(g) Approximate number of appellate matters handled: 7

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

(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) 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.).

Since working at the District Attorney's Office, I have not conducted any *pro bono* work. While in private practice, I handled several cases for the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and/or Alaska Legal Services, including cases regarding guardianship, divorce, and child custody.

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.

Alaska Supreme Court; November 2012  
 United States District Court, District of Alaska; November 2012  
 United States Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals; February 2014

**Public Service**

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

Alaska Bar Association; Appellate Law Section; Juvenile Justice Section; New Lawyers Section; Torts/Personal Injury Section; Workers' Compensation Section; Law Related Education Committee; Alaska Youth Law Guide; Federal Bar Association.

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?  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)
Anchorage Superior Court	7/20/22	N	N
Anchorage Superior Court	3/15/23	N	N
Palmer Superior Court	2/4/24	Y	N

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.

Matanuska-Susitna Borough Board of Ethics; appointed; 2021 - present. I was reappointed to this position in December 2023.

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.

Alaska Criminal Justice Commission Youth Justice work group member; 2020 - 2022  
(sunset of ACJC)

Alaska Criminal Pattern Jury Instructions Committee member; 2021 - present

Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity (member during college, not currently participating)

National District Attorney's Association member

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 \$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  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.

11/01/2004 - Raleigh, NC - Window tint and failure to appear (2004CR076523); 03/16/2006 - Wilmington, NC - Speeding ticket - Unknown amount or case number; 02/05/2007 - Aiken, SC - Speeding (000028478037); 02/28/2007 - Wilmington, NC - Speeding and Failure to Appear (2007IF003175) - Dismissed 08/27/2007 - Wilmington, NC - Driving While License Revoked (2007CR704859) - Dismissed; 02/15/2008 - Wrightsville Beach, NC - Driving Under the Influence, Refusal, and Improper or Erratic Lane Change (2008CR052090) - Guilty of DUI and Erratic Lane Change - 30/30, 1 year probation, \$50 fine; 04/20/2008 - Wrightsville Beach, NC - Driving While License Revoked and failure to appear (08-00970) - Dismissed; 03/13/2009 - Fullerton, CA - Driving Without Valid Operators License - FL849459 - Dismissed; 10/08/2010 - Fullerton, CA - Seatbelt violation; 11/14/2010 - Stop sign violation; 02/03/2011 - Fullerton, CA - Failure to obey traffic control sign; 04/15/2011 - Fullerton, CA - Seatbelt violation; 06/07/2011 - Palmer, AK - Speeding - 3PA-11-08306MO - No Contest - \$82 fine; 08/10/2011 - Kenansville, NC - Improper Equipment - Guilty; 08/2/2012 - Seward, AK - Speeding - 3SW-12-01592MO - No contest; 07/03/2023 - Anchorage, AK - Speeding (OSBHE000007151011) - No contest.

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.

Two Certificates of Tax Liability were filed by the North Carolina Secretary of Revenue in the New Hanover County District Court for past due North Carolina state taxes on income I earned while working in Alaska in during college (2004 - SQ2008M000753 - \$5394; 2005 - SQ2010M009941 - \$2675). Both were paid in full without court involvement.

- (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).

Amalia Pradka and Friedrich Pradka v. Patrick McKay, Jr., 3PA-01-01298C1; Personal Injury case stemming from an automobile collision while I was in high school. The case settled prior to trial.

Stern v. Marston, et al., case 3:21-cv-00130-RRB filed in the United States District Court for the District of Alaska. This was a civil rights case initiated by a defendant that I prosecuted. The case was dismissed by the court without prejudice on 6/21/2021.

(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: Colleen Larson

Address: [REDACTED]

City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK 99502

Phone: 907-[REDACTED]

Name: Scott Dahl

Address: [REDACTED]

City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK 99507

Phone: 907-[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: Bonnie Bull

Address: 310 K Street, Suite 520

City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

Phone: 907-269-5282

Name: Eric Aarseth

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Tamara DeLucia

Address: 310 K Street, Suite 702

City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK 99501

Phone: 907-269-6259

**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:** 3AN-16-09900CR  
**v.** Valu Valu, Jr. **Judge Name:** Kevin Saxby

**Attorneys Involved:**

Name: <u>Julia Moudy</u>	Name: <u>Tristan Bordon</u>
Address: <u>1049 W. 5th Avenue, Suite 100</u>	Address: <u>900 W. 5th Avenue, Suite 200</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>

Name: <u>Bonnie Bull</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>310 K Street, Suite 520</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: _____

**Case Number 2**

**Case Name:** State of Alaska **Case Number:** 3AN-18-03532CR  
**v.** Scott Michael Gordon **Judge Name:** Michael Spaan

