

Alaska Judicial Council

Judicial Applicant Biographical Statement

Name: Patricia L. Haines

Position(s): Alaska Court of Appeals

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I was born and raised in Massachusetts. Shortly after graduating from Temple University Beasley School of Law, I moved to Fairbanks to work as a law clerk for the Honorable Michael A. MacDonald. Despite arriving in Alaska in the coldest and darkest part of the year, I fell in love with the state and have made my home here ever since.

I joined the Fairbanks District Attorney's office in 2012, where I gained valuable experience as a trial attorney. In 2017, I transferred to the Office of Criminal Appeals in Anchorage. I moved back to Fairbanks in 2020, where I worked as a staff attorney for the Alaska Court of Appeals before being appointed to the superior court in April 2021.

Alaska has opened up a wide range of adventures and opportunities for me, and I look forward to continuing to grow in my career of public service here.