

Alaska Judicial Council

Judicial Applicant Biographical Statement

Name: Nicholas Defreitas

Position(s): Kotzebue District Court

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I went to law school at the University of Oregon after deciding on a career change from biological sciences. After law school I took a position with the Missouri Public Defender Agency in West Plains, MO.

I then moved to Alaska to continue my legal career in Bethel working for the Office of Public Advocacy before that took me to Fairbanks and the Public Defender Agency to eventually becoming the Magistrate Judge of Utqiagvik.

I have lived in Bethel, Fairbanks, Kodiak, and Utqiagvik and have been lucky enough to visit even more parts of this state. The unique culture of the state drew me in the longer I stayed and worked in courts across the state. Having a strong legal community and bench should be accessible to all Alaskans. I would love the opportunity to serve the community of Kotzebue and the surrounding villages as the Superior Court Judge.