**Attorneys Involved:**

Name: <u>Tristan Bordon</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>900 W. 5th Avenue, Suite 200</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: _____

Name: <u>Keith Thomas</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>900 W. 5th Avenue, Suite 200</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: _____

**Case Number 3**

**Case Name:** State of Alaska **Case Number:** 3AN-18-02764CR  
**v.** Christopher Baines **Judge Name:** Michael Wolverton

**Attorneys Involved:**

Name: <u>Mary Burnell</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>820 W. 4th Ave.</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: _____

Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	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:** 3AN-19-05768CR  
**v.** Caleb Allen Russell Leyland **Judge Name:** Michael Wolverton / Erin Marston / Andrew Peterson

#### Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Claire De Witte</u>	Name: <u>DinaMarie Cale</u>
Address: <u>900 W 5th Ave., Suite 200</u>	Address: <u>900 W 5th Ave., Suite 702</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>
Name: <u>Whitney Bostick</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>123 4th St., Suite 364</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Juneau, AK 99801-0300</u>	City, State, Zip: _____

### Case Number 2

**Case Name:** State of Alaska **Case Number:** 3AN-22-01924CR  
**v.** Johnny Brandon Lee Johnson **Judge Name:** Andrew Peterson

#### Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Julia Metzger</u>	Name: <u>Chong Yim</u>
Address: <u>900 W. 5th Avenue, Suite 401</u>	Address: <u>900 W. 5th Avenue, Suite 200</u>
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

### Case Number 3

**Case Name:** State of Alaska **Case Number:** 3AN-17-07359CR  
**v.** Anthony Raymond Salazar **Judge Name:** Jack McKenna / Erin Marston

#### Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Joseph Van De Mark</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>900 W. 5th Avenue, Suite 525</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: _____
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	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.

My broad array of experience in both criminal and civil litigation makes me a good candidate for a position on the Anchorage Superior Court or Palmer District Court. I have been fortunate to work as both a civil and criminal litigator in Alaska for more than a decade. This experience further solidified my deep, longstanding belief in the rule of law and also provided me with a broad understanding of both criminal and civil practice. My current position as a prosecutor has allowed me to handle high-stakes criminal trials. Because of the nature of the cases I handle, many of my recent trials remain on appeal. This experience has provided me with the practical experience that trial judges need and a firm understanding of the procedural and evidentiary rules. In addition, I have litigated multiple post-conviction relief applications and handled several appellate matters before the Alaska Court of Appeals. I have also gained a better understanding of how victims are impacted by the criminal justice system and seen first-hand the need for treating them with dignity and respect.

### Additional Comments (Continued)

My time as a Superior Court law clerk in Palmer helped me understand and gain great respect for the judicial system and process, especially in Palmer. Not only was I able to learn how to efficiently maintain a judicial docket, I was able to gain a behind-the-scenes look at various judges' exercise of courtroom control to ensure the integrity and fairness to all interested parties.

I worked on a variety of complex cases involving personal injury, insurance contracts, workers' compensation, employment law, medical malpractice, small claims, and admiralty law during my time as a civil litigator as both defense and plaintiff's counsel. I conducted depositions and engaged in complex pre-trial litigation in these cases. I watched and learned from experienced trial attorneys that taught me how to better prepare, issue spot, and analyze cases prior to trial. This experience will benefit my ability to be a well-prepared Superior Court Judge and spot issues being raised by litigating parties that need to be addressed to make a complete and accurate court record.

I believe the legal system is a vital and fundamental role in our society and that a fair and impartial court is critical in furthering public trust in the law. As a lifelong Alaskan, it is important to me that the community in which I have grown and love has a fair, accessible, and impartial court system. I have spent the majority of my legal career in public service and have worked tirelessly for the State of Alaska, as is evidenced by my selection as the 2023 State of Alaska Prosecutor of the Year. I hope to continue that hard work and public service as a judge on the Anchorage Superior Court or Palmer District Court.

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 Patrick J. McKay, Jr.

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

Anchorage Superior Court

Palmer District Court

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Date: November 12, 2024

I grew up in Palmer, Alaska and have spent more than three decades in Alaska. I am a Palmer High School graduate, obtained my history degree at the University of North Carolina - Wilmington, and my law degree at Western State University College of Law. After law school, I returned home and clerked in the Palmer Superior Court. I worked for a busy civil litigation firm in Anchorage before joining the Anchorage District Attorney's Office, where I currently am on the homicide unit. I reside in the Mat-Su Valley with my wife and children. I enjoy spending time with my family, playing softball, camping, fishing, and youth sports. It would be a pleasure to continue serving the people of Alaska as a judge on the Anchorage Superior Court or Palmer District Court.