

Alaska Judicial Council

Judicial Applicant Biographical Statement

Name: Matthew Widmer

Position(s): Alaska Court of Appeals,
Anchorage District & Superior Court

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I attended law school in Virginia, never expecting that my first job after graduation would take me to Bethel, Alaska. Like many transplants, I came expecting my time to be short and never left: living in Bethel, Chugiak, and Anchorage and appearing in courthouses throughout the State from Nome to Juneau, in state and federal court, and in criminal and civil law.

Public service has always been important to me. Before law school, I was an Eagle Scout. After law school, I coached youth soccer and practiced in indigent criminal defense. Now I serve on the Board of Junior Achievement of Alaska, teach and mentor Anchorage Youth Court, and assist with the Alaska High School Mock Trial Competition.

I would be honored to continue that public service from the bench