

# Alaska Judicial Council

## Judicial Applicant Biographical Statement

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**Name:** Michael John Branson

**Position(s):** Anchorage District Court

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Born and raised in Anchorage, I attended the University of Alaska and graduated cum laude from SIU School of Law. During law school, I externed as a prosecutor for both the State of Alaska and the Municipality of Anchorage, and returned to Alaska immediately after graduating. Although I have practiced throughout the state, most of my career has been spent in the Anchorage District Court, where I have served as a prosecutor, a plaintiff's attorney, and a defense attorney. These experiences have given me a balanced understanding of the court's vital role as the people's court, where early intervention can help break cycles of crime and where citizens can resolve civil matters efficiently.

I learned a great deal from the judges I observed and developed deep respect for their thoughtful approach. I would be honored to join them in serving the Anchorage community and promoting fairness, accountability, and public safety.