

Alaska Judicial Council

Judicial Applicant Biographical Statement

Name: Kelly Taylor

Position(s): Alaska Court of Appeals

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I am a third-generation Alaskan, born and raised in a commercial fishing family. I left Alaska for college at Duke University and graduated in 2002. After four years mostly spent teaching, I returned to Duke University for law school and graduated in 2009. A clerkship with Justice Dana Fabe brought me back to Alaska again.

I joined the appellate unit at the Alaska Public Defender Agency in 2010, and the two years I had imagined working there have now stretched into fifteen. I represent indigent Alaskans in criminal, civil commitment, and child-in-need-of-aid cases, and I appear in the Alaska Court of Appeals and Alaska Supreme Court.

I am committed to public service, and I welcome the opportunity to continue serving my state on its intermediate appellate court.