

Biographical Statement

Name: Derek Koehler

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

Palmer District Court

Date: 4/24/24



I was born and raised in Anchorage and graduated from West High School. I received my undergraduate degree from the University of Nevada Las Vegas, and was a founding member and assistant captain of the men's hockey team. I graduated from Widener University School of Law in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

I began my legal career at the Public Defender Agency in Palmer. I also worked in a local family law practice before joining a fast-paced civil litigation firm in Anchorage and Wasilla. In 2023, I became a Magistrate Judge and standing master in Palmer. I preside over numerous District and Superior Court matters including misdemeanor arraignments, domestic violence hearings, traffic proceedings, dissolutions, custody, adoptions, and a variety of probate matters.

For almost a decade, my family and I have made Palmer our home. It would be my honor to continue serving my local community as a District Court Judge.

